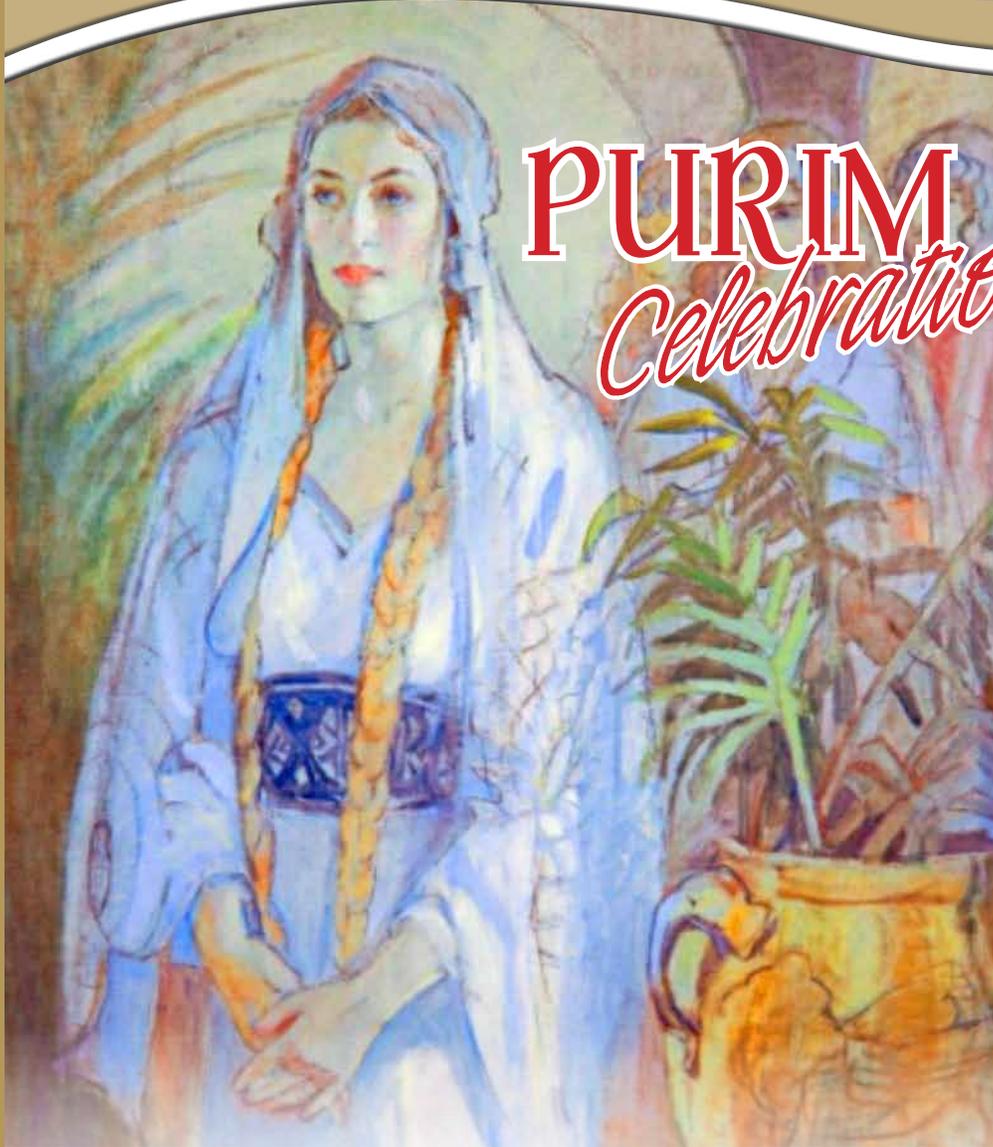


# TEMPLE ISAIAH



## PURIM *Celebration*

Sunday, March 17th: Purim Carnival  
Monday, March 20th: Purim Shpiel  
Dinner & Service

*Come in Costume to All Our Purim Events!*

### March & April Happenings

Shir Joy  
Musical Shabbat  
Services

Friday, April 5th

### Tot Shabbat Services

Fridays, March 15th  
and April 12th

### Life Line Screening

Monday, March 25th

### Jewish University for a Day– SBU Hillel

Sunday, March 31st

### Passover 2019

TI Sisterhood  
Miriam's Seder

Sunday, April 7th

### First Seder

Friday, April 19th

### Last Night/Yizkor

Thursday, April 25th

and much more...

