

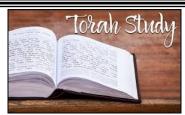
# TEMPLE ISAIAH BULLETIN

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September 2022

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**Torah Study** will resume after the High Holidays

# President's Column

Whoa; where did the summer go? I hope everyone enjoyed it while it lasted. Many thanks to all who conducted *Shabbat* services, whether in the sanctuary, at their home, or in the park. We certainly had a variety of venues this year.



With the new year approaching, we have several new programs in the planning stages. One of them is outreach to the local LGBTQ community. We've been in contact with representatives from the Long Island chapter of the national organization PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and they will be conducting a presentation for us in the fall. It would be open to the whole community and, if there's enough interest, we may host periodic meetings/discussion groups.

Additionally, I've also been in contact with the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless and they, too, are interested in presenting a program on the topic that would be open to the community. We would pair that with a collection of personal hygiene items for distribution through the Coalition. That program will be jointly sponsored with the Great Neck Lions Club (some of you may know that I'm involved with the Lions as well as the Temple.)

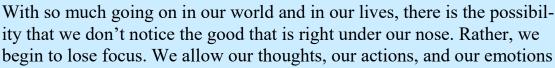
So, as usual, the little shul on the corner (well, down the block) has a lot on its plate, with something for everyone.

Lloyd Perell



# RABBI'S COLUMN

Something that amazes me every year is, we always ask the same question. It's September already? Have you ever noticed that at the very moment that the calendar strikes September 1, a sort of mad rush begins. School is starting for our community's children; everyone seems just a little bit more stressed out and our proverbial plate get fuller and fuller each day. Another summer, another Jewish New Year, it's not getting any slower, it feels as if everything speeds up. (I'm shvitzing already). Each September, we in the Jewish community are faced with the existential question asked in the deepest recesses of our hearts when the *Yamim Noraim – The Days of Awe* are upon us. Where has the time gone?





to be hijacked by the freneticism of the moment. Not always a horrible outcome, but it does erode our "sense of sensitivity" to what is important in our lives. We lose sight of a most important concept in Judaism and especially this time of year, the concept of *Hakarat HaTov* meaning the recognition of good in our lives and creating for ourselves an "attitude of gratitude."

Just a few weeks ago, we commemorated Tisha B'Av, the 9<sup>th</sup> of the Jewish month of Av which is considered a day of mourning and the saddest day in the Jewish calendar, but the message that we are left with in the very last verse of the Book of Lamentations (*Eicha*) is one of **hope, renewal and returning** not the idea of sadness and loss. It teaches us:

*HaShiveinu* Adonai Eilekha venashuva Ḥaddeish yameinu kekedem - Bring us back, Eternal our God, to You, and let us come back; Renew our days as before! (Lamentations 5:21)

What is even more interesting is that this verse from Lamentations is repeated again and again in our High Holy Day machzor. The theme of **return** (the Hebrew root Shin - Vet - Vav) runs through every prayer service and becomes the concept behind T'shuvah – what many translate as repentance. We are asked to return so that we may find goodness, and blessing.

But how do we return? Just last Shabbat we began the Hebrew month of Elul, and it is a magical and profound month marked by the daily sounding of the Shofar. The shrill sounds of the shofar act as a spiritual alarm clock telling us Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are near and teaching us that the time to **return** is upon us.

*Elul* is a month of self-examination and **returning** to a Godly path. It begins the season of holiness, and marks a time to re-boot ourselves. To cast away the old and perhaps toxic self-images we may be hiding, and to embrace self-healing.

*Elul* is a month of *M'chilah - Forgiveness*. It is a time when we ask forgiveness from the Divine and our loved ones, but it is also a time when we forgive. We show compassion towards others, and we cannot forget about compassion for ourselves as well. *Elul* reminds us that just as we forgive our friends and relationships, so too should we have "*Rachmanut*"-*Compassion for ourselves*.

