

TEMPLE ISAIAH



**Brotherhood's
10th Annual**

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, November 10th



**Our Funniest
Fund Raiser
of the Year!**



Featuring:
**Steve Parillo
John Lavaone
Maria Walsh
Jim Dailakis**

With Music by:
Martini Garden



**Raffles & Dessert
BYOB**



**November &
December
Happenings**

**Kristallnacht
Commemoration**

Friday, November 9th

**Three Village
Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service**

Tuesday, November 20th

**Chanukah
Happenings at the
Bernie Friend
Latke Bash**

Sunday, December 2nd

**Rabbi Sidlofsky
Installation**

Friday, December 7th

**Congregational
Meeting & Vote**

Tuesday, December 16th

and much more...

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TEMPLE ISAIAH

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SHABBAT

<p>Friday Ushers 2 Steinweis 9 Lippe 16 Barbakoff 23 Fisher 30 Cohen</p>	<p>Saturday Ushers 24 Kitt</p>			<p>Adult Ed Who is a Jew 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Shir Joy Musical Shabbat Service 6 PM</p>	<p>Shabbat Morning Torah Study 8:30-9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM</p>
<p>Sisterhood Rummage Drop Off 9 AM Religious School 9-11 AM Israel-thon at NSJC continues till 1 PM Tanakh Study with Rabbi Karol at Jeffersons Ferry 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Sisterhood Rummage Sale 10 AM-1 PM 7 PM-9 PM Adult Ed-Book Talk 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Election Day Sisterhood Rummage Bag Day 10 AM-1 PM</p>			<p>Erev Shabbat Service with Kristallnacht Commemoration 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Shabbat Morning Torah Study 8:30-9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Brotherhood Comedy Night 8 PM</p>
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In Solidarity with Tree Of Life Congregation



Denouncing All Forms Of Hate We Stand Together As One

Dear Temple Isaiah Community,

We at Temple Isaiah are mourning the tragic casualties and loss of life that resulted from the horrific shooting on Shabbat at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh. It was an act directed at the entire Jewish community, and all peace-loving people. Our congregation shares in the grief resulting from this and every senseless act of violence. We strongly denounce all words and deeds of hate.

We are continuing to take appropriate security measures for our Temple and school, consulting with local law enforcement, and following security procedures. We will maintain our scheduled activities and programs and will not allow such acts to deter us from our mission to create a society that fosters peace and justice for all. Our President, Phyllis Sterne, has been vigilant since the news of this tragedy broke, dealing with matters of security. Iris Schiff, our Social Action Committee chair, has expressed concern and support. Rabbi Sidlofsky and Cantor Wagner have spoken with our students and congregants at our school and Temple programs, as well as individually, since Shabbat. We have received messages of condolence and support from colleagues and friends in the Jewish and interfaith community.

As a sign of community solidarity, our congregation hosted an interfaith vigil and prayer ceremony on Tuesday, October 30th. We were joined by congregants of North Shore Jewish Center and members of the Three Village Interfaith Clergy group. Rabbis Sidlofsky, Fisher, and Karol, and Cantor Wagner all participated in leading the ceremony. The turnout and support shown were truly inspirational.

In solidarity with our friends and neighbors, our Temple Isaiah family has always been and will continue to be a staunch advocate for peace and understanding between people of all faiths and ethnicities. Together, we are strong and can speak out in one voice against prejudice and violence.

Let us pray for healing. Let us stand for unity. And let us work toward Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, for all humankind.

In solidarity and shalom,

Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky, Cantor Marcey Wagner, and Dr. Phyllis Sterne



Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky



God Is In This Place

With the Jewish fall holy days well behind us, and Chanukkah still many weeks away, we may feel another celebration is needed. As American Jews, we are fortunate to have Thanksgiving to fill this need. My favorite secular holy day, this annual tradition reminds us to appreciate all that we have. It is a message for all Americans – indeed, all people – but is very meaningful for us as Jews in particular. We have an extra blessing, namely the ability, as a small minority in this country, to practice our religion in freedom, to whatever extent we choose.

As Jews, we can be grateful for many things, globally and locally. But I want to focus on the local level, and highlight our congregation as a special reason for gratitude. I have been in this community less than four months at the time of writing this article, but am keenly aware of the many blessings offered through being part of the Temple Isaiah family.

