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Congregants of the Month

20 years ago, mindful of the spiritual needs of the Jewish residents of the Atria, the assisted living facility across the street from Temple Isaiah, and of the difficulty the residents had in joining us for Shabbat Services, our then Rabbi Tsurouka zl, began holding services there. Shortly after that, Belle and Elliott Gayer began alternating with the Rabbi and then 15 years ago took over the weekly services and added holiday services and celebrations as well. The Gayers make the holidays extra special by treating the residents to homemade latkes on Chanukkah, Hamentashen on Purim, a Passover Seder, and homemade blintzes on Shavuot! They also hold Yizkor services as appropriate. The Jewish residents look forward to Belle and Elliott's presence each week, and we at Temple Isaiah say Yasher Koach for their generosity in taking on this mitzvah.





I am writing this message a few days after we celebrated Pride Shabbat, and continue to celebrate Pride Month in our nation, community and synagogue. It is also just days before I begin my summer High Holy Day prep, and some vacation too, so it is exceedingly important to take heed of what the message for our Pride Shabbat taught us. (Hint: it is much more than just Pride)

Usually, we would have a speaker that talks about the positive accomplishments that the LGBTQ community has attained, and rightly so, but this year, our speaker Steven Goldstein, saw the movement through a completely different lens. In his speech last Friday evening, he lambasted the leadership of these LGBTQ advocacy groups because of the stand they took on the State of Israel, which espoused anti-Israel rhetoric and often bordered (or went directly) onto antisemitic hate speech.

Goldstein began with this statement:

Since June 1999, I have spoken at 42 LGBTQ Pride Shabbat services in the United States and Israel. This year, for the first time, I've hesitated to accept invitations. My pride in the leadership of my LGBTQ community is at the lowest point of my life. Antisemitism is spreading like a Stage 4 cancer throughout the LGBTQ community, and many LGBTQ leaders are causing it or condoning it through their silence. This is not a year for celebration. This is a year for condemnation.

This is quite a statement from someone who “founded and led Garden State Equality [for 10 years] and helped build it into a powerhouse that passed more than 200 laws for LGBTQ equality, including marriage equality, transgender equality and the country’s strongest state law against school bullying.”

Goldstein's disappointment in the leadership of the LGBTQ community shocked many who read his essay in last week's Times of Israel blog posting. No one was prepared for the frank and honest assessment from one who was at the center of LGBTQ rights movement and the fight for equality. Yet, Goldstein speaks of his disdain for the many groups that lean into anti-Israel propaganda while at the same time, ignoring the violence perpetrated onto the LGBTQ community by Hamas and the Palestinians who live under their rule, among others. He pointed out that in the entire Middle East, Israel is the LGBTQ sanctuary of safety where all people are able to be themselves.

Those who heard Mr. Goldstein speak commented that he said what was on their mind for a long time, and how he was one of the best speakers we have ever had. I am attaching a link to Steven Goldstein's article below and urge you to read it. It will open your eyes to the level of antisemitism on both sides of the political arena, and how many of these organizations, whose leadership and founders were Jewish, have turned their back on the very people who created the organizations in the first place.

Let us pray with our actions to bring peace and understanding to the world we live in, and let it begin now.

I wish you and your families a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all back in temple soon.

[Link to Full Article](#)

Good reading.

Rabbi Jerry



It might seem that the lazy days of summer are upon us, but be assured that we at Temple Isaiah are planning an exciting and fulfilling year of varied activities. During the summer we will have movie nights with David Aubrey, the return of our book discussion group, a walking club, and an accessorizing session with fashionista Sherry Wallach. No matter how interesting or fun our events are however, they can only be successful with your participation- so join us!

Most important of all, our summer services will continue under the auspices of Belle and Elliott Gayer, with various

congregants leading the way. Each leader brings a personal touch which enhances the services and would appreciate your being part of the congregation.

After the summer we are planning a host of activities which you can read about in the next Bulletin and in our weekly updates..

We would like to introduce Debrah Malater, our new Temple Administrator who will be working in the office doing bookkeeping, Bulletins, updates, order of service, etc. She will be a vital part of our synagogue. Please feel free to stop by and say hi.

We want to thank Marcia Null who has done a tremendous job in covering the office. She is a devoted member who always has the best interest of the Temple in her heart. Marcia's smile and graciousness are truly inspiring.

We would also like to thank the Rabbi for engaging such memorable and inspiring speakers to start off our summer.

If you haven't as yet, please send in your membership papers. We are looking forward to seeing everyone this summer and into the new year.

Jerry, Kathie and Shelley

- Your Presidium

Summer Services Start This Week!