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## TEMPLE ISAIAH

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# Rabbi's Reflections

## Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky



### Chag Purim Sameach!

What is unusual about the book of Esther, that we will soon read on Purim? It is the only book in the Bible that does not mention God. It is hard to believe that a book of the Holy Bible does not mention the Holy One. In fact, later additions intentionally were made to versions of the book of Esther that primarily emphasized God's role in the story of the Jews' rescue from annihilation. It was such a blatant omission, the author's thought, that they went overboard to show their belief that God was always involved, though not initially mentioned.

Whether or not God played a direct role in the events – or, for that matter, whether or not the events have any historical basis – the debate raises some important questions which pertain to our Jewish beliefs and practices today.

Often I hear from people that they have avoided joining a congregation because they are not religious. I have two responses to that. First, being religious is not what we often think it is. Many think the definition of “religious” is being extremely traditional when it comes to ritual practice. Actually, it has to do with to one's perspective on life itself. Regardless of level of observance, being religious means having a sense of awe and wonder regarding the world. It is something we admire in children, that we often lose as adults. Nonetheless, I think most, if not all, adults have the capacity to appreciate the world from a spiritual, religious perspective, and thus benefit from the joy, gratitude and humility that ensues.

Second, even if we accept the traditional definition of “religious”, the fact is that many people do not join a congregation because of ritual involvement. I am not saying that this aspect of Temple life isn't important.

Yet for many, there are other needs that are greater. Thankfully, at Temple Isaiah, there are multiple entryways into Jewish life. Some may enjoy services; others are inspired through education, social interaction, community service, interfaith activities, cultural offerings like music, art and food, and, of course, a feeling of belonging. There are other valid reasons for joining as well.

All this is to say, whether in the Purim story or in the complexities of life today, that we as Jews can and should affiliate for various reasons. Yes, a Temple needs to offer traditional elements, but we also need to realize that not everyone will need each aspect – and they may need others. Similarly, we all bring different views of God's role – or perceived lack of role – in our lives and in the lives of Jews and humanity. Whatever our perspective, however, we have a place in our community and an important role to play, with thoughts and skills to contribute. This is what makes a Reform congregation – and Temple Isaiah in particular – so special. We combine respect for tradition with openness to change and new ideas, thereby creating a beautiful mosaic which continues to attract and welcome all who join or visit us. May we remain truly blessed by the variety and beauty in our community.

Wendy, Ben and I wish you a *Chag Purim Sameach* – a joyous Purim! Come celebrate with us at our Religious School Purim Carnival (all are welcome!) at 9 AM on Sunday, March 17th and at our Purim dinner, *Megillah* reading and play, beginning at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, March 20th. Costumes are encouraged for all ages at both events!

L'Shalom,  
Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky



# A Note from Cantor-Education Director Marcey Wagner



## Developing a Courageous Connection with Israel

I recently returned from an educator's trip to Israel. I spent 8 days touring various sites with 16 Jewish educators from the New York area, one logistic/guard person, 2 educator-leaders from the Jewish Agency in Israel and a facilitator from the Jewish Education Project. The goals of the trip were to 'experience communicable aspects of Israel's complexity that can be viewed through an educational framework; and to lay seeds of Israel educators – teaching new lessons and in new directions.' Lofty goals indeed, and ones that I think were accomplished by our hectic, and unique itinerary. We were exposed to a diverse cross-section of Israel's population through site visits, lectures, performances and reading materials. We de-briefed as a group each morning and night – trying to make sense of the vast amounts of information we were taking in and trying to process it in ways that would best serve our home congregations.

We went to the desert to visit the grave of David Ben Gurion, the first prime minister of the state of Israel and a prime figure in the founding of the state. As I took in the beauty of the Negev landscape, I could truly imagine Abraham and Sarah wandering these same hills with their flocks of sheep. Ben Gurion loved the desert and felt very at home there and attached to the land. He even returned to his desert kibbutz at age 53 to work in the fields side by side with 20-year-olds.

In this spot, symbols of Israel's 2 vastly different beginnings were laid out side by side. The landscape of the Bible formed the backdrop, where our deep connection to God began and developed, while the revered burial site of David Ben Gurion formed the

foreground – a secularist, dedicated to the rebirth of a distinctly Jewish nation able to determine its own destiny. This duality of purpose and vision repeated itself throughout our trip. Sometimes they converged in harmony, other times, they bitterly clashed.

