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# Bulletin

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### Co-Presidents:

Kathie Davis  
Terry Joseph  
Shelley Sherman

**Rabbi:** Jerry Blum



## BAZAAR!

### *Bargains Galore!*

***All hands needed! Volunteer for set-up, sale times, and/or clean-up when it's over. More hands lighten the load and we laugh more along the way, too! Bring your friends!***



**L**ast week we began the Hebrew month of Cheshvan. The Sages of the Mishnah and Talmud called it MarCheshvan or the “Bitter Month of Cheshvan,” perhaps because there are no holidays, but I see it through an entirely different lens. Mar, in

Hebrew, means ‘bitter,’ but it can also mean ‘a drop of rain.’ I see it as the time of planting new seeds and allowing the winter rains/snows to cultivate and spread their bounty as the seasons turn from Winter to Spring (yes, I am looking forward) and we begin to reap the fruits of our work. In our T’filah, we add the Hebrew words, Mashiv haRuach u Morid and haGashem – “You cause the wind to shift and the rain to fall.” This is the time of year not only of changes to the weather but also changes to our status quo. These rains nourish not only our earth, but also our souls, allowing us to look towards the future with open eyes and open hearts.

This month we also read Parashat Lech L’cha (the November 1st Shabbat) which tells the origin story of Avram (before he was called Abraham) being commanded by God to leave his land, his birthplace, and his father’s home to a land that God will show him. Cheshvan is a month of moving forward. New beginnings, new adventures, and new things to be learned..

During Cheshvan, we have begun our season of seed planting by reaching out to our friends at Temple Tikvah of New Hyde Park. Rabbi Scheinberg and I have been working for quite a while on ways for both congregations to pray, learn and play together. This is a wonderful way of

building bridges with other Reform congregations, and I am excited to see what can become of these discussions.

Our temple is at a turning point, and only we can turn it around by showing up, and helping and reaching out to the greater Reform community. Shelley, Terry and Kathie have been hard at work, putting together our bazaar and so many other activities and events in store for us, but we need your participation and understanding that we are on the cusp of change.

Avram took a giant leap of faith and as a congregation we must take that same leap of faith. We cannot sit around thinking that things get done by themselves. We need each of you to join hands in helping our little temple to stay relevant, and to stay alive. We can do it; we just have to work a teeny bit harder and participate.

When we shift our perspective we see that Cheshvan is not bitter, but rather is a month full of potential, activity and a sense of moving forward. I hope and pray that this Cheshvan is a productive and meaningful month for you and those you love. That when it rains, let us not just see clouds and gloom overhead, but the potential of new projects we are beginning together as a community, and that together with new friends, we continue to learn, support and build on the foundation that makes up the community we love and care for so much.

*Rabbi Jerry*



**A**s this bulletin reaches you, election day will be upon us. Voting seems to be a right we still have, so I encourage everyone to exercise that right.

Speaking of elections, as we all know, the likely new mayor of NY says he is not a Zionist. He doesn't believe that Israel should be a "Jewish State," although he recognizes its right to exist. He says he feels that way about all nations which have a state religion (I doubt he counts Britain, whose King is also head of the Church of England, but I digress). I don't want to focus on him or his individual beliefs, but rather on the concept of whether there is a difference between Israel as the home of the Jewish people, or the

home of people who happen to be Jewish by religion.

In other words, is Israel a Jewish state because it was reestablished by the United Nations to once again be the homeland for its earlier inhabitants who had been in exile for millennia-with the additional welcome to those who have joined the people thereafter?

This is a trick question, because every Jew has the Right of Return (assuming they meet the standards of the Ministry of Immigration). The nomenclature itself illustrates the issue: Israel ensures the right to RETURN from exile. Does this make it a Jewish State, and is there anything objectionable about this, at this point?

Lets talk!

*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!

## The Volunteer Luncheon!

Our LUNCHEON, just passed, celebrates those who may go unnoticed in their dedication and hard work for Temple Isaiah. This year's event was another happy moment for two volunteers,

*Ruth Isaac and Paula Newman,*

who were surrounded by family and friends. I am pretty sure we were all surprised to learn not only about the generous efforts that Ruth and Paula make for us at TI, but of their interesting and accomplished personal lives as well. It was a lovely way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch with friends and family.



Thank you, Arlyn Blum, for taking these photos and thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to this memorable luncheon!

### The Caring Committee

The members of the Caring Committee wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very special upcoming holiday season with your family and friends. Please remember that we will jump into action for you when you need us. You are our Temple Isaiah family, and we care deeply for you. Please call, text, or email us.