In this short time, we have experienced joyous life cycle events and provided comfort in times of loss. We marched proudly representing Temple Isaiah in the 4th of July Parade. We have seen our classrooms filled with the happy sound of children learning and heard the equally heartwarming sound of senior members of our community gathering for singing and socializing. We felt the strength of community in our beautiful High Holy Day services, including Selichot and Tashlich, rejoiced in the Sukkah and shared in a lively celebration at Simchat Torah, as well as at several Shir Joy services. We held two beautiful Shabbat services at the Beach and many others in our Temple. We have encouraged all members to vote in the upcoming elections and raised over \$6,000 to assist my former congregation in North Carolina after Hurricane Florence. We sponsored the wonderful film *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel* and received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Arts Council of Greater Port Jefferson for doing so. Most recently we hosted an interfaith prayer vigil to remember the eleven Jews murdered at Tree Of Life

Congregation in Pittsburgh. The turnout and support shown were truly inspirational.

These are but some of the highlights of a busy and productive few months. Most important, we have built on the efforts made over the past year to recreate a sense of calm, trust, pride and joy in Temple Isaiah, which has needed nurturing in recent years. It is gratifying to hear the positive feelings about Temple Isaiah being created within our walls and in the community. We are grateful to the many people whose hard work and tremendous caring have helped start to bring this about. It is up to each of us to continue in this direction by being involved and by spreading the word to others about why it is important and enjoyable to be part of the Temple Isaiah family.

Later this month, we will read the Torah portion *Vayetzei*. In it, Jacob awakens from a dream and is inspired to declare, “*God is in this place, and I, I did not know it!*” As we approach Thanksgiving and see Chanukkah in the not-too-distant future, let us pause to appreciate all that God has given us – our freedom and the miracles we see in our own lives and the life of our congregation. Let us be proud of our past accomplishments over many decades, grateful for our current blessings and optimistic about our promising future. May we remind ourselves once again of what we have been and what we are once again becoming. May we work together to overcome challenges we face and move forward, climbing to new heights. God is in this place. It is our sacred duty, and our unique privilege, to open our hearts and sense this presence. May we be thankful for the opportunity to do so.

Wishing each of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chag Hodu Sameach!

(Loosely translated as “Happy Turkey Day!”)

L’shalom,

Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky

A Note from Cantor-Education Director Marcey Wagner



An Extremely Creative Mitzvah Project

Andrew Harris and his family decided to give up a planned trip to Hershey Park. It wasn't for any reason you might expect. It was because the Hershey company does not obtain its chocolate using fair trade sources. Fair trade cocoa is harvested using "a certified process followed by farmers, buyers, and chocolate manufacturers and is designed to provide living incomes for farmers and their families so that there is no need for child labor."* Andrew had discovered that a surprising number of chocolate companies, including Hershey's, actually use cocoa in their products that was harvested using child labor under the harshest of conditions.

He discovered this doing research for his Mitzvah project for his Bar Mitzvah. This was certainly an unusual and unique project, but one that suited Andrew and his family particularly well. The whole family became involved, but Andrew was the driving force. He wrote letters to legislative representatives, to his school, and to several chocolate companies. He produced a brochure listing companies that don't buy cocoa from farmers that use child labor and distributed it at school and on the morning of his Bar Mitzvah service. Of course, he also gave out bars of Fair Trade chocolate. Andrew presented his findings in a PowerPoint that was delivered as part of his d'var torah at his bar mitzvah service.

Andrew's is an example of an extremely creative mitzvah project, but we are very proud of all of the mitzvah projects that b'nai mitzvah and their families become involved in

over the course of their preparation period here at Temple Isaiah. Whether it is helping with a Social action event or running a fundraising drive for a charity, the bar/bat mitzvah period is the optimal time for these students to begin truly looking beyond themselves into their community and beyond. We want them to see that it is their responsibility to begin to make this world a better place. After all, in just a few years, they will inherit this earth, they should begin now to help to repair it.

This is why I was so thrilled that Temple Isaiah's Social Action committee invited the 7th grade class in to a recent meeting. Co-chair Iris Schiff spoke beautifully to the students about the role of the committee and opportunities for the b'nai mitzvah and the committee to interface in the future. I already saw some wheels turning in the students' heads as they were planning some projects.