One day of 'clashing' occurred when we visited East Jerusalem, the neighborhoods that were controlled by Jordan prior to 1967. We took a walking tour and then stopped in a modern book store owned and run by 2 generations of Palestinian Jerusalemites. We were addressed by the son and now co-owner Mahmoud. He eloquently described the day to day life of a Palestinian living in what he called 'occupied' land. He was passionate and articulate, and his message was quite powerful. It gave many of us a great deal to think about. We immediately boarded our bus and travelled north to the ancient site of Shiloh.

Shiloh is located in the West Bank. It is a part of that area not controlled by the Palestinian authority, but under the control of the military. On our way, we passed the security barrier dividing areas populated by Palestinians from those populated by Jewish Israelis. We passed through a check point and drove by a refugee camp. We pondered the complex issues of security, freedom and land ownership.

Shiloh is part of a large site run by religious Jews who have settled in various towns and villages in the surrounding hills. Biblical Shiloh was the place where the Israelites placed the Tabernacle once they entered the

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# Message from the President Phyllis Sterne



## Everyone Can Do Something

Hello everyone. As Spring approaches, we look forward to some of the holidays that bind us together as Jews. From Purim to Passover, we can, I'm sure, think back into our own childhoods and remember the family celebrations and traditions that helped shape us. We can also reflect on our adult lives and see how we've carried these forward, for ourselves and for our families. Now, I ask that you think about your own commitment to your, and our, future. Our Temple needs you if we are to continue these wonderful traditions. We all lead busy lives, but we need to reflect and prioritize so that we give some of our time and energy to the things we value. It is evident by the overwhelming response to our *Mishkan HaNefesh* campaign that you value our Temple. Please, then, spend more time here. Join a committee, or show

up for an event! No one can do everything, but everyone can do something! Read the bulletin, see what's coming up, and decide to try something new. Give yourself the chance to enjoy what's here for the taking!

Speaking of the *Mishkan HaNefesh* campaign, we're just about there. We need about another \$1500. to meet our goal. If you haven't contributed yet, please consider how you could help us achieve this goal. We'll all be grateful as we pray together during the High Holy Days.

I wish a *zeisen Pesach* to you and your families, and Happy Spring!

L'shalom,  
Phyllis



## A MOMENT WITH THE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Temple Isaiah has established an Engagement Committee tasked with tailoring synagogue events with you 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 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.

If you have not completed an Engagement Survey, there is still time to do so. It should take about 20 minutes to complete.

We are currently reaching out to musicians in the congregation to see if they might be interested in playing with the "Chai Notes" at the April 5th Shir Joy musical service.

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

## Cantor-Education Director Wagner: Developing a Courageous Connection with Israel

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land of Israel. After moving in the desert with Moses and the Israelites, the tabernacle stayed in Shiloh for 350 years until the Temple was built in Jerusalem. Then, all the holy items within the tabernacle were moved to Solomon's Temple.

Shiloh is now an archeological site where they believe they have discovered the actual spot where the tabernacle stood. This is the spot where Hannah wept her tears when she was childless. This is where Eli the priest promised her she would have a child. (We read this story as part of the Haftarah every Rosh Hashana.) We were given a tour and talk by 2 very impassioned residents of the area. They are deeply connected to the land and feel it a religious duty to protect it, preserve it and let thousands of Jews and Christians come and visit here.

Processing the day, many of us were frustrated, deeply sad, and feeling hopeless. Two sides, so deadlocked, so sure that they are morally right. They both have legitimate arguments, yet where is the solution? Will there ever be peace?

Perhaps the answer comes from an interview I conducted with a secular jewelry artist in Tel Aviv. Just before sitting down to a trendy burger and 'brew in a Gastropub, a colleague and I asked this artist a few questions about living in Israel today. She explained her belief that the situation between Israelis and Palestinians is extremely complex. Sometimes, she feels that both sides are talking in a different language and that we will never agree. However, she believes that both sides must never, never stop searching for a solution. Once we have given up hope of peace, we will give up our humanity.

I hope to continue to share my experiences with you and help our students and each other develop a 'courageous connection' with Israel.

