

TEMPLE ISAIAH

Happy Tu B'Shevat



Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 20th

Join our Temple Family as We Commemorate
the Birthday of the Trees!

5:30 PM Seder • 6:15 PM Dinner • 7 PM Conclusion of Seder

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Sunday, January 13th

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Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky



New (Secular) Year, New Beginnings, New Prayer Books

With a new secular year come new beginnings. One beginning recently marked at our congregation was my installation as your rabbi. I am tremendously grateful for the outpouring of enthusiasm and support leading up to and on that Shabbat of Chanukkah, and to all who helped put together such a wonderful celebration for our congregation and community. I write this article shortly after, still glowing from the light of the Shabbat and Chanukkah candles and the warmth of the special evening. I wanted to share a few of my words from that service:

“Chanukkah is about growth and renewal. Its name means rededication. And so, we come here on this Shabbat of Chanukkah, to rededicate ourselves to this congregation and to Judaism; to feel part of a greater whole; privileged to be a member of this sacred community. In coming here, we connect our history with today, and prepare to move together toward a promising and exciting future.

“Temple Isaiah has seen years of glory and times of struggle. But through dedication, perseverance, patience and vision, the groundwork has been laid for this time in our history. Tonight, we officially mark a new chapter in our Temple's history. We add another candle to our Chanukkah, increasing the light; rededicating ourselves anew to our sacred task – that of continuing to build a Reform Jewish home for all who enter our walls. To create a *mikdash* – a sanctuary – of shalom, wholeness and peace; and *kedushah* – of sanctity. To build an open tent, where all are welcome:

“Women and men; Jews by birth and Jews by choice; interfaith families and individuals of different faiths wanting to learn about Judaism; seniors and young

children; members of the LGBTQIA individuals and couples; those with disabilities; people with varying viewpoints, religiously and, yes, even politically; and those without a clear viewpoint, who are seeking guidance; and for everyone seeking community, inspiration and comfort.

“This is a house of prayer for all people. In true Jewish tradition, we welcome healthy, constructive debate, and distinguish between difference of opinion and animosity; between diversity and division.

“I have been with this congregation barely 6 months. It is but a moment in the history of this congregation. But what we have begun to achieve is significant. In rededicating ourselves to our Temple, we are continuing the work and honoring the leadership and membership of decades. We are laying the groundwork and planting seeds of communication, trust and renewed commitment. We are cherishing and gratefully acknowledging those who form our *shamash*; those whose continual dedication and efforts have provided light and sustenance every day and night, even during cold and dark times and who, in turn, light the way for others.

“We hope to rekindle the spark for those who want to reconnect with us. We also strive to share our light with the community and by so doing, attract new people and add more candles to the Chanukkah menorah that is Temple Isaiah.

“I feel blessed to be part of this rebirth of enthusiasm; to see it in the faces of our members, longtime and new; hear it in the buzz in the community, when people visit

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Rabbi Sidlofsky: New (Secular) Year, New Beginnings, New Prayer Books

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or ask about membership; when they talk about Temple Isaiah with pride, excitement and renewed optimism. We feel it in the warmth and impact of our services, our school, our adult education classes, our social action activities, our social programs. I appreciate it daily when I work together with an incredible group of professional and lay leaders, and warm, caring members of all ages. Perhaps the most gratifying word I've heard to describe the atmosphere is "*hamish*". We are feeling more and more like a family once again, as it has been over many decades, and how we hope it will continue to be for decades to come."

With these thoughts in mind, it is also gratifying to see the tremendous response to date for our new High Holy Day prayer book campaign, to mark the installation. We are well on our way to achieving our goal, and still need everyone's support by pledging to sponsor a set or more of these books. The beauty of this new liturgy, in both style and content, is remarkable. Using gender-neutral, inclusive language; exquisite poetry; thought-provoking study passages; inspirational sections for personal meditation; and a fresh approach, balanced with respect for

the traditional feel of the High Holy Day services; these new *machzorim* will greatly enhance our services and bring us in line with the majority of the Reform Jewish movement, who has adopted these books over the past several years, since their publication. Please become a part of this new direction in our spiritual growth. Your donation can be a gift; it can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one; or simply to support our congregation and enhancement of our services. Encourage others, even those who are not members, to donate as well. I strongly encourage you do add your name to the many who are already participating so that, come the next High Holy Days, you will feel an even greater connection to our services and to Temple Isaiah. Feel free to speak with me about any questions or about how you can help.