I am pleased to report that Andrew Harris' story has a very happy ending. Andrew received a letter back from the Hershey corporation. Undoubtedly due to letters like his, the company has pledged to only procure cocoa from fair trade sources by the year 2020. I can see a trip to Hershey Park in the future for the Harris family. And they certainly deserve it!

*Quote from Andrew Harris' *Guide for Buying Fair Trade Cocoa* brochure

L'shalom,
Cantor Marcey Wagner



Message from the President Phyllis Sterne



Rabbi's Sidlofsky's Installation, Isaiah's Rededication

Hello everyone,

As the seasons change, we have reason to pause and reflect on that which has transpired, and to anticipate that which is yet to come. We have been blessed with a renewal of joy in our congregation and a sense of family among us. That has been evident in our High Holy Days observance as well as in the many wonderful and varied events that have taken place in our Temple this fall.

As fall comes to an end and winter approaches, we look forward to joyous holidays, one American and one Jewish: The first is Thanksgiving, a day for us all to remember our heritage, in all its variations, and to give thanks for what we are so fortunate to have. In doing so, we must also remember those who are less fortunate, and, as we embrace the concept of Tikkun Olam ("repair of the world"), we each, in our own way, should make an effort to add to the comfort and joy of others.

The second is Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, the happy holiday that celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greek army, and the miracle of the oil that was supposed to last one day but lasted eight days. "Chanukah" means "dedication"; the Maccabees' victory enabled the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

That being said, I bring you forward to current time. We are now in a place where we can seize the moment and rededicate ourselves to OUR Temple, our beloved Temple Isaiah. In that light (pun intended!), we are looking forward to the Installation of Rabbi Sidlofsky, our new and already beloved spiritual leader, which will take place during Chanukah at our Erev Shabbat service on Friday, December 7th. You will soon receive your invitation. Please save the date and attend this wonderful celebration.

Furthermore, I am proud and pleased to announce that this occasion will mark the beginning of an important

campaign at our Temple. We are striving to be at the fore and on par with modern Reform congregations, and to do so, we have to keep the liturgy moving in that direction. Over the past few years, we have been studying and analyzing *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform prayer book for the High Holy Days. We already have *Mishkan T'filah*, the Reform prayer book for Shabbat and other festivals, to which *Mishkan HaNefesh* is complementary. Rabbi Sidlofsky feels very strongly about the appropriateness of use of this prayer book for our congregation. It is contemporary liturgy, egalitarian in nature, and gender-neutral in language. Besides the prayers, there are beautiful readings for those who choose to engage in further depth. Despite satisfaction with this book during past years of studying it, financial considerations precluded the Temple from moving in this direction. Now, though, considering our forward-moving efforts, the Ritual Committee has recommended the adoption of this for our Temple, and your Board of Trustees has unanimously approved the recommendation, with the stipulation that the cost must be met as a result of a campaign for this purpose. There will be no budget appropriation for this purchase. We will initiate this campaign in honor of the Installation of Rabbi Sidlofsky. All funds collected for this purpose will be placed in a separate, dedicated account. You will soon receive information regarding its details. Our goal is to have these books in place for the next High Holy Days. If you would like to see the books, we have a few copies in the office. You may stop in and request to see them while you are at the Temple. Please support Temple Isaiah with this important initiative. Only YOU can make it happen!

My best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Happy Chanukah!!

L'Shalom,
Phyllis



SUSTAINING MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF TEMPLE ISAIAH 2018



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 2018.

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!

CIRCLE OF ENRICHMENT

Jamie & Hilton Adler
Barbara & Dr. Jerry Fine
Iris & David Schiff
Gloria & Mark Snyder

CIRCLE OF HOPE

Essie & Mark Freilach
Cynthia & David Lippe
Phyllis Turner
Diane & Steve Weitzman

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Cherie & Cantor Michael Trachtenberg
Irva & Saul Steinweis
Dr. Phyllis Sterne

CIRCLE OF GROWTH

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Paula & Steve Bennett
Eileen & Rabbi Adam Fisher
Dan Stenzler

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Woody Goldstein
Marian Guarlnick
Barbara & Gary Kamen
Dreannia & Micheal Levine
Perri & Dr. Lawrence Lieblich
Donna & Lloyd Newman
Sandra & Dennis Rosenzweig
Myra & Alan Rosofsky

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Shari & Alan Countess
Alan Fisher
Linda & Rodger Jonas
Joan & Jason Kitt
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Marge & Paul Weiser



- ☆ 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)



TEMPLE  ISAIAH

Shir Joy Musical Shabbat

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

Friday, November 2nd



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.