Continuing our long tradition of lay-led summer services, here's the list of dates and leaders for July and August. All services will begin at 6:30 PM and will be both in person and on Zoom, with the exception of August 16th which will be on Zoom only. Be sure to join us for these warm and intimate services.

July 5th, 2024 – Elliott & Belle Gayer

July 12th 2024 – Elliott & Belle Gayer

July 19th 2024 – Scott Schleifstein and Judy Snow

July 26th 2024 – Rabbi Jerry Blum

August 2nd 2024 – Paula Newman & Belle Gayer

August 9th 2024 – Scott Schleifstein and Judy Snow

August 16th 2024 – Claude Springer (**Zoom Only**)

August 23 2024 – Jonathan Wagner

August 30th 2024 – David Aubrey

July Event



Quiet on the set! July 23rd & July 30th

Join David Aubrey as he presents a two-part movie series on July 23rd and 30th. David's always-intriguing and informative commentary on the films' significance and back stories always enhances the viewing experience. Munch on popcorn and enjoy the evenings!



Programs, Fundraisers and Engagements

Our Synagogue calendar will be quite full with diverse offerings, some new, with many favorites returning, many congregants of talent will be showcased. There is something for everyone. We also welcome ideas and your help implementing them.

Returning due to popular demand will be our Reading Group lead by Shelley, our Current Events run by Helman, A movie series presented by David, to name a few.

New and fun, we hope to get off the ground running (or walking); a walking group combined with interesting walking excursions, A tea tasting, and other innovative food gatherings.

Some old but goodies, we hope to repeat; Our bake sales, Pot Luck meals, and Bingo.

A MUST; our BIG & ESSENTIAL Fundraisers that we hope you will attend and/or participate in for the benefit of Temple Isaiah; **Coming soon** - Our Gala/Journal; where we honor our deserving members, The Auction, and Bazaar; where we all work together to bring in outside funds.

We hope you will attend, participate, help and contribute to all Temple Isaiah has to offer.

Programs & Fundraisers Committee – we welcome you to join us!

Terry Birnbaum-Horton - *co-chairperson*

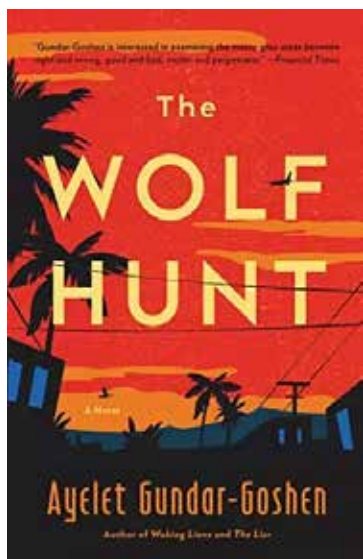
Denise Miller - *co-chairperson*

Carol Hersh - *committee*



The 360 Circle of Tzedakah

By contributing to the 360 Circle you assure that your best wishes will be shared with all congregants who are celebrating a simcha, healing, or sadly suffering a loss. A Temple card sent to a fellow member will wish a Mazal Tov on an important occasion, express a get well, or a condolence, and it will always include your name. You won't have to write a separate check each time you wish to share your support; one check will cover you for the whole year! Simply send a payment of \$360 to Temple Isaiah, earmarked for the 360 Circle, and your name will be included on all cards sent out to commemorate the life events of your fellow congregants.



Yay! Temple Isaiah's Book Discussion Group is coming back!

I am delighted to announce that our Book Group will be returning this fall.

Our first book will be **The Wolf Hunt** by Ayelet Gundar- Goshen, an Israeli author and psychologist who also wrote **Waking Lions**, which was one of our groups favorite previous books.

The Wolf Hunt features an Israeli family relocated to the Silicon Valley and is in significant part a focus on cultural differences and family dynamics, set in a mystery. Among other issues it asks "how well do you know your child?". It is also a timely portrayal of antisemitism and racism.

Every member of Temple Isaiah is invited whether they have participated in the past or not. We always have lively and thought provoking discussions which not only enhance our reading but create wonderful social interactions. I am hoping to hold this session in person, although our Zoom meetings have been successful as well. The setting and date will be announced closer to September. The Great Neck library seems to have one copy, but our own librarian, Judy Snow, has offered to obtain books from other libraries upon request. It is of course available on Kindle and as an audio book and at your favorite book sellers.

We're in a new fiscal year and that means we all need to send in our membership papers. If you haven't already done so, please submit your pledge form now so we can set up our records for the year
Thanks!!

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 amounts based on our budget requirements, the recommendations are always subject to your self-evaluation, and your pledge is entirely confidential.

Please select from one of our membership categories below.

