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Temple Isaiah of Great Neck

Please join us
as we honor

Lloyd Perell

at our

2024 Journal Dinner

Sunday the 22nd of September
Two Thousand and Twenty Four
from 4:00 – 7:00 pm

at

La Baraka Restaurant
225-09 Northern Blvd, Little Neck, NY

RSVP requested by Wed., Sept. 10th

Casual Elegant



Here we are again on the cusp of September, with Labor Day just a mere few days away. You can feel the tensions and the freneticism of the new school year, and this year, even as we enter the month before our High Holy Days, we can feel the tenseness, and the anxiety ridden environment of the spiritual and the secular world we live in. In our Jewish tradition, feeling this strange uneasiness is not unique. Each September, we in the Jewish community are faced with existential questions asked in the deepest recesses of our hearts when the Yamim Noraim – The Days of Awe are upon us. Where has the time gone? What will be in store for me, my family, my life.

Yet, this year, these feelings feel even more intense. Since October 7th, 2023, the Jewish world has become hyper focused on the State of Israel and the state of being Jewish in a not so simple world. Even our feelings about Israel are deeply nuanced and the answers we seek are not always easy to absorb. And then there are the issues that hit a lot closer to home. Between the political, and the personal environments, there are fears, discomfort and anxiety. It is so clear that this is NOT an easy time for anyone. This year more than ever (at least it feels like that for me), with so much going on in our world and in our lives, we easily lose focus of what is good, right under our nose. We allow our thoughts, our actions, and our emotions to be hijacked by the freneticism of the moment, and frankly, that is a very valid feeling. The loss of what we understand to be control of our lives, control of our

environment, and control of our bodies can be overpowering. It almost begs for an outlet, a means to cry out, to act, to verbalize our deepest feelings.

These deep feelings quickly erode our sense of personal safety and well-being, and we begin to 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. Don't get me wrong, it totally makes sense that we feel emotionally untethered, and rightly so, yet, our Days of Awe, combined with an "attitude of gratitude" can bring a different path for us to follow, even if just for a few days, and hopefully we can hold onto it for much longer, and allow for hope and comfort to seep in.

A few weeks ago, we commemorated Tisha B'Av, the 9th of the Jewish month of Av which is considered 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 lose. It teaches us:

*HaShiveinu Adonai Eilekha venashuva
Hadeish 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 often in our High Holy Day liturgy. The theme of return runs through every prayer service and becomes the concept behind T'shuvah – what many translate as repentance but means returning. We are asked to return so that we may find goodness, and blessing.

But how to return? This Shabbat we blessed the Hebrew month of Elul, (which begins this coming week) and it is a magical and profound month marked by the daily sounding of the Shofar. I have always found the shrill sounds of the shofar to 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. It is also a time for crying out, and a time of action for emotional (and this year national) healing.

Elul brings with it a feeling of M'chilah – forgiveness, love and understanding, Rachmanut – Compassion, for others and ourselves, and a sense of reconnecting with family and community. Elul is a month when we recommit ourselves to relationships both of Godly proportion, and to relationships between us and the people in our lives, and community.

For me, this Elul feels so much more important in almost every aspect of my life. There are so many things going on in our world (both Jewish and personal) that I need time to reflect on what is good in my life. I know for me, this reflection helps when the less than good times interfere with life. I also know there is hard work for me and all of us to do at this time of year. I know it may sound cryptic, but this Elul is not a time we can just sit and watch the world go by. We must take action to heal as much as possible.

As we enter this holy month, let us remember to cultivate a sense of gratitude and focus on the important things in life through self-examination and mindfulness and action. 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. Let us join together as we bring in this New Year with prayer and song, reconnecting with dear friends and family.

Wishing you a meaningful Elul. I look forward to praying with you in the temple as we usher in the New Year of 5785.

Rabbi Jerry



We want to once again thank all of our summer service lay leaders, and Elliott, Belle and Paula for arranging them. It is a valued and appreciated Temple Isaiah tradition and we are grateful that we have been able to continue it.