November 16th and December 7th at 5:30 pm



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.surveymogizmo.com/s3/4271575/Temple-Isaiah-2018-MOMENTS-Survey-In-House>]

It should take about 20 minutes to complete.

Our first MOMENTS requests went out to bakers in advance of Rabbi Katz's farewell Oneg. Many thanks to the following people for their delicious contributions to that event: Andrea Barbakoff, Diane Eidelman, Carole-Ann Gordon, Cara Harth, Joan Kitt, Lloyd Newman, Mona Saidens and Dan Stenzler.

We look forward to sharing MOMENTS with you,
Donna Newman and Diane Weitzman
Engagement Committee Co-Chairs

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: 2 PM

Facilitator: Anita Gaffan

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

November 19th: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

December 10th: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste N

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK TALK

Monday, November 5th: 7:30 PM

Facilitator: Carole-Ann Gordon

Interested in true detective stories? How about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional Sherlock Holmes? Then, here is a book for you: Magrit Fox's *Conan Doyle, For The Defense*. This is the amazing true story of how Doyle used the investigating techniques of his Sherlock Holmes character to free an innocent Jewish man wrongfully convicted of murder in 1908.

WHO IS A JEW?

Thursdays, November 1st and 15th: 7:30 PM

Instructor: Stephen Weitzman

From ancient times, there have been numerous variations of the definition of what it means to be a Jew and "a member of the tribe". When did Matrilineal Descent replace Patrilineal Descent? Does it matter? Why did Maimonides and Rashi, living almost 200 years apart, differ significantly on the effects of conversion out of Judaism and maintaining one's Jewish identity? More recently, why did the New York State Court of Appeals redefine what it means to be a Jew, disagreeing with thousands of years of Jewish history?

Course participants will examine and discuss the historically ever changing understanding of what it means to be Jewish.

FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE AND YOU

Tuesdays, November 27th, December 4th, 11th and 18th: 7:30 PM

An exploration of the prayers, songs, choreography, readings, rituals and bimah honors that can lead you to more meaningful participation in our service. (Knowledge of Hebrew is not required.)

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Thursdays, November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, February 7th, 14th, and 28th: 7 PM

Rabbi Sidlofsky will be offering a wonderful Introduction to Judaism course that will include learning to read Hebrew!

KRISTALLNACHT

NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS

Shabbat Service with Kristallnacht Commemoration

On Friday night, November 9 at 7:30 p.m., Temple Isaiah will mark the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht with an enhanced Shabbat Service with special readings and inspiring musical selections by Phuc Phan, our Kol Nidre cellist.



Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, commemorates the pogrom against the Jews of Germany November 9, 1938.

We commemorate Kristallnacht out of memory and respect, and because commemorating teaches us about the process of genocide and how it evolves and, most important, the need to stand up against hateful words and actions before they become something much worse. We hope you can join us.

1404 Stony Brook Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790

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**.
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@templeisaiahsb.org (631) 751-8518
Parents are welcome to attend.

10th Annual

COMEDY NIGHT

FUND RAISER

November 10th



Steve Parrillo



John Iavaone



Maria Walsh



Jim Dailakis

PROCEEDS TO:

Temple Youth Activites, M.S.A.W.I.
Hurricane Relief and Paws of War !

Doors Open: 7:00

Show Time: 8:00

RAFFLES &
DESSERT

21 and over Please

BYOB

VENUE:

TEMPLE ISAIAH
1404 STONY BROOK RD
STONY BROOK, NY 11790

♪ MUSIC ♪

Before & After the Show By



\$45.00 per ticket

FOR INFORMATION:

Alan Fisher: AFisherHome@optonline.net

Sponsorships Available !

