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## WELCOME 5786

***Misheberach Avotenu v Imoteinu***

***May the one who blessed our ancestors, bless those who support Temple Isaiah of Great Neck in all her endeavors. May they all continue this holy work, and may the coming year bring us together for many more celebrations.***

**Co-Presidents:**

Kathie Davis  
Terry Joseph  
Shelley Sherman

**Rabbi:** Jerry Blum



Although a little tired, I am looking forward to this week's prayers, the upcoming Sukkot celebrations and celebrating Simchat Torah with our friends at Temple Beth El of Great Neck in the next few days.

This year's High Holy Day season was not only spiritually moving and beautiful, but it was just so exciting to see all the working parts come together as if by Divine miracle. A great deal of hard work goes into making the High Holy Days a success and many people generously contributed their time and efforts to make our High Holy Days a success. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some people who deserve mention because of how much work they do to make this all look so easy and whose participation and generosity made our holidays more enjoyable.

I want to thank our Presidium of Shelley, Terry and Kathie who give so much of their time to our temple family and without them, I am not sure where we'd be. All three have their hands in almost every aspect of our temple's activities and I feel blessed to have them as our leaders. (I am sure you all do as well!)

Next, our Ritual Committee of Ruth and Paula who went above and beyond the call of duty. They made sure people knew about their aliyot, and when to go to the "on deck box", otherwise known as the first row. They sat for endless hours figuring who would be getting these honors and even taking a few themselves. They were great partners and made our services run smoothly and calmly. I heard from many people that they enjoyed how "chill" and engaging our services were. Thank you, Ruth and Paula.

Thanks to all our honorees who helped out with a reading, a blessing (or an ark opening too) making our prayers and rituals just that much more holy. Our Torah chanters, readers, singers, ark openers, Torah lifters, dressers and carriers add a special level of

engagement to our services, and although they are too numerous to list here, please know that your participation was so appreciated. In this same vein, I also want to thank Judy and Helman Brook for our refreshments after services on the first day of Rosh HaShanah and to Denise Miller and Steve Fein for helping us with a little snack for break-fast.

In Jewish tradition, there is the concept of Hiddur Mitzvot, the act of beautifying mitzvot. In our case, each year we have beautiful flowers that adorn our bimah, often a gift from Terry Birnbaum-Horton. These flowers have been a beautiful addition to our sanctuary and make our prayers and rituals just that much more special. Thank you, Terry, for adding your touch to our prayer space.

I want to note: there were new faces in the crowd this year! I know that some of us brought friends, relatives and neighbors to join us in prayer. I am so grateful that you thought enough about the temple to introduce these visitors to our Temple Isaiah family, and hope they come back soon. We are the best ambassadors to those who don't know about our community. Please, keep on telling everyone about Temple Isaiah.

Another set of individuals who deserve recognition and thanks are our High Holy Day cantor, our music director and our cellist. This year, we were graced by the beautiful prayers of Cantor Kathy Barr, the extraordinary accompaniment on the piano by Charles Sacks and finally our amazing cellist, Iona Batchelder. Their gifts of holy music enhance our prayer experience, and we are forever grateful for their hard work and dedication.

We look forward to Erev Sukkot in a few days (October 6th) and to participating with our friends at Temple Beth El for Simchat Torah on October 13, at 7 pm., with Yizkor being held on October 14th at 10:30 am, at The Atria, and being led by Elliott and Belle Gayer.

*Misheberach Avotenu v Imoteinu – May the one who blessed our ancestors, bless those who support Temple Isaiah of Great Neck in all her endeavors. May they all continue this holy work, and may the coming year bring us together for many more celebrations.*

*Rabbi Jerry*



**A**s I write this, we are rapidly approaching the second anniversary of the October 7th massacre in Israel. It is hard to believe that there may be 20 hostages still held in underground tunnels, gradually deteriorating in mind and body, as well as the remains of many who have died over these two years.

It is shocking and disturbing that no solution to the attacks, the taking of hostages and the aftermath of the war in Gaza could be reached.

