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**Rabbi:** Jerry Blum



## EREV TISHA B'AV

Let's join together on Saturday evening,  
**August 2nd, 7:30 pm at Temple Beth El**  
where Rabbi Blum and Rabbi Brumer  
will lead a meaningful and solemn com-  
memoration of Tisha B'Av, beginning our  
ascent to the High Holy Days.



I began this month's column on the day we commemorate Rosh Chodesh Av, the beginning of the Hebrew month of Av, the most intense and complex of all months in the Jewish calendar. In Jewish tradition the month of Av has always been a month of dichotomies.

It is the month that begins with *Tisha B'Av* – the 9th of Av, the saddest day of the Jewish year, a reminder of the destruction of both the First and Second Temple in Jerusalem and a long list of other tragedies that befell the Jewish people. Our rabbis taught that many of these calamities were brought on by the sin of *Sinat Chinam* – *Baseless Hatred*. Thus, Tisha B'Av teaches us that we must be mindful of the way we treat others. This lesson of course resonates in the world situation we are currently in. We are continually bombarded with new examples of *Sinat Chinam* when, in fact, we desperately need just the opposite: *Ahavat Chinam* – *Loving others freely and without judgement*. It is no wonder then that our Sages called this month, Menachen Av, the Comforting Month of Av.

Just as Tisha B'Av ends, the following Shabbat, we are soothed by the words of the Prophet Isaiah as he says, "*nachamu, nachamu ami, yomar eloheichem* – (Be) comforted (be) comforted my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). We are taken from the depths of mourning, and immediately we begin a process of healing and renewal. Six days after the Jewish day of mourning, we celebrate *Tu B'Av* or the 15th of Av, which is a day dedicated to the pursuits of love, family and joy. But by far the greatest significance of the month of Av is as a portal into the High Holy Days and the Hebrew month of *Elul*. *Elul* begins a process of self-examination and introspection *Cheshbon haNefesh*, that is all about renewal of spirit, refreshing of one's soul and ultimately, the feeling of being reborn on Rosh HaShanah, and spiritually cleansed on Yom Kippur. Truly, Av and Elul

are months of transformation, and this transformation will affect the way we live for many years to come.

As we approach the *Yamim Nora'im* – the Days of Awe, work has already begun on creating another beautiful and meaningful High Holy Day season. As many know, our holiday cantor, Lori Weber was ordained this past April and is now working as the cantor in another synagogue closer to her home. We wish her much luck and success in her new pulpit. This year we introduce Cantor Kathy Barr, our new cantor for this year's holidays. Cantor Barr comes to us with many years of experience, is a wonderful musician and a soulful prayer leader. Her Torah reading is amazing, and she is able to communicate the meaning and feeling of the Biblical and Prayerbook text through her chanting. I know we will enjoy singing along with her. We are also pleased to announce that Charles (Chuck) Sacks will again be our Music Director, and I am excited for our upcoming services.

All this is thrilling to me, yet we can't do this with only a handful of people. We bring change through participation. We need you to come to our events, join in at services, attend our classes and most importantly, help out around the temple and show up for our Temple Isaiah family. We have a long history in this community, and we need your presence to continue. I urge you all to join in on our events and tell your friends and neighbors about us too.

In a few weeks you'll be called upon to help out at services for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Please do a reading, take an aliyah (honor) and celebrate with your Temple Isaiah family as you have these past many years. Our Temple Isaiah spirit and commitment to our community helps us strengthen and celebrate together.

Keep an eye out for our High Holy Day schedule, and participate in our learning opportunities coming up in the weeks before the holidays. Join us in this process of renewal during the days leading up to the *Yamim Nora'im*. I pray that this journey together will bring us comfort, growth and transformation.

Please stay safe, healthy and cool.

Rabbi Jerry



### **S**eparation of Church and State.

For decades, in order to maintain their tax exempt status, non-profit organizations such as religious institutions were allowed to speak out on issues as long as they weren't partisan. Temple Isaiah has always been very careful about promoting our Jewish values in non-partisan ways. Thus we have expressed our support of social justice issues including a woman's right to choose, same-sex marriage, and a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers. In a divisive society these issues may be viewed as partisan but they are really a reflection of Jewish values.