631-751-8518



SHMOOZING WITH SISTERHOOD

Fall Rummage Sale: November 4th & 5th



TI Sisterhood is very thankful and appreciative of all our members. Through your efforts, Sisterhood has been able to fund donations to support our religious school student and camp programs; help with expenses toward repairs and beautification of our Sanctuary and building facilities; purchase gifts for B'nai Mitzvah; provide donations of needed items to our Temple; and help those less fortunate in our local community. All of you contribute something very special to the vitality of our organization.

Sisterhood is always eager to hear about your ideas and we always need volunteers to help with our activities. We welcome all of you to share your skills and talents for incorporation into Sisterhood programs and activities.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Paula Bennett and Eileen Donnelly
TI Sisterhood Co-presidents
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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!



THE RABBI ADAM D. FISHER LIBRARY

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

SOCIAL ACTION ACTIVITIES

The Jewel In The Reform Jewish Crown

Rabbi Eric Yoffee, president emeritus of the URJ has said, “Even as Reform Jews embrace ritual, prayer, and ceremony...we continue to see social justice as the jewel in the Reform Jewish crown.”

The Social Action Committee is mindful of rabbi Yoffee’s words with each of its planned activities and events. As I write this article, the mid year elections have not yet occurred, but what is already in place is that congregants in need of a ride will have one!

On Sunday, October 28th we performed the mitzvah of *Kibud Zikeinim*, honoring our elders with a festive autumn buffet luncheon. We are hoping to offer future activities that will continue to bring this vibrant group together. We all benefit from our elders’ collective wisdom and knowledge of Temple Isaiah’s history.

Back by popular demand, we will be offering three “Down Memory Lane” events. This is an opportunity for those people with dementia and their caretakers to be treated to a fun-filled Sunday afternoon. (Egg creams were a big success at our last event, and we’ll be serving them again!) We have scheduled Sunday afternoons December 9th, February 10th, and April 7th for our wonderful “Down Memory Lane” events. These are open to the community, so if you know of someone who would

benefit, please invite them to attend. Flyers will go out as the dates approach.

Unfortunately, anti-semitism has become a major problem on many college campuses. On Sunday morning, January 6th, we will have a presentation about this issue. Paul Friedman, the Tri State Area High School Coordinator of StandWithUs will help us understand the facts so that our students will be equipped with an awareness of many of the issues they may face at college and elsewhere. Parents are invited to attend, and this is open to non member students in our community. Please join us at 10 AM for bagels before the presentation.

We have an active Social Action Committee, and I’m proud to say that the “jewel in the Reform Jewish crown” shines brightly at Temple Isaiah!

Iris Schiff
on behalf of the Social Action Committee

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TEMPLE ISAIAH BROTHERHOOD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday Meetings held in the Kitchen at 9:09 AM



November 18th
December 9th
January 27th
February 10th

March 3rd
April 14th
May 23rd (7 PM)

2018 / 2019 ACTIVITIES



10th Annual Comedy Night
Saturday, November 10th at 7 PM
Our Funniest Fund Raiser!



Annual Latke Bash
Sunday, December 2nd at 7 AM
It's what the Brotherhood is Famous For

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



BREAKING BREAD WITH BROTHERHOOD

Happy New Year!



Temple Isaiah Brotherhood is embarking on yet another year of team building and good deeds. We invite new Temple members to visit with us and learn how we successfully support multiple charities and our Temple. Your first year is free as is the monthly breakfast. We welcome you to become a Brotherhood member.

Our next meeting is November 18th at 9 AM in our traditional location, the Temple Isaiah Kitchen. We will have a guest speaker who will review the implications and impact of the new tax laws.

Key dates that are fast upon us:

Comedy Night on November 10th - this is a fun evening. Tickets are available from the Temple office.

Latke Bash on December 2nd - The Brotherhood will cook the Fresh Latkes and make certain we have the bouncy house slide. As requested, there will be a short time period just for adults on the slide.

Joining Brotherhood provides a path by which you can enhance your connection with Temple Isaiah members and learn from past Temple Presidents while having fun. If you are new to Temple Isaiah, or a long-standing member, come have breakfast with us.