L'Shalom,  
Cantor-Education Director Marcey Wagner



## POSTINGS FROM THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Temple Isaiah Parents' Association works to assist our Religious School by supporting a number of extra-curricular activities for students of all ages. Students will enjoy a Purim Carnival in April and Model Seders in April. Throughout the year, members of the PA perform many special functions, including bringing special treats

for Family Education Brunches, facilitating activities such as planting parsley, and assisting in making booths for the Chanukah and Purim carnivals. We would love to have you join us. Please contact Ellen Covino ([ellenflaxmancovino@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenflaxmancovino@yahoo.com)), if you have any questions or would like to become involved.





# 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!

## CIRCLE OF ENRICHMENT

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

## CIRCLE OF HOPE

- Essie & Mark Freilach
- Drs. Cara Harth & Peter Klein
- Diane & Steve Weitzman

## MITZVAH PARTNER

- Jayne Cohen
- Eileen & Joe Donnelly
- Rose French
- Irva & Saul Steinweis

## CIRCLE OF GROWTH

- Paula & Steve Bennett
- Doris Dvorken
- Eileen & Rabbi Adam Fisher
- Dan Stenzler
- Phyllis Turner

## CHAVERIM

- Suzanne Gabrielsen
- Barbara & Gary Kamen
- Arnie & Honey Katz
- Dreannia & Micheal Levine
- Amy & Mort Rosen
- Sandra & Dennis Rosenzweig
- Myra & Alan Rosofsky

## CHAI OR MULTIPLE

- Ricki & Larry Budnick
- Janis Feldman
- Dr. Phyllis Sterne
- Barbara Wright

	☆ Platinum Chai (\$5,400 or above)	☆ Circle of Growth (\$540-\$1,017)	
	☆ Golden Chai (\$3,600-\$5,399)	☆ Circle of Hope (\$360-\$539)	
	☆ Silver Chai (\$1,800-\$3,599)	☆ Chaverim (\$180-\$359)	
	☆ Circle of Enrichment (\$1,018- \$1,799)	☆ Mitzvah Partner (\$118-\$179)	
		☆ Chai or Multiple (\$36-\$117)	



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# Shir Joy Musical Shabbat

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

Friday, April 5th

## 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](mailto: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.

**March 15th, April 12th, May 17th & June 21st at 5:30 PM**

## 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.



# RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## A Gathering of Holocaust Scrolls

On February 5th our Holocaust Scroll was carried in a procession of 75 Czech Torahs at Temple Emanuel in New York City. Alan Rosofsky carried our scroll in the procession and was accompanied to the event by Mort Rosen and Carol-Ann Gordon. All of these Torahs are actually owned by the Westminster Memorial Trust in London, England. They are on permanent loan to synagogues all over the U.S.A. and indeed all over the world. During World War II the Germans occupied Czechoslovakia and as the Jewish population was deported to the concentration camps, the Torah scrolls were stored in a warehouse. The plan was to put them in a museum dedicated to the Nazi conquest. During the 1950s they were brought to London and then sent out on permanent loan to Jewish congregations so that their stories could be kept alive.



Temple Isaiah is in continued contact with the Trust in London so when this event was announced the Ritual Committee decided to participate. We were instructed to wrap our scroll in a blanket for safe transportation. When we arrived at temple Emanuel it was amazing to see people walking down the street carrying their “babies”, the Holocaust scrolls, all wrapped in blankets. In the large ballroom the scrolls were placed on rows of display

tables. The very sight of the 75 scrolls all in one place was certainly impressive. The scrolls were then carried in procession through the ballroom filled with 800 people who then recited the Shehechianu prayer. Some of the Torahs were carried by aged Holocaust Survivors, but others were carried by proud Jews of all ages. When the scrolls were back on the display table we were addressed by the chair of the Westminster Trust who told the audience the history of the scrolls.



It was exciting to meet people from other congregations and share stories of our Holocaust Torahs. It is important that these scrolls are honored and used to tell future generations this important piece of Jewish history. At Temple Isaiah we have a framed letter from the Westminster Trust hanging on the wall near the front of the sanctuary. Over the years members of our congregation have contributed to the survival of this scroll and its story. Members contributed money to pay the cost of bringing it to our building. Members paid to have it restored to its Kosher status. A member created the mantle, the beautiful cover for the scroll. Alan Rosofsky compiled all of the information we have about the scroll and the town from which it came. That information is in a binder and is available to all of us in the temple office.



# ADULT EDUCATION

RSVP to Penny for all courses: [Administrator@TempleIsaiahSB.org](mailto: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: March 11th, April 15th, May 6th and June 10th: 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.