From Wendy, Ben and me, thank you for your welcome and for your support of our Temple family.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky

Cantor-Education Director Wagner: A Great Miracle IS Happening HERE

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I took a moment and looked up. I saw the street bustling around me. I thought about the groom's *savta* (grandmother) who I would soon see at Shabbat dinner, who had served in the *Palmach* (the elite fighting force of the *Haganah*, the underground army of the Jewish community during the British Mandate Period before the establishment of the State of Israel) as a young girl; newly arrived in Palestine from Eastern Europe. What transformation her eyes have witnessed, what authentic miracles. I thought about the guests who would be at the wedding - Israelis who were staunchly secular, a rabbi who is a leader in the international Reform movement,

soldiers from the IDF, Yeshiva students from the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, and a Modern Orthodox rabbi from a shul in Tel Aviv - all united in kvelling over the simcha. For the first time, the words on the dreidel had real, deep meaning for me. The miracle did not just happen over 2000 years ago, it is still happening today. That is what taking a trip to Israel can do.

I can only imagine what new knowledge and emotions I will experience on my next adventure and learning experience in Israel. I can't wait.

Cantor Marcey Wagner

A Note from Cantor-Education Director Marcey Wagner



Neis Gadol Haya Poh - A Great Miracle IS Happening HERE

I am writing this article and planning a trip to Israel for February 10-18, 2019. I will be attending a very special educational seminar run jointly by the Jewish Education Project here in New York and *Makom*, the educational arm of the Jewish Agency in Israel. This Israel Education fellowship is a year-long open approach to Israel education which includes an 8-day seminar in Israel, several workshops based in NYC, individualized coaching, virtual study groups and more. The name of the program is *Qushiyot* - from the 4 Questions which we ask during the Passover Seder. Israel's complexity makes it more and more challenging to teach effectively to our students today. It is best addressed through a series of "*Qushiyot*" rather than a set of simple answers. The goal is to return and share my new learnings with Rabbi Paul, the teaching staff, and lay leaders in order to develop a contemporary, meaningful, and relevant Israel curriculum that will benefit various age groups in our congregation.

I have not been to Israel for a few years. I was starting to get feelings of withdrawal. Some people can visit once or twice, and then there are those who need to go back over and over again. I suppose I am in the latter category. I don't even have any family in Israel or many friends there. I just find the country intoxicating.

I am looking forward to a very different trip than one I have ever taken before. This trip will challenge some of my preconceived ideas and realities. We will be

meeting with Israelis on both ends of the political spectrum, Israeli Arabs who reside inside Israel and in the territories. We will do a lot of listening and, of course, ask many questions. To prepare for our trip we are meeting and doing several readings. Being in the 'Israel Zone' it was natural for my thoughts to turn to Israel as I was taking out my Chanukah box a few weeks ago and opened my dreidel box. On my last trip to Israel a few years ago, I went during Thanksgiving time to attend a wedding. I took a stroll in a craft market filled with stalls of Israeli artists. I was looking at some beautiful hand painted dreidels. I wanted to buy some with the letters special to Israel: nun, gimel, hay, pay - neis, gadol, haya, poh - a great miracle happened here. The dreidels in America and the rest of the world have a shin on them instead of pay which stands for 'there' instead of here. Only in Israel can you proudly declare that the miracle happened here.

I clearly remember my feelings as I was purchasing my dreidels and I realized the gravity of this miracle. For me, the survival of Judaism is the true miracle. Over the centuries we have been threatened by Anti-Semitism, extermination and expulsion. We have also survived the equally dangerous threat of ignorance, apathy and assimilation. Yet despite all of this, the Jewish people and the State of Israel survive.

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Message from the President Phyllis Sterne



A Joyous Feeling of Togetherness

Hello everyone,

My very best wishes to you for a happy and healthy new year! There's always something about a brand new calendar that makes me look forward to the days and months to come. I love the sense of new opportunities, new hopes, and new chances to try again to finish the things that didn't quite make it through the end of the year just past! It's a time for reflection as well as a time for anticipation.