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# Rabbi's Column, continued

Elul (in Hebrew, אלול) is a month of love. Our rabbis explain that Elul begins with the Hebrew letter Aleph, and they say that it stands for a verse from King Solomon's moving love poem Shir HaShirim – Song of Songs (6:3) which states: Ani L'dodi v'dodi li (notice the alef-lamed-vav-lamed in the name Elul)— "I am to my beloved as my beloved is to me". To the rabbis, this is representative of our relationship with a loving and kind God. Elul is a month when we recommit ourselves to relationships both of Godly proportion, and to relationships between ourselves and the people in our lives.

*Elul* is also a month for reconnecting with our community. Reaching out to those we haven't spoken to in a while. It's also a time to come home to our beautiful and warm sanctuary (don't worry, the AC works well when needed) and join in at our services and while you're at it, join our learning and social events too.

As we enter *Elul*, let us remember to cultivate a sense of gratitude and focus on the important things in life through self-examination and mindfulness. May we release negativity and breath in forgiveness and grace. May the "Great Shofar" awaken that inner "still small voice" so we may return to a space of wholeness, peace and love. And may we all join together in our Temple as we bring in this New Year with prayer, song, and reconnecting with dear friends and family.

Arlyn and I wish you and those you love, a *Shanah Tovah U'metukah* – A good and sweet year, and we look forward to meeting you in the temple as we usher in 5783.



# **Selichot**

Please join Rabbi Blum this Saturday evening at 7:30 pm as we usher in the High Holy Day season with the penitential Selichot Service.

This will be an evening of learning, discussion, prayer and song that will hopefully open our hearts to change, renewal and hope.

The theme of this year's learning session will be, "Who by Fire, Who by Water: The real story behind the Unetane Tokef."

This will take place in-person in our sanctuary and on Zoom (link below)

Selichot Program at 8:00pm Selichot Service 9:15-10:00pm

To participate virtually, please click here or find us on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 812 8277 9068

Passcode: 122334

One tap mobile +16469313860,,81282779068#,,,,\*122334# US

# <u>2022 – 5783</u>

## **Selichot**

Saturday, September 17 Program: 8:00pm Service: 9:15-10:00pm

# **Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Sunday, September 25 Service: 7:30pm

# Rosh Hashanah: 1<sup>st</sup> Day

Monday, September 26 Morning Service: 10:00am

# Rosh Hashanah: 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Tuesday, September 27 Program: 10:30am Tashlich: 12:30-1:30pm (Steppingstone Park)

# **Erev Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre**

Tuesday, October 4 Service: 7:30pm

# Yom Kippur: Day

Wednesday, October 5
Morning Service: 10:00am
Discussion: 1:00-2:15pm
Meditation/Moment at Ark: 3:45pm
Afternoon Service: 4:00-5:15pm
Yizkor: 5:15pm
N'ilah: 5:45pm
Break-the-Fast: 6:45pm

### **Erev Sukkot**

Sunday, October 9
TI Annual Sukkah Building Party and Dinner: 5:00pm

### Sukkot

Monday, October 10 Service: 10:30am-12:00pm

# **Erev Simchat Torah**

Sunday, October 16 more information to come

# Simchat Torah / Shmini Atzeret: Yizkor

Monday, October 17 more information to come

Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

Additional information will be forthcoming.

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# My Temple Isaiah Story – By Barbara Feldman

We want to continue hearing the variety of reasons people feel a strong emotional connection to our Temple. If you are interested in sharing your Temple Isaiah Story, please call, Amy Gorman at (516) 829-6856 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:gormanhoward@gmail.com">gormanhoward@gmail.com</a>.



About a decade ago after attending Temple Isaiah for the High Holidays with my eldest daughter and son-in-law, came a very special moment for me. I had been unaffiliated with a synagogue since my children were young and after moving back to New York after retiring to Jersey found that being part of a Jewish Community, even if only for the High Holidays, felt good.