- First year "check us out" membership \$ 995
- 35 and under Sustaining member \$ 995
- Sustaining member \$ 2500
- Mitzvah member* \$ 3600
- Isaiah's Circle* \$ 4500
- Torah member* \$ 5400
- Gift from the heart pledge \$ _____
- Voluntary ARZA dues: I would like to support ARZA and have enclosed \$50

*These categories entitle the member to a credit towards either the annual auction or dinner. Mitzvah member: \$250. Isaiah's Circle member: \$500. Torah member: \$1000.

Name _____

Signature _____

July Celebrations & Remembrances



BIRTHDAYS

Devon Shuriah.....July 5
 Bernard E. Rosenberg.....July 8
 Daisy Seigel.....July 8
 Marilyn KornzweigJuly 9
 Nan KossinJuly 15
 Meryl MenasheJuly 15

Dr. Judy BrookJuly 17
 Denise Miller..... July 25
 Ruth Isaac July 27
 Cantor Leslie
 Friedlander..... July 28
 Terese Joseph July 28



ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Terese Joseph.....July 3 **52nd**
 Jonathan Silver &
 Bella Bekker-SilverJuly 12 **27th**
 Ronen & Yvette GitelmanJuly 18 **21st**
 Allan & June Feldman July 28 **57th**



YAHRZEITS

Ruth Mandelbaum
 Mother of Rose & Bill
 Kathie's best friend
 (7/4 Sivan 28)

Samuel Schwartz
 Brother of Louis (7/4)

Jerome Weinberg
 Father of
 Arlyn Brenner-Blum
 (7/5 Sivan 29)

Muriel Salzman
 Mother of Amy (7/7)

Samuel I. Schiller
 Grandfather of
 Belle Gayer
 (7/7/2024 Tammuz 1)

Claire Wolff Wyler
 Mother of Annette (7/7)

Gilbert Birnbaum
 Father of Rod
 (7/8 Tammuz 2)

David Zane
 Brother of Robert (7/8)

Al Loew
 Uncle of
 Mindy Israel (7/9)

Milton Tager
 Uncle of
 Lloyd Perell (7/11)

Bernard Goldenberg
 Husband of Evelyn
 Father of Dianne
 (7/12 Tammuz 6)

Rose Haber
 Aunt of Clare (7/12)

Matthew Rubenstein
 Husband of Rita (7/12)

Leon Beck
 Father of
 Meryl Menashe (7/13)

Joseph Melman
 Brother-in-Law of
 Jean & John (7/13)

James Munnelly
 Stepfather of
 Brian Horton (7/14)

Jacob Tuchinsky
 Grandfather of
 Belle Gayer
 (7/15 Tammuz 9)

Ruth Wagner
 Grandmother of
 Jonathan (7/15 Tammuz 9)

Lechoslaw Oleksiej
 Close family friend of
 Amy & Howard Gorman
 (7/16)

Anna Eisenman
 Mother of Bella
 (7/17 Tammuz 11)

**Irene Elizabeth
 McTiernan**
 Mother of Gary (7/17)

Anthea Myslivecek
 Close friend of
 Lloyd Perell (7/17)

Paula Smith
 Cousin of Elliott Gayer
 (7/17 Tammuz 11)

Alec Appleman
 Great-uncle of
 David Aubrey
 (7/18 Tammuz 12)

Ruth Koenig
 Mother of Alice (7/18)

Edith Springer
 Mother of Claude (7/18)

Dr. Michael Bokat
 Brother of Peter (7/22)

Walter Gensler
 Father of Daniel (7/23)

Evelyn Israel
 Mother of Howard
 (7/23 Tammuz 17)

Deborah Keck
 Sister of Rabbi Jerry
 (Jay, Keith, & Cindy)
 Mother of
 Greg & Michelle
 (7/23 Tammuz 17)

**1st Lt. Lewis Martin
 Gersman**
 Brother of Norman
 Son of Sylvia & Jerry
 (7/24)

Harry Savett
 Great Uncle of
 Rabbi Bonnie Steinberg
 (7/25 Tammuz 19)

Bernard Shiller
 Father of Steve (7/25)

Rachel Kirschner
 Mother of Philip (7/26)

Marvin Barouch
 Brother of
 Cantor Al Barouch
 (7/29 Tammuz 23)

Kathrine Mayer
 Mother of Alice
 Mother of Jacqueline
 (7/29)

Daisy Raynor
 Mother of Linda (7/29)

Kenneth Greenwald
 Husband of Rachel
 (7/31 Tammuz 25)

Share your Simchas or Memories with us.

Email images to: isaiahgn@yahoo.com.



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Shelley Sherman
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July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 6:30pm	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 6:30pm	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 6:30pm	20
21	22	23 Film Series 7:30pm	24	25	26 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 6:30pm	27
28	29	30 Film Series 7:30pm	31		Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 6:30pm	

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