I must say, though, that when it comes our Temple and to you, my fellow congregants, I can't help but feel excited and eager to move on along the path we have all begun to follow together. With the installation of Rabbi Paul, we became one, unified behind our leader and living the true meaning of Hanukkah in that one evening. This *joyous feeling of togetherness* was reflected just the week before with the incredible turnout at our annual Bernie Friend Latke Bash (a.k.a. Hanukkah Happening!), when, I'm happy to say, our Social Hall was FILLED with people of all ages, participating in many various activities and enjoying delicious latkes. Many happy memories were created in these eight days of Hanukkah, and they will serve

as a reminder of what our Temple should mean to us. We must look at our Temple as a part of our lives, a place to come for all kinds of things, a place to come for fun, for joy; for study, for learning; for friends, for colleagues; for prayer, for solace; for inner and outer peace.

My thanks to everyone who helps to make these special times happen. Thanks, too, to each and every one who comes to partake in the experiences that are here for us. And, I am so thrilled to report that the most tangible evidence of your confidence in our Temple and your desire to see us thrive, the *Mishkan HaNefesh* (High Holy Day Prayerbook) Campaign, is a huge success!! We are almost at our goal! If you have not yet made a donation to this campaign, please do so soon. I hope that by the time I write my next bulletin article I'll be able to say we did it!! Thank you, thank you, thank you. We could never do this without you.

Enjoy your brand new calendar! Fill the days with wonderful times. Happy 2019!

L'Shalom,
Phyllis



Installation of Temple Isaiah's New Board of Trustees

Please join us at our Friday evening Shabbat Service on January 25th at 7:30 PM when we will celebrate the Installation of our new Board of Trustees. A festive Oneg will follow.





SUSTAINING MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF TEMPLE ISAIAH 2019



Please help us to maintain Temple Isaiah as a house of worship, a house of learning, and a house of assembly by becoming a Sustaining Member in 2019.

It is here where you celebrate life-cycle events, and it is here where you will find support when you need it. It is with your strong financial support that Temple Isaiah will continue to provide education, worship services, and support for people who are experiencing loss, crisis, or illness.

Won't you perform the mitzvah of tzedakah at Temple Isaiah? If you are able to make a contribution as a Sustaining Member, you will be providing revenue for regular as well as unforeseen expenses, and you will be helping us plan for future generations.

Please join our growing list of Sustaining Members!



- ☆ Platinum Chai (\$5,400 or above)
- ☆ Golden Chai (\$3,600-\$5,399)
- ☆ Silver Chai (\$1,800-\$3,599)
- ☆ Circle of Enrichment (\$1,018- \$1,799)

- ☆ Circle of Growth (\$540-\$1,017)
- ☆ Circle of Hope (\$360-\$539)
- ☆ Chaverim (\$180-\$359)
- ☆ Mitzvah Partner (\$118-\$179)
- ☆ Chai or Multiple (\$36-\$117)



A MOMENT WITH THE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Temple Isaiah's Engagement Committee has been tasked with tailoring synagogue events to each of our congregant's needs. With this in mind, we've developed a confidential survey to gather information, which will help us personalize your Temple experience and strengthen our congregational community. Each individual adult congregant is asked to complete his or her own survey.

At the end you will be asked to donate a specific number of MOMENTS of involvement. A MOMENT is participation in synagogue life: attending a service or event, engaging in Jewish study or performing a

good deed. MOMENT opportunities will be suggested based on your interests. If you are available at the date and time, we hope you will agree to join in.

Have you completed an Engagement Survey? If not, click on this link to access it: [<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/4271575/Temple-Isaiah-2018-MOMENTS-Survey-In-House>]. It should take about 20 minutes to complete.

We look forward to sharing MOMENTS with you.

Donna Newman and Diane Weitzman
Engagement Committee Co-Chairs



TEMPLE ISAIAH

Shir Joy Musical Shabbat

("Shir" is Hebrew for "Song!")

Friday, January 4th



Pre-Neg Nosh

• Wine & Cheese • Fun Treats •

5:30 PM

Musical Shabbat Service

6 to 7 PM



Everyone Welcome - All Ages!