For a few years, things were pretty routine. I came on the High Holidays, enjoyed and looked forward to the next year. However, each year, I found that I was enjoying myself more and more. Then it happened. The usual High Holiday experience except for one thing. I had been thinking of possibly joining but I was on the fence. I kind of have a personality which when I taste something good, I want more.

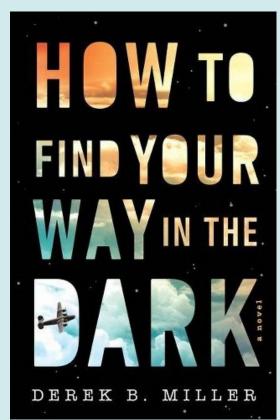
The moment that I got off the fence was hearing the words of the then President giving her usual speech at the end of the service, detailing all the interesting things going on for the next month. Her delivery was animated and inspiring but when I heard those welcoming words she ended with, my decision to join was made.

"Come! Just come! You don't have to join. Just come!" The very next day I joined Temple Isaiah.

# The Music of the High Holy Days Thursday, September 22nd

Though only sung at one time of year, the High Holy Day music maintains a sense of the familiar. Where do the melodies come from and how can they strengthen our connection with our prayers during the Days of Awe?

Join Rabbi Blum and Cantor Lori Weber on an exploration of the Music of the High Holy Days, held in person and on Zoom on September 22 at 7:30pm.



# Temple Isaiah Book Group

Join us on **Tuesday evening, September 20th** on zoom to discuss **How to Find Your Way in the Dark** by Derek Miller.

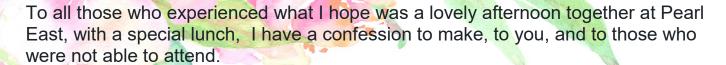
Please RSVP to Shelley at <a href="mailto:seeshell98@yahoo.com">seeshell98@yahoo.com</a>.

Twelve-year old Sheldon Horowitz is still recovering from the tragic loss of his mother only a year ago when a suspicious traffic accident steals the life of his father near their home in rural Massachusetts. It is 1938, and Sheldon, who was in the truck, emerges from the crash an orphan hell-bent on revenge.

In this coming of age tale, Sheldon confronts anti-Semitism, displacement and an approaching war, all while tracking down the driver who pushed their borrowed truck off the road. The book is full of humor, terrific writing and wonderful characters.

"His character portraits are indelible, often heartbreaking. At times this novel moved me to tears, the highest possible compliment" NYT

# Gremlins Operating



These events that we ask you to participate in don't just happen. There is a wonderful committee that works behind the scenes, always concocting ways to make money for the temple, plus bring enjoyment as well, to our congregants.

It has always been a tireless job, but now, evermore challenging.

Arguments ensue, heated discussions, (always), inspiration coming sometimes from "on high", but dedication that goes to the core, eventually bring about an agreement on what next we will pursue!

I am grateful to have LLoyd Perell, Terry Joseph, Terry Birnbaum-Horton, and Shelley Sherman serve on this committee, and I am so mortified that I forgot to thank them on Sunday, September 11th at what was a most successful event.

You guys, you are the best!







# Sunday, October 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Sukkah Building - Volunteers Needed!!!!

If you have an electric screwdriver bring it!

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sukkah Decorating & Donation Drive\*

5:00 p.m. Outdoor Kosher Barbeque\*\*

6:30 p.m. Service in Sanctuary (masks required)

followed by a Potluck Dessert Collation \*\*\*

Thanks to the last several years of bringing sukkah decorations we are well supplied so this year we are asking people to support Bethany House, a shelter and transitioning home for victims of domestic violence and their families. You are still needed to decorate the sukkah and in return for your efforts and donations to Bethany House of Nassau County, the festival committee will be serving a barbeque dinner.