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

Tuesdays: 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.

## EXPERIENCING JUDAISM THROUGH MEDITATION, ART WORK & POETRY

Tuesdays: April 2nd, May 7th & 14th: 7:30 PM

Carole Ann Gordon leads this fascinating exploration into Jewish self-knowledge and personal expression.



## A Gathering of Holocaust Scrolls

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# SOCIAL ACTION ACTIVITIES

“It is always the right time to do a good deed!”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Although freezing cold weather sadly prevented us from using our instant pots on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 21st, we will reschedule soon to make vegetable soup and chili to distribute to people who are ill or just in need of an act of kindness. Please watch for the new date! It may even be part of Mitzvah Day on May 5th.

We were successful with other events and projects. Once again many of you donated winter coats and other outerwear to our coat drive. Thank you, Marian Guralnick for picking them up from Temple each week and delivering them to the Brookhaven coat drive drop-off.

On a Sunday morning in January, Rena Nasar, the Tri-state Campus Director from *Stand With Us* skillfully presented information, taught, answered questions, and elicited audience participation when addressing the topic of anti-semitism on college campuses. Rena will be returning with a presentation about “How to Answer Tough Questions about Israel.” We are in the process of trying to determine the best time for this presentation, hoping to attract both teens and adults. If you have an opinion about timing, we’d like to hear it.

Get ready to make some noise with unique Purim groggers, which will be turned into a mitzvah! Our Religious School will be collecting boxes of Mac and Cheese which will be wrapped and decorated by our children at the Purim Carnival. After they are used at the Purim service, those boxes will be donated to food pantries in the area!

We will be hosting another “Memory Lane” event on Sunday, April 7th and the desserts, egg creams and entertainment are fun for people of all ages. We were glad that a few seniors came to the last event in February to enjoy the afternoon with us, and we hope that even more people will continue to do so. However, the primary purpose of these events is to give people at various stages of dementia and their caretakers a fun and lively couple of hours. It is amazing and most gratifying to see blank stares turn to smiles as the music plays those old familiar songs. Please feel free to just stop by to get a sense of the joy this mitzvah brings.

Please hold the date, Sunday, May 5th, as the Social Action Committee, Cantor Marcey and Rabbi Sidlofsky are working towards an inter-faith, multi-congregation Mitzvah Day, a Day of Community Service. We hope to work together with other congregations to do some good deeds that will make a difference in our communities.

If you have questions or suggestions please email or call: [idschiff@optonline.net](mailto:idschiff@optonline.net)

(631) 807-2043

On behalf of the Social Action Committee, I wish you *Chag Purim Sameach* and *Zissen Pesach!*

Iris Schiff





*Please join us for*



★ A TRIP DOWN ★

# MEMORY LANE

A PLACE FOR SENIORS TO MEET OTHERS IN A RELAXED, FRIENDLY,  
AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHILE ENJOYING AN AFTERNOON  
OF SUPPORT, ENTERTAINMENT AND FRIENDSHIP.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 | 2PM-4PM

*Temple Isaiah*

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RELIVE OUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OF THE 1950S WITH SING-ALONGS,  
SOUVENIR PHOTOS, SODA FOUNTAIN AND SNACKS!

Those with memory concerns are welcome to attend with caregivers and join in the fun!

**PLEASE  
RSVP**

to Iris Schiff, Social Action Chair at [idschiff@optonline.net](mailto:idschiff@optonline.net)  
or Penny Gentile at [administrator@templeisaiahsb.org](mailto:administrator@templeisaiahsb.org)  
or call 631.751.8518

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# SHMOOZING WITH SISTERHOOD

Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Welcomes You!



Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Wishes Everyone a Happy Purim and a Joyous Passover! We extend our sincere thanks to Rabbi Stephen Karol for speaking about his new book, *Finding Hope and Faith in the Face of Death: Insights of a Rabbi and Mourner*, with us. It was a poignant and delightful session, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. We also heartily thank all of our February Babka Bakers. We had a great turnout and Harrison, our youngest baker, astounded everyone with his culinary knowledge. We are all awaiting the grand opening of Harrison's restaurant in about 15 years! Sisterhood has more baking to enjoy with our upcoming Hamentaschen Workshop. We will be creating traditional favorites (nut-free) and baking shells for Sisterhood's "Fill your own Hamentaschen" Booth for our religious school students at the Purim Carnival.