Celebrate Shabbat with Family, Friends, and Community!

Traditional and Contemporary Music



- Participatory •
- Reflective •
- Spiritual •
- Joyful •



Some Congregants Enjoy Dinner Together After Shir Joy Services

Why not organize such a group yourself? Or, if you'd like help creating a new group of friends, please let Morgan know at office@TempleIsaiahSB.org.

Please be sure to tell Morgan whether you would be willing to host a small pot-luck meal in your home.

Or, if you prefer, plan to enjoy a meal together at a restaurant.



**Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky, Cantor Marcey Wagner
& Pre-School teacher Diane Weitzman!**

Music, Story, Challah, Juice, and Shabbat Fun!

for Children Ages 0 – 6 and their families!

Everyone Welcome! Special activities and music for young children!

*Dates subject to change. Please watch eblast and website for updates.

January 11th, Feb 8th, March 15th and April 12th at 5:30 pm



TEMPLE ISAIAH'S SISTERHOOD WANTS YOU



We're Family...

We're Friends...

We're Fund Raisers...

We're Fun-Loving Females...

We're Fervent Social Activists...

Your Temple Isaiah Sisterhood members are deeply caring and conscientious Jewish women who form a mutual support system and do our best to make everyone feel welcome, safe and appreciated. Please come join us!



ADULT EDUCATION

RSVP to Penny for all courses: Administrator@TempleIsaiahSB.org



SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI PAUL SIDLOFSKY

Every Saturday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

TANACH STUDY WITH RABBI STEPHEN KAROL

Sunday Mornings: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

MONDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Mondays: 1:30 PM

Facilitator: Anita Gaffan

Come to our library for friendly, insightful, and lively discussions of books that are viewed through a Jewish lens.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Thursdays: 7 – 8:30 PM

(1/2 Hour Hebrew / 1 Hour Judaics)

January 3rd: Torah Roll (a look at the Torah scroll)

January 10th: Torah

January 17th: Sources (Bible, Talmud, Midrash, Commentaries, etc.)

January 24th: Liturgy

January 31st: Life Cycle

February 7th: Life Cycle

February 14th: History/Holocaust

February 28th: The Jewish Home (kashrut, mezuzah/other objects, values, etc.)

March 7th: Make up (only if needed, due to previous cancellation)

Rabbi Sidlofsky will be offering a wonderful Introduction to Judaism course that will include learning to read Hebrew, as well as a broad range of essential knowledge for anyone interested in learning about the Jewish people, our beliefs, our customs, our ceremonies, our history, our texts and liturgy, our ethical foundations, and our commitment to Tikkun Olam.

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR MOTHERS: SARAH, REBEKAH, LEAH, AND RACHEL

Tuesdays: February 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th: 7:30 – 8:45 PM

Rabbi Karol will be presenting traditional, modern, and feminist points of view, as we study the lives and legacies of these four mothers of the Hebrew nation. The first session will be “Portrayals of Women in the Bible.” A second course is planned for the Spring, which will be a continuation of the previous one, with Miriam, Deborah, Ruth, Esther, and Hannah as the subjects.



TEMPLE ISAIAH

Important Presentation for High School Students:

The New Face of Anti-Semitism on College Campuses

StandWithUs

Facts and Discussion Led By Paul Friedman

Paul is the Tri State Area High School Coordinator of [StandWithUs](https://standwithus.org).
He ensures that students and educators are exposed to the facts so that
they are equipped with necessary knowledge to understand issues and
anti-Israel protests and literature.

Sunday, January 27, 2019

10 AM	Join us for bagels
10:20 AM	Program Introduction
10:25 AM	“Anti-Semitism vs Legitimate Criticism”
11:15 AM	Q & A

- The audience will learn strategies for deciphering between anti-Israel sentiment and legitimate criticisms of Israel.
- Modern examples of anti-Israel sentiment often found on U.S. college campuses will be presented.
- We will learn speaking techniques which can help us defend Israel against these anti-Israel remarks.

RSVP: Temple Isaiah administrator@templeisaiah.org (631) 751-8518
Parents are welcome to attend.