 Only new, unused items can be accepted by Bethany House in its original packaging. Please do not bring 'travel sized' items. They currently have a need for:

Please RSVP to the Temple Office by October 7th so we can purchase

Women's winter socks
Shampoos and Conditioners
Body Wash
Full Sized toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash
Laundry Detergent
Hand Soaps

\*\* kosher burgers and hot dogs with all your favorite fixings: Sauerkraut, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Mustard, Ketchup, Relish.

the proper amount of food by calling: 516-487-5373 or sending email to:

\*\*\* Potluck collation: bring a dessert to share! <u>templeisaiahgreatneck@gmail.com.</u>



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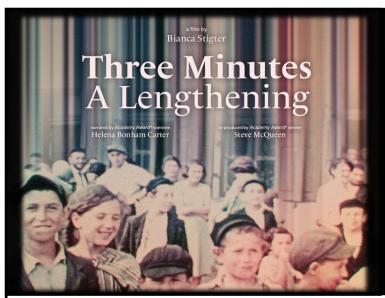
# HAPPEN HER

Join us for an important conversation with Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and National Director, ADL, and author of It Could Happen Here, a bracing primer on how we - as individuals, as organizations, and as a society - can strike back against antisemitism and hate. Jonathan will speak with Rabbi Howard Stecker of Temple Israel of Great Neck about the challenges and responsibilities that face us at this critical time.

Tuesday, September 20 • 7-8pm presentation • 8-9pm book signing

**REGISTER HERE:** 

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# HUNTINGTON

OPENS SEPTEMBER 16TH FOR A WEEK OF SCREENINGS CINEMA ARTS CENTRE

Join us for one of two screenings and a Pre-Rosh Hashana social event!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST** 2:30 PM or 4:30 PM - FILM SCREENINGS 4:00 PM - ROSH HASHANA BINGO

> Hosted by Andrea Bolender Chair of the Board, HMTC







www.threeminutesfilm.com



Three Minutes - A Lengthening (Directed by Bianca Stigter), is a new, award-winning documentary about the Holocaust, playing at 30+ theaters around the USA & Canada, and opening at Cinema Arts in Huntington, this weekend, with a week of screenings

Watch the trailer **HERE**.

Showtimes\*\* and tickets HERE or at the box office on Sunday.

# Special screenings next week!

# \*\* Suffolk Y JCC and The Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau

County (HMTC) are hosting two afternoon screenings on Wed, September 21st - 2:30pm and 4:30pm, with a social event at 4pm at the Cinema Cafe. Join us at either of those screenings and at the cafe! Coffee and other drinks will be available for purchase at the cafe.

The film was Co-Produced by Steve McQueen (Director, '12 Years A Slave'), and narrated by Academy-Award nominated actress, Helena Bonham Carter.

Read the Washington Post review at washingtonpost.com/movies/2022/08/24/three-minutes-alengthening-movie-review.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no graphic content or violence on screen.



# Celebrations & Remembrances

# **September Birthdays**

September 2: Claude Springer

September 16: Gail Gordon

September 16: Shoshana Goody (11)

September 17: Terry Birnbaum-Horton

September 18: Edith Goody

September 21: Rachel Greenwald

September 23: Ilse Kagan September 30: Kit Benton

# September Anniversaries

September 27: Lori and Elliot Katz (7th)

# September Yahrzeits

September 1: Emanuel Hans, Mort Han's Father (Elul 5)

September 3: May Secofsky, Martin Secofsky's Mother

September 6: Betty Burghardt, David Burghardt's Mother

September 7: David Diamond, Shelley Sherman's Husband

September 7: Meir O'Brien, Paula Newman's Great Nephew (Elul 11)

September 8: Rita Weissman, Jean Lesser's Mother

September 10: Benjamin Joseph, Richard Joseph's Father

September 11: Norma Hersh, Bill Hersh's Mother

September 11: John Lesser, Jean Lesser's Husband

September 12: Bella Koss, Nina Koss' Mother

September 12: Barnard Linden, Michelle Birnbaum's Father (Elul 16)