Now, the Internal Revenue Services is reversing a long-standing policy and will allow religious institutions to endorse political candidates without

jeopardizing their tax-exempt status — a move that has divided faith leaders and advocacy groups.

While this move was urged mostly by evangelical groups who want to openly support conservative candidates, it also allows progressive institutions to endorse candidates. It brings the political fight into the synagogue.

Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, said one of his main issues with the IRS ruling is that it potentially can "corrupt" institutions that have always remained non-partisan.

"Part of what makes them spiritually pure is that they stay non-partisan," Pesner said. "They're about values, morals, deeply held beliefs ... but when money starts flowing into religious institutions to win partisan battles and elect individual candidates, it corrupts those institutions."

What do you think? And how would it work? Would there need to be a Congregational meeting? Could the Board decide, or the clergy? Lets talk!

*Shelley, Terry, and Kathie*

### **Share your Simchas or Memories with us.**

Email images to: [isaiahgn@yahoo.com](mailto:isaiahgn@yahoo.com).

### **Summer Services.**

Continuing our long tradition of lay-led summer services, here's the list of dates and leaders for August. All services will begin at **7 PM** and will be both in person and on Zoom. Check the Weekly for Zoom changes at different locations. Be sure to join us for these warm and intimate services.

**August 1** Judy Snow & Scott Schleifstein, at their apt.

**August 8** Rabbi Jerry Blum on Lloyd Perell's deck (or temple, if raining).

**August 15** Claude Springer

**August 22** Judy Snow & Scott Schleifstein at their apt.

**August 29** Belle and Elliott Gayer



### Social Action Committee

Unfortunately, like many of you, we are feeling quite discouraged by the pettiness, meanspiritedness and rapidity of many of the actions taken by the present administration and their minions. We all must manage this feeling so we can continue with peaceful acts of resistance. Although these actions might seem small and ineffective, when combined with similar acts by others, they will eventually be successful. The whole is always greater than the sum of its parts.

Please continue to attend protests and demonstrations, as some of us did recently, at the Good Trouble rally in Mineola. More of these rallies are planned for the future.

Here is a sample of some actions you can take:

August 2:

10am - Rally Babylon Resist. Sponsored by Suffolk Democratic Committee. Babylon Town Hall, 200 Sunrise Highway Lindenhurst. Register here: **Babylon Resist Protest · Mobilize**

11 am - Dare to Fight Fascism Sponsored by Indivisible. Register for Location **Save Our Democracy: Dare to Fight Fascism · Mobilize**

August 9:

10:00 am: Stop Trump NY Pipeline sponsored by Food and Water Watch City Hall Park, Broadway and Chambers Street, NY. RSVP here: **No Trump Pipelines in NY! - Action Network**

12 – 3 pm: Death of Democracy Rally: A Die-in Demonstration. Resistance Corner, Train Car Park, Port Jefferson Station. **Death of Democracy: A Die-In Demonstration · Mobilize**

The following resources may also be helpful:

- Substack app (includes numerous informed people to follow)
- Jessica Craven, Chop Wood, Carry Water
- Robert Hubbell The Hubbell Report
- Indivisible via Mobilize

- The Ink
- Engage Long Island

And let's help the Nassau Democrats engage voters. Part of the turnout strategy for this year is to telephone Democrats who voted in 2022 and 2024, but not 2021 and 2023, to urge them to apply for a No Excuse Needed mail-in ballot, and to sign up on the online portal. To help with this effort, sign up here: **MAIL IN VOTING PROGRAM**

Mid-term elections are in November, so please make phone calls, write post-cards and letters, canvass door-to-door and send money to help elect representatives who actually represent your values, throughout the country.