In these two years the world for Jews in the Diaspora as well as in Israel has changed in terrifying ways. Antisemitism has emerged full force in communities in the US as well as around the world. The attitude toward Israel which was once respected as a generator of new ideas in health care and technology

has turned to recrimination and scorn. No distinction is made between those Jews who may support the Netanyahu policies and those who don't. Let's talk about this.

My co-presidents join me in thanking Rabbi Jerry for leading such meaningful services reminding us once again to be a light unto the nations and the best people we can be. Thanks also to all of the congregants who participated with Aliyot: to Ruth and Paula for stepping up to organize the parts; to Terry Birnbaum-Horton for the beautiful flowers; to our Torah readers; to our presidents, past and current, for the collation and for Judy and Helman for preparing it. And thanks, in advance: to Kit for the heartfelt Kol Nidre appeal, David Aubrey for leading the Yom Kippur discussion panel, our panelists, and to Kathie and Elliott for arranging tashlich. Thanks to Debrah for the extra hours she put in to assure that we received all information in a timely manner.

May we all be inscribed in the book of life.

*Shelley, Terry, and Kathie*

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

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

### Let's Talk and Listen!

Some years ago a member created a discussion group known, at that time, as "The Ambivalence Group".

It originally sprang from questions about Jewish beliefs and practices, but grew to encompass broader existential topics. It met monthly and members could come when they were available, and raise any issues on their minds.

We are considering reviving a discussion group, if there is interest and the interested members can determine the parameters, including how often to meet. If you think you would enjoy this PLEASE respond to Shelley to indicate your interest. It will not obligate you to anything!

**October**  
**2025-5786**

**Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre**  
Wednesday, October 1st – 7:30 PM

**Yom Kippur: Day**  
Thursday, October 2nd  
Morning Service: 10:00 AM  
Discussion 1:15 – 2:30 PM  
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  
Sponsored by Denise Miller & Steve Fein

**Erev Sukkot:**  
Monday, October 6th  
Annual Sukkah Party and Dinner 6:00 PM

Shabbat (Chol HaMoed) services on Oct. 10th will be at 7:00 pm in the temple

**Erev Simchat Torah**  
Monday, October 13th  
**Simchat Torah: Yizkor**  
Tuesday, October 14th, 10:30 AM  
Atria Cuttermill

RSVPs are required for High Holiday Tickets, at no charge for guests or family members.

Please click the address to email [office@templeisaiahgn.org](mailto:office@templeisaiahgn.org)

## Would You Like To Usher?

The High Holy Days services are always well attended, and as usher you can help things flow more smoothly. Please contact Terry Joseph if you'd like to contribute your time during these important days.

## Commemorate October 7th



Dear Temple Isaiah family:  
Please join me as we come together with Temple BethEl, Temple Tikvah and Temple Israel to remember and honor those who perished, or were injured on Oct. 7, 2023.

Our commemoration begins on Sunday, October. 5th at 4:00 pm at Temple Beth-El.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this important event.  
Rabbi Jerry

# Community Commemoration for October 7th

**October 5, 2025 at 4:00pm**

Doors open at 3:30pm

Temple Beth-El of Great Neck

5 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023

**Honor, Mourn, Remember, Hope**

Joining together in words, prayer and song  
as we commemorate this tragic day.

To RSVP  
scan here:



**Our evening will feature**

The Zemer Trio

Sharon Kahn-Bernstein, Cello

Dr. Pamela Levy, Piano

Dr. Esther Noh, Violin

Shireinu Choir of Long Island

Deborah Tartell, Conductor



GOLD COAST  
ARTS CENTER

Joined by Temple Israel, Temple Isaiah, and Temple Tikvah

This event is funded by Temple Beth-El Susan Stumer Cultural Arts Fund

### Social Action Committee

Another nationwide protest is being organized by a consortium of organizations, because our country belongs to us. Let's raise our voices.

#### NO KINGS Protest

Sat, Oct 18

11:00 AM — 12:30 PM EDT

Nassau County Court House

Mineola, NY 11501

And, again:

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 our values, throughout the country.