*Kathie Davis*

### The Membership Committee

What better time to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join one of Temple Isaiah's fun and interesting activities, classes or events than Holiday season? This month let's make the Bazaar and the Current Events conversations more lively by bringing friends.

*Amy Gorman*

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### Fundraising Committee

There is always an exciting event in the works: LUNCHEON (see page 4), BAZAAR, BAKE SALE, and more before the end of the year.

We now move on to the hard but fun work of our BAZAAR, where the main contribution is our 'stuff' and our labor while we bring in funds from outside our membership. It is so important that you plan on coming to help set up, 'sell', and clean-up. Please reach out to

Terry Joseph to lend a hand, if she hasn't already called on you.

And don't forget the BAKE SALE. It's perfect timing for a Thanksgiving feast, or to store in the freezer for Chanukah. Please contact Amy Gorman to contribute or order goodies!

*Terry Birnbaum-Horton*

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### Treasurer/Financial Secretary

Calling all Temple Members:

Starting November 1 we will be 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. By now you may have lost those pledge forms, so if you did not pledge or did not pay your pledge in full, please email the office

and let us know your choices..

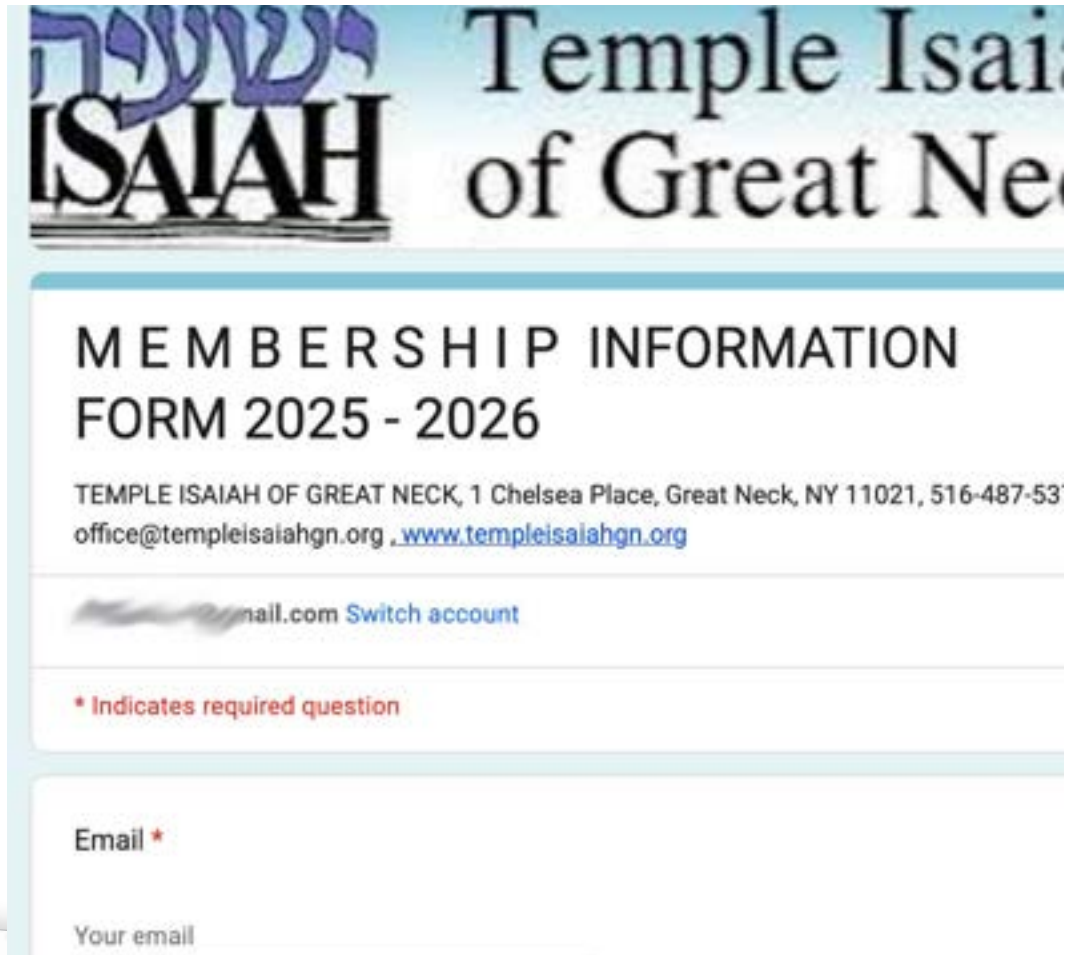
Last but not least, if you are making RMDs (Required Minimum Distribution) from an IRA or an inherited IRA, you can contact your brokerage and have them send us a check as a QCD (Qualified Charitable Donation), and it is not taxable but still counts towards your RMD. It has to go directly from the broker to the Temple. Use it for your dues, recent items that perhaps were not already sent in (like your Kol Nidre Appeal contribution and the Volunteers Luncheon Oct. 19) – maybe share the tax savings with us and give more! Remember that brokerages get a lot of these requests in December so don't wait until the last minute.