Please continue to call, write and email your elected representatives on whatever issues are of most concern to each of you. The contact information for our representatives is:

Sen. Charles Schumer 631-753-0978 (Melville)  
518-431-4076 (Albany)  
202-224-6542 (Washington D.C.)  
**[www.schumer.senate.gov](http://www.schumer.senate.gov)**

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand 202-224-4451 (Washington)  
212-688-6262 (Manhattan)  
**[www.gillibrand.senate.gov](http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov)**

Rep. Thomas Suozzi 202-225-3335 (Washington)  
718-631-0040 (Douglaston)  
516-861-1070 (Glen Cove)  
**[suozzi.house.gov](http://suozzi.house.gov)**

Check with **5calls.org** and choose whichever issues resonate with you. Use the scripts provided when you contact your representatives. It's easy and hopefully, effective.

Don't give up, don't stop!

*Judy Brook and Denise Miller*

### The Caring Committee

Good news about Agi Adler and Marcia Null! Both of them are recovering nicely and are with family. They would love to hear from you. Please call or text them.

Have a wonderful end-of-summer and be healthy and safe.

*Kathie Davis*

### Fundraiser & Programs Committee

We hope you all are enjoying the long, hot, sunny days of summer, and are resting up for the crisp energizing fall season.

Membership might be one of the most important components of fundraising, from budget to planning, so please make your pledge for the year and in time for High Holiday planning. It is also a good time to consider adding a loved one's name to the Memorial plaque wall in time for the high holidays.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On October 19th, 12:30pm at La Baraka in Little Neck, we will be having a special fall luncheon honoring two worthy members, Ruth Isaac and Paula Newman, who keep Temple Isaiah ticking. From onegs to programs that engage us, these two deserve our recognition and appreciation.

Check the bulletin calendar and weekly announcements for updates.

*Terry Birnbaum-Horton, Denise Miller, and Carol Hersh*

## Honoring Friends and Family



### Order An Engraved Plaque to Honor and Remember Your Loved One

It is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition to place in the sanctuary of the synagogue a plaque with the names of loved ones who have passed away. Once a plaque is dedicated, it becomes a permanent memorial. The Yahrzeit lights will be illuminated on the yahrzeits of your loved one's death and at Yizkor services throughout the year. The cost per plaque is \$700.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I wish to reserve a space for use in the future to be grouped with currently ordered plaques. \_\_\_\_\_ (# of spaces)

Please return form and payment to Temple Isaiah. Please note that all credit card charges have a 3% administrative fee.

## Membership Reminder



We're in a new fiscal year and that means we all need to pledge our support for our Temple.

If you haven't already done so, please submit your pledge form now or [complete our new, easy electronic form online](#).

Thanks!!

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM 2025 - 2026

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mail.com [Switch account](#)

\* Indicates required question

Email \*

Your email

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



# Tisha B'Av

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## A Day of Mourning



## EREV TISHA B'AV SERVICE

### Saturday, August 2 7:30 p.m.

Join us at TBE for a joint service with Temple Isaiah for a solemn and spiritually powerful service commemorating Tisha B'Av. Just seven weeks before Rosh Hashanah, Tisha B'Av also marks the beginning of the High Holidays season. Our spiritual journey of t'shuvah starts on Tisha B'Av, when we weep for the pain we have sometimes caused ourselves and others by our actions. On this night, we will come together to light the path, transitioning into this sacred time of healing with songs and readings from Eicha, the Book of Lamentations, each of us lighting a candle of memory for those we have loved and lost. For more information, call 516-487-0900.

*Please note this in-person event will not be be streamed.*



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### Movie Time with David Aubrey Wednesday, August 6th, 7:30pm

Join us for a screening of "For Pete's Sake" with Barbra Streisand and an evening of cinema history, commentary, conversation and snacks. \$10 per person.



### Book Club Sunday, August 10th, 11am at Judy Snow's place!



### Isaiah's Got Game Sunday, August 17th, 4pm

If you're feeling lucky come for an afternoon of board games and ice cream sundaes. Admission is \$10 per person and an **RSVP** is a must.