## March 2019 Sisterhood Events

**Sunday, March 10th from 1-3 PM**  
**Hamentaschen Baking Workshop**

Purim is Approaching! Join Paula Bennett and your Sisterhood pals for our hamentaschen-baking workshop. We will be baking traditional favorites to take home and novel empty shells for Sisterhood's Purim Carnival Booth. If you have never baked, but would like to learn, here's your chance! Bakers of all skill levels are welcome and encouraged. Please RSVP to the Temple office 751-8518, or Paula Bennett at pbennett1000@gmail.com A \$10 Materials fee (max \$10/family) payable to TI Sisterhood is requested for this event. (No charge for volunteer shell bakers). Supervised children are welcome to attend. (Bring a baking sheet and rolling pin if you have them, if

not, no worries!) Sunday, March 17th "Fill Your Own Hamentaschen" at TI's Purim Carnival 9-11 AM. Visit Sisterhood's "fill your own" booth with your family. Children can create their own "Masterpiece Cookie" to eat or take home. (nut-free! dairy)

## April 2019 Sisterhood Events

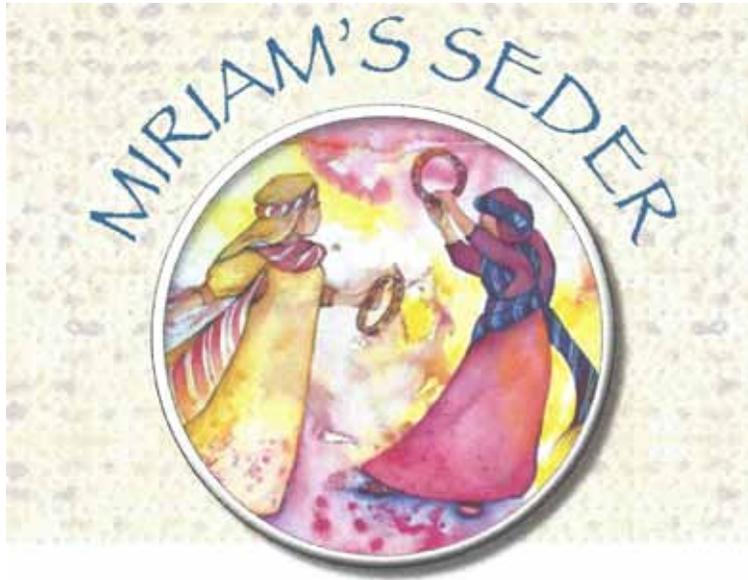
**Sunday, April 7th from 5:30-7:30 PM**  
**All-Inclusive Miriam's Seder**

Join Sisterhood in celebrating the contributions of Miriam during the Exodus with this beautiful Seder written by TI-RS alumna Julia Bennett and led by Temple Isaiah's Clergy and Sisterhood Team. Invite your family and friends. A Seder dinner of chicken, matzah and ritual foods will be served. Please bring a non-dairy Passover-style dish to share. RSVP to the Temple office or to pbennett1000@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 3rd. Cost: \$5pp \$18 max / family. Appropriate for children grades 5 and up.

**Sunday, April 28th at 1 PM**  
**Mahjongg Madness Luncheon  
& Basket Raffle**

Beginners welcome. Registration Details to Come... Join our Sisterhood and the North Shore Chapter/ Suffolk Region of Hadassah for our Mahjongg fundraiser to support the community service arms of both organizations. Treat yourself to a wonderful afternoon of Mahjong fun, a catered Kosher Style Chinese luncheon and exciting raffle prizes. Invite your friends! All skill levels welcome and details to come!

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



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**This Seder is a potluck event.** The cost is \$5pp, max \$18 per family. *Children grades 5 and up please.* We ask that each participant please bring a "Passover Style" **non-dairy** and **nut-free** dish to share and a non-perishable food item for Temple Isaiah's food pantry. Ritual foods and a main course of chicken will be served.

**RSVP a Must! by Wednesday April 3rd :** RSVP to **Paula Bennett** [pbennett1000@gmail.com](mailto:pbennett1000@gmail.com)

or RSVP to the Temple office [office@templeisaiahsb.org](mailto:office@templeisaiahsb.org)

Please sign up at [perfectpotluck.com](http://perfectpotluck.com) with the dish you would like to bring.

[TI Miriam Seder](http://TI Miriam Seder) (meal coordinator is Paula Bennett Meal Password is: Miriam or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=LLZD6907>

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ will join Miriam's Seder.