Please continue to call, write and email our 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](http://5calls.org) and choose whichever issues resonate with you. Use the scripts provided when you contact your representatives. It's easy and, hopefully, effective.

Most importantly, don't give up. As long as we have our rights, let's assert them. Action alleviates anxiety.

*Judy Brook and Denise Miller*

*Co-chairs of Social Action Committee*

**Daniel Brook, son of Judy and Helman,  
will be the featured speaker at Queensborough Community College's LGBTQIA+ Consortium,  
discussing his new book, a biography entitled:**

**"The Einstein of Sex: Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld Visionary of Weimar Berlin"**

One can register to attend either in person or on Zoom.  
**October 22nd at 12:30pm**

**Kupferberg Holocaust Center at Queensborough Community College**

**In Person in QCC's Medical Arts Building M-136**

<https://khc.qcc.cuny.edu/events/>

**Register to watch online:** <https://tinyurl.com/3vc2rhg5>  
**Register to attend in person:** <https://tinyurl.com/2ycu582b>

### The Caring Committee

The members of the Caring Committee wish you a Shana Tovah and peace and good health during the

coming year. We are always here for you.

Any questions please call me,

*Kathie Davis*

### Fundraising Committee

Let's honor and thank our volunteers Paula Newman and Ruth Isaac!

At our October 19th luncheon we are celebrating two wonderful members who volunteer to do some of the everyday hard work of keeping Temple Isaiah operating.

We want and need every single one of our valued members to participate with attendance and/or a contribution in honor of the hard work our volunteer honorees do for each of us.

Please RSVP and consider attending and making a contribution, if you are able!

Remember: contributions at the \$250 level will be MATCHED by three GENEROUS DONORS \$1 FOR \$1, and at the \$1000 LEVEL \$3 for every \$1. The total Match is \$6000!

THANK YOU AND SHANAH TOVAH

We hope these methods will help everyone.

*Terry Birnbaum-Horton*

### Happiness Committee?

Temple Isaiah's Annual Bake Sale is coming up soon

and we are looking for people who are interested in baking their delicious goodies.

Please contact *Amy Gorman* or *Terry Joseph*

### Treasurer/Financial Secretary

Calling all Temple Members:

We will start sending monthly statements by email, to assist in paying minor charges (i.e. events) and to keep up with your dues payments. If you have questions about past due balances, please contact me (email is best: [williamhhersh@gmail.com](mailto:williamhhersh@gmail.com), and please note the h in the middle). You can pay by Zelle (you'll need to call the office for details the first time you use this) or send us a check! Thank you, those of you who have already squared your accounts.

The new fiscal year started June 1, so please fill out and send in your dues pledge forms or use the electronic form, and start those payments soon. Some

of you have made a dues payment without submitting a pledge form – please, please, send in or fill out the on-line form.