September is usually the time when we reflect on how fast the summer has gone and begin to prepare for the High Holidays, which are viewed as either early or late, but still most often occur in September. But this year, thanks to a leap year in the Hebrew calendar, we are not welcoming Rosh Hashanah until the evening of October 2nd. The complete schedule is elsewhere in this Bulletin, and we hope to see you all at our moving and engaging services. Please send in your membership papers in order to receive your tickets in the mail.

But we do have a significant event this September and we know that many of you have already responded to say that you will join us as we honor our immediate past president, Lloyd Perell on September 22nd at La Baraka in Little Neck. Lloyd has been a mainstay of Temple Isaiah for over 30 years including two stints as president. Most

recently his truly tireless dedication to TI has ushered us through the two most challenging years in our existence. We hope that every member will participate in this incredibly well deserved honor by attending and taking out a journal ad in support of Lloyd and Temple Isaiah. Please send in your ads now as time is running short and we want to assure that all of your notes are included in this year's journal.

Unfortunately we are facing another very challenging year-- where our membership has shrunk and Great Neck's demographics work against us. We need your support to sustain our congregation both in generous donations and in helping us create and run our programs and events.

Please volunteer to help with at least one activity in the coming year- it would be a mitzvah for you and for the entire Synagogue family.

Your Presidium,

Shelley, Jerry, and Kathie



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.

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> First year "check us out" membership	\$ 995
<input type="checkbox"/> 35 and under Sustaining member	\$ 995
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining member	\$ 2500
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitzvah member*	\$ 3600
<input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah's Circle*	\$ 4500
<input type="checkbox"/> Torah member*	\$ 5400
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift from the heart pledge	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____



Memorial Book

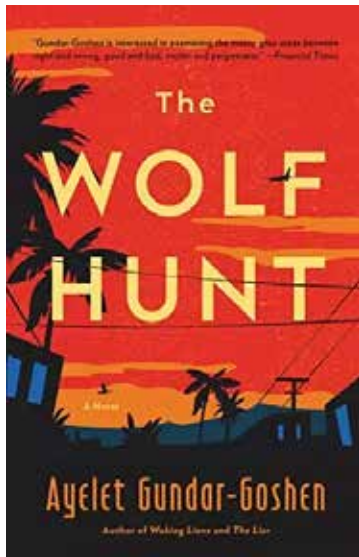
You will shortly be receiving a mailing about our traditional memorial book to be available on Yom Kippur. If you have participated in it before please check the included names and let the office know if there are any changes. If you have not participated in it before please consider this meaningful way to acknowledge the loved ones you have lost through the years.



The Tax Man May Not Cometh

Anyone who's required to take a minimum annual distribution from their IRA can use that account to send a donation directly to the Temple for the dinner journal or for dues. Doing so saves you the taxes on the amount donated and satisfies that part of your required withdrawal.

September Events



Thursday, September 12, 7:30 PM

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 a 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. This session will be on Zoom only, starting at 7:30 pm. 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.



Current Events with Helman Brook

Sunday, September 15, at 2 PM

Delve into current events – there are plenty of them – with Helman Brook. Discuss how they're represented in the media and how they affect us.

News From the Caring Committee



Good news: Terry and Richard Joseph just became grandparents again. Their son and daughter-in-law in California had a girl. Mazel Tov to everyone.

The members of the Caring Committee wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Please remember that we are here for you. Let us know your needs and concerns. We'll be happy to help you.

Kathie Davis, Chairperson

High Holy Day Schedule 2024-5785

Selichot

Saturday, September 28th

Program: 8:00PM, Service: 9:15-10:00PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 2nd - 7:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah: 1st Day

Thursday, October 3rd

Morning Service: 10:00 AM

Rosh Hashanah: 2nd Day

Friday, October 4th

Program: 10:30 AM

Tashlich: 12:30 - 1:30 PM

(Steppingstone Park)

Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

Friday, October 11th - 7:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Day

Saturday, October 12th

Morning Service: 10:00 AM

Discussion 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM (TBA)

Meditation/Moment at Ark: 3:45 PM

Afternoon Service: 4:15 - 5:30 PM

Yizkor: 5:30 PM

N'ilah: 6:00 PM

Break-the-Fast: 7:00 PM

Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, October 16th

Erev Sukkot Services, plus TI's Annual Sukkah Party and Dinner

6:00 PM (TBA)

Sukkot: Morning

Thursday, October 17th - 10:30 (TBD)

Erev Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 23rd

Details to follow soon

Simchat Torah: Yizkor

Friday, October 24th (TBD)

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Additional information will be forthcoming.