*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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\* 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Social Action Committee

Despite the daily (hourly?) deluge of bad news and discouraging circumstances, our social action persists and the momentum is gaining. On October 18, at least eleven of us participated in the nationwide, incredibly peaceful No Kings rally. We made the trek to Mineola, armed with our signs and our voices in order to express our outrage with the current state of affairs. There we joined thousands of others to sing and to listen to inspiring speeches and poems. The event and similar events throughout the country was fun and affirmed that we have lots of neighbors strengthening the effort to influence the country's current trajectory. We must keep at it.

Although the government is shut down and the House of Representatives is not in session, please continue to phone, email and write to your representatives expressing your opinions on whatever matters to you. Your representatives are still being paid and their offices remain open.

With no end in sight to the government shutdown, the lives of many who depend on government programs is about to get much harder. With that in mind, after the bazaar in November our synagogue will be collecting food on an ongoing basis. The food will be donated either to Hatzilu or to another local food bank. Please bring nonperishables to the Temple after November 10 or contribute financially to the food bank of your choice. The need is tremendous.

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.

Lastly, remember to VOTE! Early voting is currently in progress and Election day is Tuesday, November 4. Encourage your younger, friendly neighbors to vote, too. We are all in this together, so let's empower each other.

Keep resisting and persisting.

*Judy Brook and Denise Miller*

*Co-chairs of Social Action Committee*

NO KINGS! October 18th, 2025



# Temple Isaiah's Tag



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**Friday, November 7  
Sunday, November 9  
Monday, November 10  
10am to 4pm**

**Temple Isaiah of Great Neck  
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516-487-5373**

## November Events



### Bake Sale!

Apple Cake \$30

Apple Torte \$30

Chocolate Chip Bundt Cake \$35

Coffee Bake \$30

Banana Blueberry Bread \$22

Blueberry Muffins \$15 per ½ Dozen

Apple Cider Crumble Cupcakes \$18 per ½ Dozen

Chocolate Chip Cookies \$12 per ½ LB.

Fresh Fig Compote Medium \$18 / Large \$25

Fig Raisin Rhubarb Jam with Vanilla and Bourbon Medium \$18 / Large \$25

[CLICK HERE TO Contact Amy to Order](#)



### Current Events with Judy & Heman Brook

**Sunday, November 16th at 3pm**

Gather your wits and share your wisdom as we consider what's unfolding in our world, the media coverage, and what it means for our lives.

## Coming in December



### Potluck Chanukah Dinner

**Friday, December 19th**

After the family rituals, let's join as a temple family for a collaborative seder.

## November Celebrations & Rememberances



### BIRTHDAYS

Jack Menashe.....November 2  
Rod Birnbaum.....November 8  
Howard Gorman.....November 9

David Aubrey.....November 10  
Linda Burghardt.....November 11  
Bella Bekker-Silver....November 14

Susan Drucker.....November 19  
Lloyd Perell.....November 20  
Michelle Birnbaum....November 27



### ANNIVERSARIES

Meryl & Jack Menashe....November 9  
Rabbi Jerry Blum & Arlyn Brenner Blum....Nov. 10