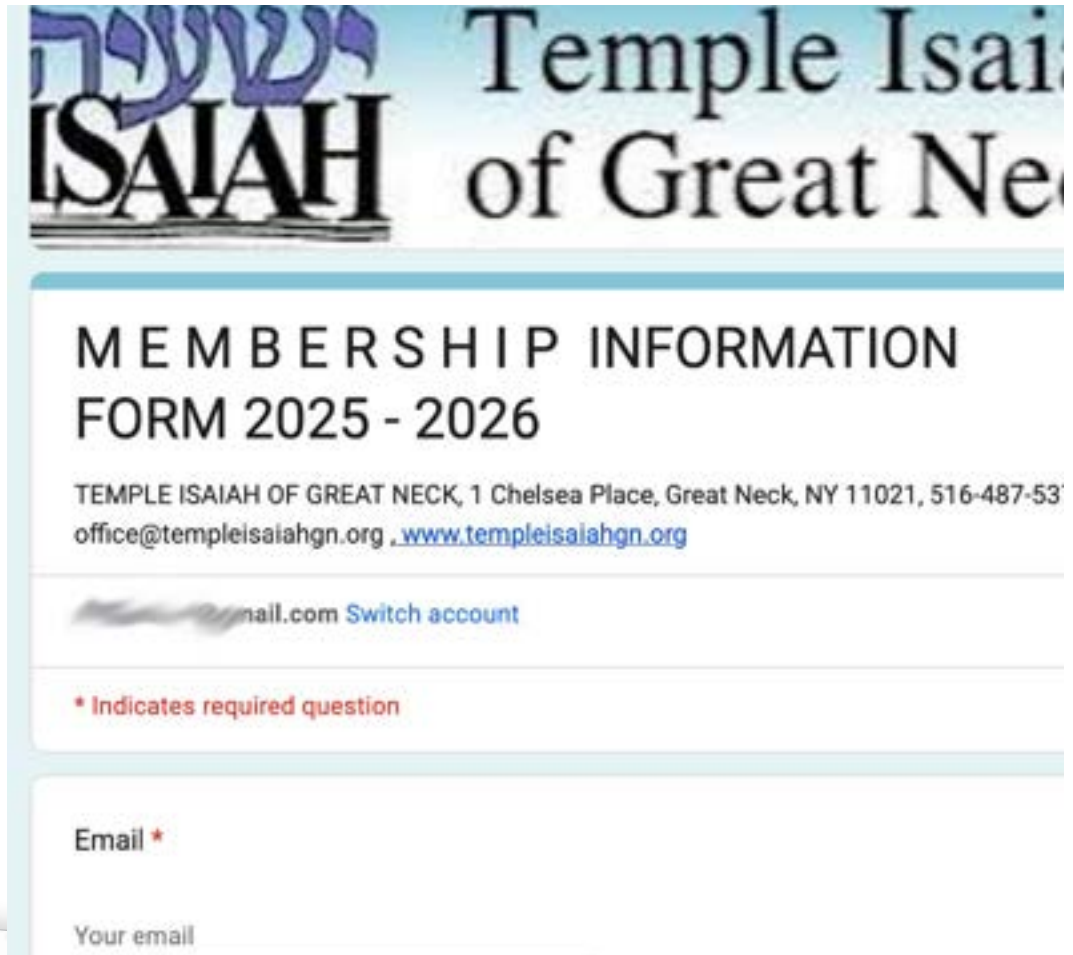
Last but not least, if you are making RMDs (Required Minimum Distribution) from an IRA or an inherited IRA, you can contact your brokerage and have them send us a check as a QCD (Qualified Charitable Donation), and it is not taxable but still counts towards your RMD. It has to go directly from the broker to the Temple. Use it for your dues, your Kol Nidre Appeal contribution, the Volunteers Luncheon Oct. 19 (remember that one will be matched) – maybe share the tax savings with us and give more!

*Bill Hersh*

## It's Pledge Time

If you haven't already done so, please submit your yellow pledge form now or **CLICK THE BLUE WORDS** below to **complete our new, easy electronic form online**.

Remember to hit **SUBMIT** when you're done and watch for the confirmation screen that your pledge has been received. If you don't see that screen, make sure you've answered all required questions.



**Temple Isaiah of Great Neck**

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM 2025 - 2026

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@gmail.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 \_\_\_\_\_

## October Events



### **Annual Volunteers' Luncheon** **Sunday, October 19th, 12:30pm**

honoring two of our most stalwart volunteers. We will be acknowledging and thanking Paula Newman and Ruth Isaac for their years of service in so many ways.



### **Jewish Law: A Historical and Pluralistic Approach to Halakhah** **Thursdays, October 23rd and 30th**

these Zoom-only classes with Rabbi Blum will examine the roots of Halakhah (Jewish Law) and search for its relevance today in a Progressive Jewish Community.

## Save the November Dates!



### **The Bazaar Returns** **November 7th, 9th, & 10th**

Gather your donations, and plan to volunteer or attend!