SOCIAL ACTION ACTIVITIES

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is quoted as saying, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"

Last year as a tribute to MLK, congregants brought instant pots and veggies and beans to Temple and made soup and chili that were distributed to people who were ill or just in need of an act of kindness throughout this past year. Some who came to our food pantry were also recipients. Under the supervision of Linda Jonas, some children made challah while others created beautiful greeting cards to send along with our goodies.

Please come once again with your instant pots, fresh vegetables and other ingredients on Monday, January 21st from 9 AM - noon. You're guaranteed to have fun while doing this good deed!

Our winter coat drive is in full swing, and we welcome you to drop off coats at the Temple on MLK Sunday.

The Social Action Committee has organized a presentation to be held on Sunday morning, January 27th about anti-semitism faced by students on college campuses. Paul Friedman from *Stand with Us* will be our presenter. Those who attended the Israel @ 70 event know that Paul is knowledgeable and a great speaker. Please spread the word about this important program.

We'll be going "Down Memory Lane" again on Sunday, February 10th from 2-4 PM. We will have entertainment,

lots of desserts and our celebrated egg creams! This program will be especially enjoyed by seniors. In addition, we hope to bring people together who may be facing memory loss, and we welcome them along with their caretakers to join in the fun.

This year our *Day of Good Deeds* will take place on Sunday, May 5th, and the theme will be "Helping God's Creations." We will again reach out to other faith communities in our area with the hope that we will work together to make a difference on that day. Please let the committee know if you have an idea for a project. There are so many possibilities for this theme!

We thank all who took a leaf from *The Giving Tree* and made this project a big success. This holiday season we purchased 50 gifts for children in need!

The Social Action Committee is grateful to Rabbi Paul and Cantor Marcey for their enthusiasm and help all through the year. It means so much to the committee to have their support!

There is no project or event that would happen without Penny's supervision and the help of Morgan and Irva. We thank them for all that they do!

On behalf of the Social Action Committee, I wish you a happy and healthy 2019!

Iris Schiff



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DAY OF CHESSED

Chesed means Kindness

Honor the legacy of
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
with a morning of meaningful
community service for all ages
at Temple Isaiah.
Make a difference in our own
neighborhood and in our own
communities, together with your family.



Chesed Opportunities for All Ages!
Monday, January 21, 2019
9 AM – 11 AM

Help us make soup and chili for friends in need.
Please bring fresh onions and peppers and cans of
corn, beans, chick peas, and tomatoes.

For more information or to RSVP contact Cantor Marcey: cantor@templeisaiahasb.org
or Iris Schiff, Social Action Chair: idschiff@optonline.net

We ARE our Brothers' & Sisters' KEEPERS!

"The time is always right to do what is right."
Martin Luther King Jr.





SHMOOZING WITH SISTERHOOD

Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Welcomes You!



Sisterhood wishes everyone a very happy and healthy 2019 to all! We had a very productive Fall and were able to help with many Temple Isaiah functions. We very gratefully thank all our Fall rummage volunteers. Your support enabled Sisterhood to help sponsor the "Israel at 70" birthday celebration program at North Shore Jewish Center, Rabbi Sidlofsky's installation Oneg and TI's "Hanukkah Happenings."

Sisterhood was also pleased to contribute to Temple Isaiah's *Mishkan HaNefesh* Campaign. We sincerely look forward to having these beautiful new prayer books to enjoy for Temple Isaiah's next High Holy Day Services.

Sunday, January 13th at 1 PM

Book Discussion and Signing with Author Rabbi Stephen Karol

Rabbi Karol will speak about his new book *Finding Hope and Faith in the Face of Death: Insights of a Rabbi and Mourner*, published by Cascade Books and available at <https://wipfandstock.com/finding-hope-and-faith-in-the-face-of-death.htm>. The book may also be purchased from the author or from Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

Please RSVP to the Temple Office, Paula Bennett at pbennett1000@gmail.com or Eileen Donnelly at ebdonnel@optonline.net.

(Sisterhood will be providing an optional healthy dairy bag lunch available for purchase at \$12. Tuna Salad, Egg Salad, or Hummus. Please RSVP to the Temple Office at 751-8518 or to Paula Bennett at pbennett1000@gmail.com if you would like to order the lunch.)