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

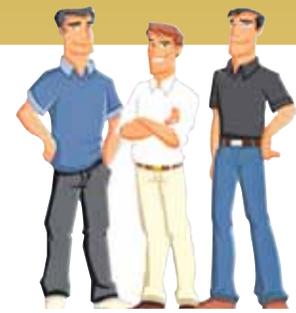
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I am available to help **Yes / No:** [Set up before / help during / clean up after] the Seder (**circle one**)



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Happy Purim!



The Brotherhood is embarking on yet another year of team building and good deeds. We do invite new Temple members to visit with us, 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 on April 14th at 9 AM in our traditional location, the Temple Isaiah Kitchen.

Key dates that are fast upon us:

March 17th is the annual Purim Carnival. We will supply the Hamantaschen, the Bouncy House with a slide and Cotton Candy will be available to purchase.

April 12th is the Brotherhood-led Shabbat service. Parts are going fast so please contact us to participate.

We just purchased a new, self-defrosting freezer for Temple Isaiah and have started investigating what is needed to provide an electric sign out front.

Our raffle tickets are available for \$10 each and multiple prizes will be awarded, including TV's and other electronic products. The proceeds help us to support Temple Isaiah and charitable organizations. The winners will be announced during our annual Las Vegas Night on June 1st. You can request tickets to Las Vegas Night, and the raffle, by inquiring at the office.

We have expanded our \$500 College Scholarship award, chosen by a review of essays received, to include both graduating high school seniors and current college students. Please contact the office for forms.

Joining Brotherhood provides a path by which you can enhance your connection with Temple Isaiah members, 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,

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## SCOUT SHABBAT

Friday Evening, March 15th at 7:30 PM

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Representatives of the Suffolk Jewish Committee on Scouting will discuss their programs and provide patches to all the attendees at our Oneg. Everyone is welcome!



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**Please join us for our annual Purim Carnival!**

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# MEDIA WATCH ISRAEL



1. Report "Terrorists in Suits," published by the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs, describes how terrorist groups collaborate with BDS organizations.  
<http://www.israeltoday.co.il/Default.aspx?tabid=178&nid=35886>  
<https://www.jpost.com/BDS-THREAT/Over-30-Hamas-PFLP-terrorists-hold-posts-in-anti-Israel-BDS-groups-govt-579544>
2. The International Paralympic Committee strips Malaysia of right to host 2019 world para swimming championships after country banned Israeli athletes from participating.  
<https://www.straitstimes.com/world/europe/malaysia-stripped-of-hosting-para-swim-meet-over-israel-ban>
3. Over PLO objections, the five countries making up the Temporary International Presence in Hebron ceded to Israel's demand that they end their 22-year-old observer mission.  
<https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Hebrons-international-observers-accede-to-Israels-demand-to-end-mission-579512>
3. In extraordinary admission of covertly planned attack air raid near Damascus International Airport, the IDF stated "We have started striking Iranian Quds targets in Syrian territory." And "We warn the Syrian Armed Forces against attempting to harm Israeli forces or territory."  
<https://www.njherald.com/article/20190120/AP/301209948#>
4. Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu plans to authorize the withholding of taxes and tariffs collected for the Palestinian Authority considering its continued monthly payments to terrorists and their families.  
<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Netanyahu-to-enact-penalty-for-Palestinian-pay-for-slay-report-579620>



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## CONDOLENCES

- ☆ To Ellen Covino on the death of her Great Uncle Emanuel Epstein
- ☆ Our congregant Pearl "Pam" Trachtenberg
- ☆ To Ori Preis on the death of his father Gideon ben Tzila
- ☆ To Madelon Friedman on the death of her mother Miriam Winarsky
- ☆ Our congregant Hal Kramer
- ☆ Our congregant Woody Goldstein
- ☆ To Cantor Marcey Wagner on the death of her mother Hilda Prager