## BIRTHDAYS

Diane Haber.....October 4



## Yahrzeits

### Norman Miller

Father of Denise Miller (10/1)

### Louis Brook

Father of Helman Brook (10/3)

### Herman Kristal

Father of Evelyn Solow (10/3)

### David Levy

Husband of Florence Levy (10/4)

### Harold Branch

Father of Suzanne Branch (10/5)

### Hyman Solow

Father of Richard Solow (10/6)

### Mischa Lieber

Uncle of David Aubrey (10/7)

### Lia Hans

Wife of Mortimer Hans (10/8)

### Abraham Kerievsky

Father of Bruce Kerievsky (10/8)

### Georgi Michele

Friend of Lloyd Perell (10/9)

### Herbert Rosenberg

Father of Ruth Isaac (10/11)

### Helene Packer Schwartz

Mother of Mindy Israel (10/11)

### Larry Sharpe

Friend of Mindy & Howard Israel  
(10/12)

### Amelia Charlotte Gayer

Mother of Elliott Gayer (10/16)

### Henry Gluckauf

Husband of Else Gluckauf, Uncle of  
Sylvia Jacobs (10/18)

### Jeff Crane

In-Law of Richard & Terese Joseph  
(10/19)

### Maria Abrevaya

Great-aunt of David Aubrey (10/20)

### Edith Auerbach

Mother of Neil Auerbach (10/20)

### Ronald Lane

Brother-in-law of Neil Auerbach  
(10/20)

### Lillian Mines Motz

Sister of Saul Mines (10/20)

### Herman Soifer

Husband of Arlene Soifer (10/20)

### Edward Leonard Neumann

Son of Jacqueline Neumann (10/21)

### Ilene Yoss

Mother of Marcia Null (10/22)

### Sam Yoss

Father of Marcia Null (10/22)

### Ida Haber

Mother of Diane Haber (10/23)

### Brian Horton

Husband Terry Birnbaum-Horton  
(10/25)

### Allen Walter Hessel

Brother-in-law of Martin & Linda  
Marshak (10/26)

### Anna Levenbach

Grandmother of William Rosenberg  
(10/26)

### Monserate Torres

Mother Terese Joseph (10/27)

### Marjorie Blum

Mother of Erica (10/29)

### Seymour Rubin

Father of Harold Rubin (10/29)

### Eugene Lustig

Father-in-law of Mortimer Hans  
(10/30)

### Harry Nathenson

Father of Jan Spero (10/31)



### General Donations

**Bella Bekker-Silver** in memory of Philip & Lillian Silver, & Anna Eisenman

**David & Susie Ferguson** in memory of Philip Mayer, Jr. & John Moses Ferguson

**Bob & Gail Gordon** in memory of Marc Frader

**Carol & Bill Hersh** in memory of Norma Hersh & Marc Frader

**Brian Joseph** in honor of Terry & Richard Joseph

**Joan Joseph** in memory of Benjamin Joseph

**Nina Koss** in memory of Bella Koss

**Mark & Jill Kreiger** in honor of Rhoda Epstein

**Willa Lewis & Edward Moulin** in memory of Shirley Lewis & Marjorie Finkelstein

**Meryl & Jack Menashe** in memory of Miriam Beck

**Joan Secofsky** in memory of May Secofsky

### 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.



# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre i7:30pm	2 Yom Kippur 10am	3 Shabbat Services Zoom Only 7pm	4 No Torah Study
5 Commemorate October 7th 4pm Temple Beth El	6 Erev Sukkot Dinner 6pm Services 7pm	7 Sukkot 10:30am	8	9	10 Shabbat Services in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm	11 No Torah Study
12	13 Erev Simchat Torah 7:30pm Temple Beth El	14 Simchat Torah 10:30am Atria Cuttermill	15	16	17 Shabbat Services in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm	18 No Torah Study
19 Annual Volun- teers' Luncheon 12:30pm	20	21	22	23 Class with the Rabbi	24 Shabbat Services in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm	25 No Torah Study
26	27	28	29	30 Class with the Rabbi	31 Shabbat Services in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm	



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