Sunday, February 3rd at 11:15 AM

Babka Baking with Sisterhood

Learn how to bake your very own loaf of deliciousness. Participants will learn how to prepare sweet yeast dough and filling and twist a loaf of this Jewish culinary heritage delight, to bake at home. \$10 materials fee payable to TI Sisterhood. Please RSVP to the Temple Office or to Paula Bennett. (In the event of snow we will re-schedule for a later date)

Sunday, March 3rd at 1 PM

Mahjongg Madness with TI Sisterhood and the North Shore Chaverot Chapter of Hadassah

Join TI's Sisterhood and the Northshore Chapter of Hadassah for an afternoon of Mahjongg play, raffle prizes and a deluxe vegetarian Chinese Lunch. 1st time players and Beginners welcome. Details to come!

Sunday, March 10th at 1 PM

Hamentaschen Baking Workshop

We will be baking for the religious school's "fill your own Hamentaschen" at TI's Purim Carnival. March 1st from 1 PM to 3 PM. Come in and bake some mouth-watering Hamentaschen just in time for Purim. This event is open to all and you must RSVP to the Temple office. There will be a \$10 materials fee to "take home" part of this event, payable to TI Sisterhood. Free for volunteer religious school bakers.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Paula Bennett and Eileen Donnelly

TI Sisterhood Co-presidents

pbennett1000@gmail.com ebdonnel@optonline.net

Please Join Us for a Trip Down

Memory Lane

How Sweet It Is!

A Perfect Activity

for those with

Memory Impairment

and their **Caretakers**

Sunday, February 10th from 2 PM – 4 PM

TEMPLE & ISAIAH

Relive Favorite Memories of the 1950s

- Sing-Along • Souvenir Photos
- Soda Fountain & Snacks

For information or to volunteer to assist with this program
please contact:

Iris Schiff, Social Action Chair at idschiff@optonline.net
or Penny in the Temple office at

631-751-8518 or administrator@templeisaiah.org

Please RSVP to Iris or Penny!

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TEMPLE ISAIAH BROTHERHOOD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday Meetings held in the Kitchen at 9:09 AM

January 27th
February 10th
March 3rd

April 14th
May 23rd (7 PM)



2019 ACTIVITIES

Football & Food at Bench Warmer's

Sunday, January 13th at 12:30 PM

Date may change as we see how the season progresses



Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17th at 10:30 AM

Cooking Hot Dogs & providing Hamantaschen

Brotherhood Shabbat Dinner & Service

TBD at 6:30 PM



17th Annual Las Vegas Night

TBD

Most important Fund Raiser

(in conjunction with the "Mini-Raffle")

Need a lot of help and there is a task for everybody!

NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS WELCOME

Contact: Rodger Jonas – President



The
RABBI ADAM D. FISHER
Library

THE RABBI ADAM D. FISHER LIBRARY

Please note: Our Temple library is open one half-hour before each Erev Shabbat Service.

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Join your Temple family as we commemorate the birthday of the trees!



We will celebrate the bounty of the earth as we prepare for the spring.

We use the format of a *seder* (Hebrew for "order") to: taste a wide variety of fruits, nuts, juices and wines: that grow in the land of Israel.

We will be reminded that trees are the Jewish symbols for life and Torah.

5:30 pm Seder

6:15 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Conclusion of Seder

Details:

- Please bring your own Kosher-style dinner (no shellfish, pork products, or dairy-meat-combinations).
- Dessert, coffee, wine, fruit, and challah will be provided.
- Cost: \$8 per person/\$25 per family. A portion of this donation will go to ***Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.***
- Reservations for the Tu B'Shevat Seder must be received by January 15th.