Regards,

Rodger Jonas

Temple Isaiah Brotherhood President

Mobile: 631-235-3115





MEDIA WATCH ISRAEL



1. "Us Rabbi: Muslim States Ask Azerbaijan How To Conduct Ties With Israel"
<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/US-Rabbi-Muslim-states-ask-Azerbaijan-how-to-conduct-ties-with-Israel-568938>
2. German Chancellor Merkel visits Israel. Busy schedule still allows visit Yad Vashem, delivering remarks remembering the past, praising the contemporary German-Israeli relationship, and to receive an honorary doctorate from the Univ. Haifa.
<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/German-Chancellor-Angela-Merkel-visits-Yad-Vashem-568634>
3. The European Investment Fund (EIF) announced its first ever equity investment in Israel..., a \$20 million investment in the new fund of Israel Cleantech Ventures.
<https://www.jpost.com/Jpost-Tech/European-Investment-Fund-makes-first-ever-equity-investment-in-Israel-567156>
4. Israeli farmers to file war crimes complaint against Hamas in the International Criminal Court for torching Israeli farms and trying to breach the border.
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/israeli-farmers-file-war-crimes-complaint-against-hamas-101736685.html>
5. US Administration substantially cuts UNRWA budget, calls for "fundamental reexamination" of agency.
<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Trump-cuts-UNRWA-funding-amid-Abbas-assault-536917>
6. Archaeologists have found in Israel what they believe is the world's oldest site for alcohol production, where a soup-like ceremonial beverage was fermented some 13,000 years ago.
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/drink-old-times-worlds-oldest-brewery-found-israel-160502336.html>

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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 Pam Trachtenberg on the death of her husband Albert Trachtenberg
- ☆ To Rick Marotto on the death of his mother Kathleen Marotto
- ☆ To Susan Tuckman on the death of her sister-in-law Sharon Goldberg

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This fund exists to generate finances needed to renovate and beautify our synagogue.

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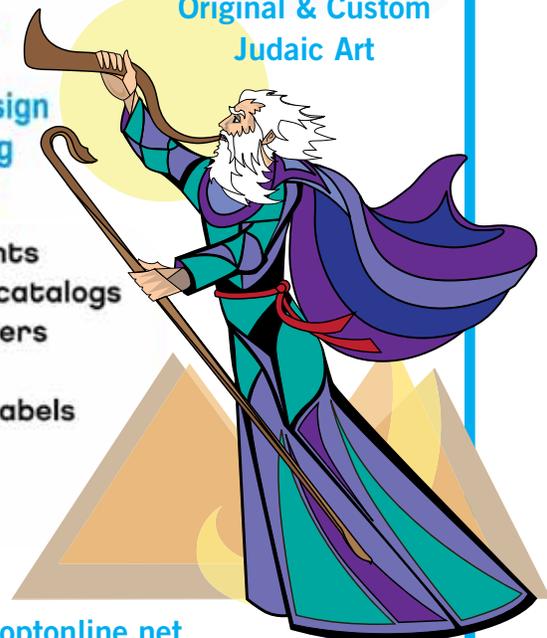


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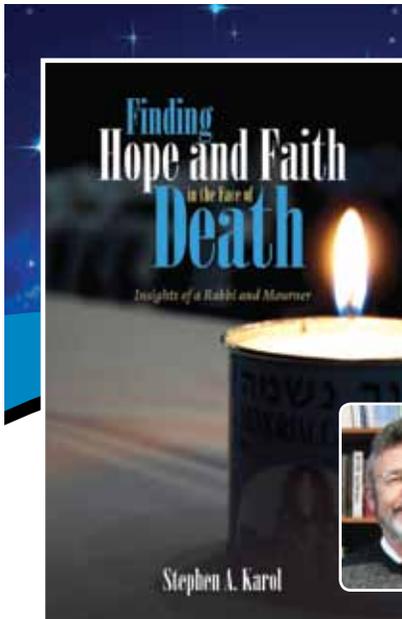
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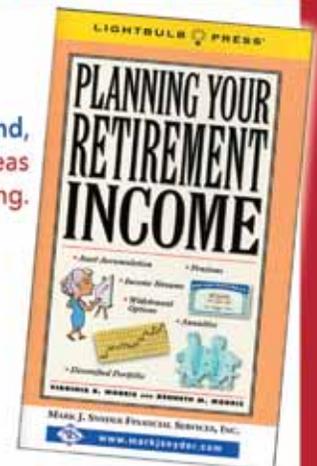
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