### Yahrzeits

**Leo Levenbach**  
Grandfather of William Rosenberg  
(11/1)

**Albert Moulin**  
Father of Edward Moulin (11/1)

**Ella Guttstadt**  
Mother of Leonie Goldfarb (11/2)

**Lillian Gordon**  
Aunt of Robert Gordon (11/3)

**Louis Nissim Levy**  
Father-in-law of Rona Levy (11/3)

**Sheila Weinberg**  
Mother of Arlyn Brenner Blum (11/3)

**Siema Miller**  
Great-aunt of David Aubrey (11/5)

**Gary Gumpert**  
Partner of Susan Drucker (11/6)

**James M.A. Pillet**  
Father of Rona Levy (11/6)

**Rose Victorio DeFazio**  
Mother of VictorDeFazio (11/7)

**Susan (Rubenstein) Weiss**  
Sister of Neil Rubenstein (11/9)

**Nathan Wolff**  
Father of Sylvia Gersman (11/12)

**Alfred Bein**  
Uncle of William Rosenberg (11/13)

**Barry Benton**  
Husband of Kit Benton (11/14)

**Rose Fuchs**  
Mother of Connie Maller (11/14)

**Paul Waldman**  
Father of Lillian Scheibel (11/14)

**Solomon Isaacs**  
Grandfather Terry Birnbaum-Horton  
(11/15)

**Anne Sabrin Rodin**  
Aunt of Robert Gordon (11/15)

**Frank Salzman**  
Father of Amy Gorman (11/15)

**Diane Loew**  
Great-aunt of Mindy Israel (11/16)

**Esther Shapiro**  
Mother of Barbara Feldman (10/20)

**Gisa Falkenflick**  
Cousin of Kurt Kelman (11/17)

**Phyllis Trinin**  
Wife of Stanley Kirshenbaum (11/17)

**Charles Braverman**  
Friend of Florence Levy (11/19)

**Alfred Guttstadt**  
Father of Leonie Goldfarb (11/19)

**Nathan Sherman**  
Father of Shelley Sherman (11/19)

**Leonard Kristal**  
Brother of Evelyn Solow (11/26)

**Bertha Goldfarb**  
Mother of Norman Goldfarb (11/23)

**Shirley Jacobs**  
Grandmother of Jonathan Wagner  
(11/23)

**Jennie Gayer**  
Grandmother of Elliott Gayer (11/25)

**Judith Lois Square**  
Sister of Claire Rivers (11/25)

**Sally Lipsey**  
Mother of Carol Hersh (11/26)

**Abraham Secofsky**  
Father of Martin Secofsky (11/26)

**Victor Aubrey**  
Grandfather of David Aubrey (11/27)

**Abraham Dechter**  
Grandfather of Irwin Epstein (11/29)

**Anne Densky-Moran**  
Sister of Judith Densky (11/30)

**Leon Lewis**  
Uncle of Willa Lewis (11/30)

**Esther Schwartz**  
Mother of Louis Schwartz (11/30)



### General Donations

**360 Circle:** Helman & Judy Brook, Kathie Davis, Carol & Bill Hersh, Denise Miller & Steve Fein, Terry Birnbaum-Horton. Ruth Isaac, Shelley Sherman, Terry & Richard Joseph to Linda & David Burghardt in honor of their grandson's Bar Mitzvah

**Diane Haber** in memory of Ida Haber and Robert Bruce

**Steve Kelman and Shelley Metzenbaum** in memory of Kurt and Sylvia Kelman

**Jacqueline Neumann** in memory of Edward Leonard Neumann

**Leslie Reider** in memory of Peter Roth

**Harold Rubin** in memory of Seymour Rubin

**Shelley Sherman** in memory of Nathan Sherman

### 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.



# November 2025

| Sun                                                                       | Mon                                        | Tue       | Wed       | Thu       | Fri                                                                                                  | Sat                                                                |
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|                                                                           |                                            |           |           |           |                                                                                                      | <b>1</b><br><br><b>Torah Study</b><br>In Temple and Zoom - 9:30am  |
| <b>2</b>                                                                  | <b>3</b>                                   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br><b>Bazaar</b><br>10am-4pm<br><br><b>Shabbat Services</b><br>in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm | <b>8</b><br><br><b>No Torah Study</b>                              |
| <b>9</b><br><br><b>Bazaar</b><br>10am-4pm                                 | <b>10</b><br><br><b>Bazaar</b><br>10am-4pm | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br><br><b>Shabbat Services</b><br>in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm                             | <b>15</b><br><br><b>Torah Study</b><br>In Temple and Zoom - 9:30am |
| <b>16</b><br><br><b>Current Events</b><br>with Helman & Judy Brook<br>3pm | <b>17</b>                                  | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><br><b>Shabbat Services</b><br>in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm                             | <b>22</b><br><br><b>Torah Study</b><br>Zoom - 9:30am               |
| <b>23</b><br><br><b>30</b>                                                | <b>24</b>                                  | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br><br><b>Shabbat Services</b><br>in Temple and via Zoom - 7pm                             | <b>29</b><br><br><b>No Torah Study</b>                             |



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