NOTE: Now that the summer is over, please note that regular shabbat services will once again begin at 7:00pm - not 6:30.

TEMPLE ISIAH'S JEWISH NEW YEAR'S CARD

Share the sweetness of the New Year
and wish
a Shanah Tovah
to our Temple family
by including
your name(s)
in our Temple's
New Year's Card.

For only \$36, your name(s)
(or family name) will be listed
as a congregational well-wisher.
Names will be listed
alphabetically.

Please email the office
(isaiahgn@yahoo.com) with the
exact way you would like your
name included in the card.
You must respond by
September 20th to be included!
Please write New Year's Card
on the Memo line of checks!



Also email if you would
like to purchase a box of 10 personalized cards that you can send to your
non-Temple friends and family. Cost \$25.



BIRTHDAYS

Claude SpringerSept 2	Edith Goody.....Sept 18	Ilse Kagan Sept 23
Gail Gordon.....Sept 16	Edward Moulin.....Sept 19	Willa Lewis Sept 26
Terry Birnbaum-HortonSept 17	Rachel Greenwald.....Sept 21	Kivette (Kit) Benton Sept 30



Yahrzeits

Sharon Wagner-Sammis
Aunt of Jonathan Wagner
(9/2 Av 29)

May Secofsky
Mother of Martin Secofsky
(9/3)

Hyman Gayer
Grandfather of Elliott Gayer
(9/4 Elul 1)

Betty Burghardt
Mother of David Burghardt
(9/6)

Annie Jaraslawski
Grandmother of June Feldman
(9/6)

David Diamond
Husband of Shelley Sherman
(9/7)

Frida Lustig
Mother of Lia Hans
(9/7 Elul 4)

Magda Sebo
Aunt of Steven Friedlander
(9/7)

Emanuel Hans
Father of Mortimer Hans
(9/8 Elul 5)

Rita Loew Weissman
Mother of Jean Lesser
(9/8)

Benjamin Joseph
Father of Richard Joseph
(9/10)

Norma Hersh
Mother of William Hersh
(9/11)

John Lesser
Husband of Jean Lesser
(9/11)

Bella Koss
Mother of Nina Koss
(9/12)

Meir O'Brien
Great-nephew of Paula Newman
(9/14 Elul 11)

Miriam Beck
Mother of Meryl Menashe
(9/17)

Arnold Jacobs
Uncle of Jonathan Wagner
(9/18 Elul 15)

Barnard Linden
Father of Michelle Birnbaum
(9/19 Elul 16)

Rhonda Zwillinger
Sister of Michael Levine
(9/19)

Milton Steinberg
Father of Rabbi Bonnie Steinberg
(9/23)

Bessie Hamel
Grandmother of Denise Miller
(9/26)

Robert Bruce
Husband of Diane Haber
(9/28)

Roberto Torres
Father of Terry Joseph
(9/28)

Celia Miller
Grandmother of Denise Miller
(9/30)

Share your Simchas or Memories with us.

Email images to: isaiahgn@yahoo.com.



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Kathie Davis

In memory of Leona Marks

Helman Brook

in memory of David Brook

Mortimer Hans

In memory of Emanuel Hans

Shelley Sherman

In memory of David Diamond

Jack & Meryl Menashe

in memory of Miriam Beck

Mortimer Hans

In memory of Freida Hans

Stephen Fein

in memory of Lillian Fein

General Donations

Barbara Feldman

Paula Newman

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MEMO	<i>2024 Dues</i>	

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 7pm	7
8	9	10	11	12 Book Discussion Group on Zoom 7:30pm	13 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 7pm	14
15 Current Events with Helman Brook 2pm	16	17	18	19	20 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 7pm	21
22 Gala Dinner at La Baraka 4pm	23	24	25	26	27 Shabbat Services in person and on Zoom - 7pm	28 Selichot Program 8pm Service 9:15-10pm
29	30					



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