## 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.



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- Tree of Life Leaf:** \$118
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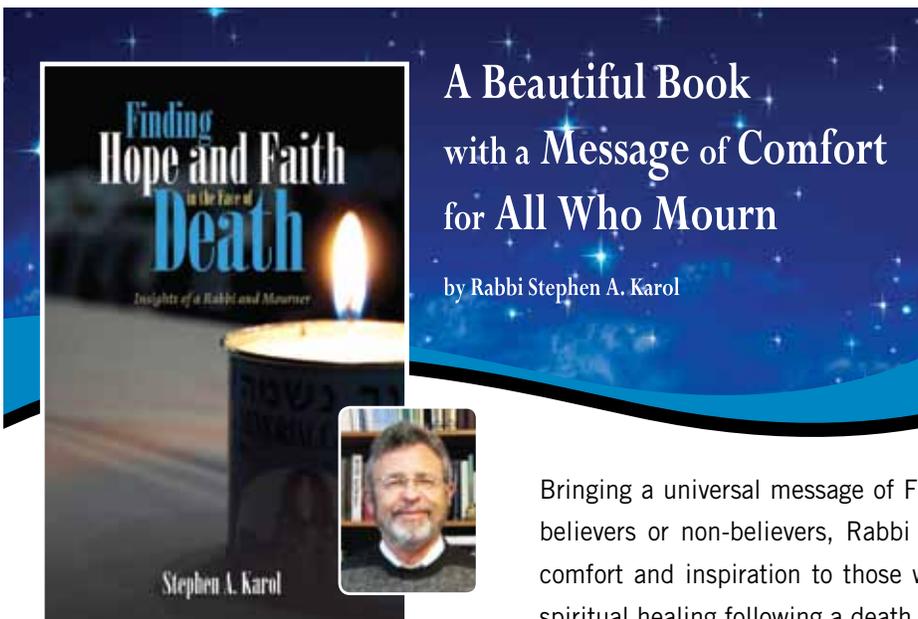
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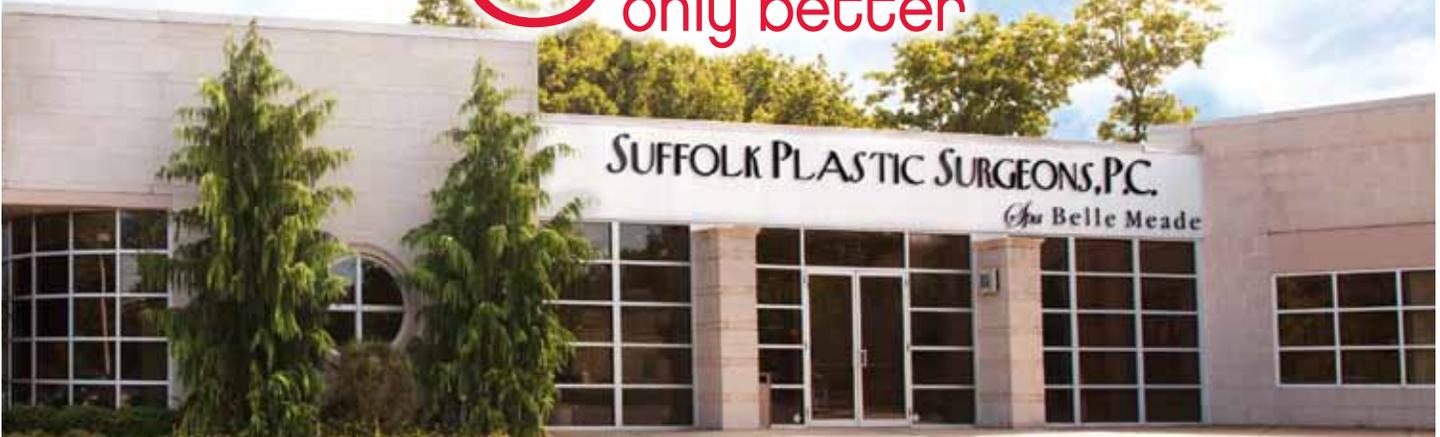
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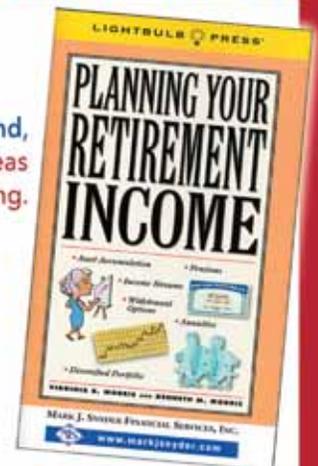
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March 1st

Son of Paul Gold and Alyssa Chesney Gold

### Christopher Townsend

March 30th

Son of Debra Townsend

### Lola Eichner

April 6th

Daughter of Stacie and Joshua Eichner

## Siman Tov & Mazal Tov to All!

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