September 17: Miriam Beck, Meryl Mensahe's Mother

September 23: Milton Steinberg, Rabbi Bonnie Steinberg's Father

September 24: Robert Bruce, Diane Haber's Husband

September 25: Elaine Birnbaum, Rod Birnbaum's Mother (Elul 29)

September 26: Bessie Hamel, Denise Miller's Grandmother

September 28: Janet Linden, Michelle Birnbaum's Mother (Tishrei 3)

September 28: Roberto Torres, Terry Joseph's Father

September 30: Celia Miller, Denise Miller's Grandmother

We're celebrating September birthdays at our Shabbat Service on Friday, September 16!

Share your
Simchas or Memories
with us.
Email images to
isaiahgn@yahoo.com.

# September 2022

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	3
	4	5	6	7	8	Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	10
1	Luncheon honoring Terry Birnbaum- Horton	Kol Nidre: Controversial Prayer or Path to Forgiveness? Zoom, 7:30pm	13	14	Balance & Movement Class 11:30am	Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	Selichot In person and Virtual 8pm
0	18	19	Book Group, Zoom 7:30pm	21	Music of the High Holy Days, In person & Zoom 7:30pm	Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	24
	Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm	Rosh Hashanah 10:00am	Rosh Hashanah 10:00am Tashlich 12:30pm	28	29	30	HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH

# **Donations from August 2022**

### **General Donations**

In honor of Kathie Davis, Judy Brook's "Personal

Fairy Godmother"

Helman & Judy Brook

In honor of a speedy recovery for Judy Brook

Terry Birnbaum

Helman & Judy Brook

Kathie Davis

June & Allan Feldman

William & Carol Hersh

### In Honor

In honor of Belle & Elliott Gayer for their hospitality

Jean Lesser

## In Honor of Terry Birnbaum-Horton (Luncheon)

David & Jennifer Birnbaum

Kathie Davis

Sheila & Victor DeFazio

Judith Densky

June & Allan Feldman

Gary & Laura Fraraccio

Robert & Gail Gordon

Amy, Howard & Jacob Gorman

Rachel Greenwald

Diane Haber

Mort Hans

Mindy & Howard Israel

Terri & Peter Keogh

Nina Koss

Jean Lesser

Kathleen & Michael Levine

Meryl & Jack Menashe

Genevieve & James Munnelly

Cathy & Gene Reibstein

Larry Ritterband

Judy Snow & Scott Schleifstein

Alise & Marty Secofsky

Bella Bekker-Silver & Jonathan Silver

Claude Springer

Risa Wasserman

### **Yarzheits**

In memory of Jane Gordon Kassoff's recent passing, sister of Robert Gordan and sister-in-law of Gail Gordon

Terry Birnbaum-Horton

Judy & Helman Brook

Kathie Davis

June & Allan Feldman

Carol & Bill Hersh

Ruth Isaac

Terry & Richard Joseph

Denise Miller & Steve Fein

Lloyd Perell

Shelley Sherman

Joanne Branch, Suzanne Branch's Mother

Harold Branch, Suzanne Branch's Father

Suzanne Branch

Philip Mayer, Jr., Jacqualine Ferguson's Father

David & Susie Ferguson

Bernie Schiller, Steve Fein's Father

Lillian Fein, Steve Fein's Mother

Denise Miller & Steve Fein

Rose Shapiro, Jules Shapiro's Mother

Jules Shapiro, Golda Shapiro's Husband

Golda Shapiro

Edith Warshavdky, Steve Warshavsky's Mother

Steve Warshavsky

Evelyn Weiner, Richard Weiner's Mother

Alice & Richard Weiner

### Save the Dates for the Remainder of 2022

Games Day

October 23rd

Bazaar

November 11th, 13th and 14th

**Holiday Bake Sale** 

Dates TBD, for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah

**Holiday Auction** 

December 11th



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