RSVP to Morgan: office@templeisaiah.org

Name _____ Email Address: _____

Cell Phone _____

Attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____





MEDIA WATCH ISRAEL



1. The U.S. on Friday voted against an annual [UN General Assembly] resolution condemning the “occupation” of the Golan Heights -- a change from the U.S. decision to abstain in 2017-- and ripped into the body’s alleged anti-Israel bias, part of an increasingly pro-Israel stance...”
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/us-hardens-pro-israel-stance-at-un-votes-down-resolution-on-golan-heights>
2. In a First, a 2,000 year old stone is found bearing an inscription with the full spelling of Jerusalem. “Part of a stone column, the inscription mentions Jerusalem, written in Hebrew letters, and uses the same spelling as today, according to the Israel Antiquities Authority.”
<https://www.foxnews.com/science/ancient-inscription-discovery-thrills-archaeologists-in-israel>
3. Israeli students to attend school wearing black shirts in protest of the burning down by Hamas of 32,000 dunams in the Gaza border communities.
<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Israeli-students-mark-Black-South-in-protest-of-incendiary-terror-571058>
4. “The [Israel] Foreign Ministry announced the appointment of George Deek as Israel’s next Ambassador to Azerbaijan [a predominantly Muslim country] on Thursday, making him Israel’s first ever Christian Arab ambassador.”
<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Jewish-state-sends-Christian-envoy-to-Muslim-country-572001>

Cordially,
Larry Weber
weberl@optonline.net



OUR DAILY BREAD SOUP KITCHEN

Members of Temple Isaiah’s Social Action Committee help staff **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** at St. James Catholic Church (429 Route 25A in Setauket). Each Sunday afternoon, dinner is provided to over 100 adults and children, by teams of volunteers working on a rotating schedule. Although housed at St. James Parish, the group itself comprises participants from various community faith-based groups

and organizations. Volunteers in this organization serve in a variety of ways, including food planning, cooking, serving and cleanup, as well as providing transportation, supervision of the nursery area, pantry and clothing distribution.

To help with this mitzvah, please call our Temple office, or contact:

Joyce Bonitch at (631) 941-2731

Where/When: Sundays at 3:00 PM in the church basement.





SIMCHAS & TZURES



Whether you have happy news (*simchas*) or sad news (*tzures*), we hope you will share it with us. Rabbi Sidlofsky likes to know about births, engagements, weddings, and other happy occasions, and wants to know about hospitalizations, sicknesses, or deaths. Please let us know of any hospitalizations, so Rabbi or Cantor can arrange to visit or phone.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

If you would like one of our rabbis to officiate at a funeral, please speak to Rabbi Sidlofsky before scheduling. Our sanctuary is available for funeral or memorial services. If you call the Temple about a funeral and have to leave a message with the answering service, please mention that you are calling regarding a funeral.

CONDOLENCES

- ☆ To June Hoffman on the death of her husband Steven
- ☆ To Brian and Sharon Pazer on the death of their daughter Erica
- ☆ To Hilton Adler on the death of his father Leonard
- ☆ To Wendy and Ben Sidlofsky on the death of their sister and aunt Amy Foy

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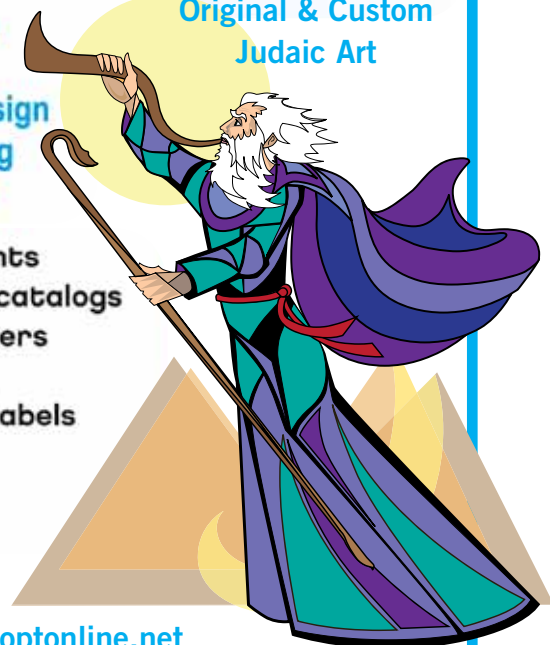
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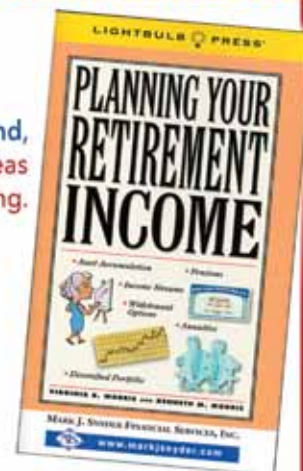
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