### Yasso Bar Oneg after Kabbalat Shabbat Friday, August 29th, 7pm

with lay leaders Belle and Elliott Gayer





## ANNIVERSARIES

Howard & Mindy Israel.....August 3  
Denise Miller & Stephen Fein....Aug 3  
Michelle & Rod Birnbaum.....Aug 18



## BIRTHDAYS

Howard Israel.....August 12  
Rona Levy.....August 17



## Yahrzeits

### Olga Gowryluk

Mother of June Feldman (8/1)

### Edith Schapira

Sister of Kurt Kelman (8/1)

### Irma Sherman

Wife of Julius Sherman (8/2)

### Benjamin Falon

Husband of Frances Falon (8/6)

### Joanne Branch

Mother of Suzanne Branch (8/7)

### Morris Gralitzer

Father of Ruth Beckerman (8/7)

### Raechel Israel

Aunt of Howard Israel (8/7)

### Zvi Hersh Appleman

Great-grandfather of David Aubrey (8/8)

### Bessie Luftig

Grandmother of Elliott Gayer (8/8)

### Anne Lesser Abeles

Sister-in-law of Jean Lesser (8/9)

### Chaeles Sharkey

Friend of Chaeles Sharkey (8/9)

### Leona Marks

Mother of Kathie Davis (8/10)

### Robert Lipsey

Father of Carol Hersh (8/11)

### Morton Loew

Uncle of Jean Lesser (8/11)

### Edith Warshavsky

Mother of Steven Warshavsky (8/11)

### Rose Shapiro

Mother of Jules Shapiro (8/12)

### Bernie Carson

Grandfather of Richard Gottesman (8/13)

### Lillian Fein

Mother of Stephen Fein (8/13)

### Molly Friedman

Aunt of Elliott Gayer (8/16)

### Allan Isack

Father of Ilene Press (8/16)

### Vivian Gloria McGrath

Aunt of Brian Horton (8/16)

### Nathan Salzman

Uncle of Amy Gorman (8/18)

### Michael Auerbach

Cousin of Neil Auerbach (8/19)

### Stanley Kirshenbaum

Father of Susan &  
Richard Kirshenbaum (8/19)

### Patti Gelman

Wife of Gary Gelman (8/23)

### Clare Schwartz

Wife of Louis Schwartz (8/23)

### Hyman Gayer

Grandfather of Elliott Gayer (8/25)

### John Mitchell Lesser

Father of John Lesser (8/26)

### Frida Lustig

Mother of Lia Hans (8/28)

### Emanuel Hans

Father of Mortimer Hans (8/29)

### Julia Isaacs

Grandmother of  
Terry Birnbaum-Horton (8/29)

### Marcus Goldberg

Uncle of Meryl Menashe (8/30)

### Florence Cohen Levy

Mother of Debrah Malater (8/30)

### Nathan Newman

Father of Paula Newman (8/30)

### Jules Shapiro

Husband of Golda Shapiro (8/31)

### Jeffrey Tashman

Friend of Neil & Sima Auerbach (8/31)



## General Donations

Rose Beth Mandelbaum in  
memory of Ruth Mandelbaum.

Temple Isaiah Tree of Life with Get  
Well wishes for Marcia Null.

## 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.



# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Shabbat Services at Judy & Scott's - 7pm	2  No Torah Study  Erev Tisha B'Av 7:30pm Temple Beth El
3	4	5	6  Movie Night 7:30pm	7	8  Shabbat Services Rabbi Blum on Lloyd's deck - 7pm	9  No Torah Study
10  Book Club at Judy's 11am	11	12	13	14	15  Shabbat Services Claude Springer In Temple - 7pm	16  No Torah Study
17  Game Play in Temple 4pm	18	19	20	21	22  Shabbat Services at Judy & Scott's - 7pm	23  No Torah Study
24  31	25	26	27	28	29  Shabbat Services Yasso Bar Oneg Belle & Elliott Gayer in Temple - 7pm	30  No Torah Study





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