

TEMPLE ISAIAH

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THE TEMPLE TIMES



Planting for the Future

A story is told in Jewish tradition of a traveler who sees a person planting a tree.

"How long will it take for the tree to grow?", the traveler asks.

"Seventy years", is the reply.

"Then how will you see the results?"

"My ancestors planted trees for me to enjoy, now I am planting, so that those who come after me can also benefit."

As we approach Shavuot, the time traditionally believed to be when Torah was given, we are reminded of our role in looking toward the future. At Passover, we celebrated our freedom from slavery. At Shavuot, a mere seven weeks later, we realize that there is no freedom without responsibility. And so we continue to plant seeds for the future, just as others planted for us.

My friends, this message is crucial for us all today at Temple Isaiah. Over half a century ago, others laid the foundations for this congregation, so that we and others could flourish. Today, it is our sacred duty to continue planting seeds so that future generations can also reap the benefits. If we fail to do so, there will be nothing for our children and grandchildren.

Rabbi Sidlofsky's Reflections

Planting for the future can take many forms. Most of all, we need people to join the congregation, fund its programs and volunteer to help, so that the extensive preparation does not fall on the shoulders of a few people.

Please seriously consider what you can do to help, financially and/or in terms of volunteering. Do not leave it to others, thinking it will get done. Without one or both from each person, we will not be able to continue to serve the community, as we have worked hard to do for many years, with great love and dedication. Please ask how you can help. The time is now!

There are many who have helped tremendously this past year. As we have just completed our school year, I especially want to thank those who helped run our school. Directing the school this year has been one of my greatest pleasures, and I am grateful to have worked with an amazing team:

Our teachers, Steve Weitzman, Kalix Jacobson, Heidi Preis, Dor Reiter, Kate Bennett, Sarah Bloom, Ben Sidlofsky and Carole-Ann Gordon. Our school administrator, Iva Steinweis Our *madrichot* (teaching assistants), Sophie Klein, Phoebe Brenner, Emily Horan, Frankie Covino and Bella Covino. Sophie, Phoebe and Emily are graduating High School. We wish Sophie well in Rochester and Phoebe at Oneonta

and will miss them. We are glad that Emily is staying local at Suffolk County Community College and Stony Brook University, and will continue with us.

We will also miss our Music teacher Ben Sidlofsky, who graduated from the Honors program at Suffolk and will transfer to the Westminster Choir College at Rider University in New Jersey.

I also want to thank our School Committee and Parent's Association, chaired by Alan Rosofsky and Ellen Covino, who were very supportive of our school throughout the year. And thanks to Sarah Pew, Diane Weitzman and Barbara Meyer, who helped tremendously as substitute teachers and running the office in Iva's absence. And, as always, to Penny Gentile and Howie Kanowitz, who continually supported the school, and to Brotherhood for a great end of year BBQ!

I look forward to continuing to work with a great team to plant seeds for the future, allowing future generations at Temple Isaiah to thrive! Please join me!

Wishing you an enjoyable, healthy and reenergizing summer.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky



Temple Isaiah Upcoming Events

PRAYER, STUDY AND COMMUNITY

Temple Isaiah is pleased to offer the following events. Please watch for details and invitation links:

- ✧ Friday, June 3rd at 6:00 PM — Erev Shabbat service
- ✧ Saturday, June 4th at 9:30 AM — Shabbat Torah Study (also June 11th, 18th and 25th)
- ✧ Saturday, June 4th at 6:00 PM — Shavuot supper, study and service
- ✧ Sunday, June 5th at 10:00 AM — Shavuot Yizkor service
- ✧ Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM — Community Building (Membership) Committee meeting
- ✧ Thursday, June 9th at 7:30 PM — Brotherhood Schmooze (Zoom)
- ✧ Friday, June 10th at 7:00 PM — Erev Shabbat service at West Meadow Beach
- ✧ Monday, June 13th at 7:30 PM — Religious School Committee meeting
- ✧ Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 PM — Summer Sizzler w/ Rabbi Karol: Embracing the Supernatural in Judaism
- ✧ Friday, June 17th at 7:30 PM — Erev Shabbat service honoring Claire Baer on her 100th Birthday
- ✧ Monday, June 20th at 1:00 PM — Book Group
- ✧ Monday, June 20th at 7:30 PM — Board meeting (Zoom)
- ✧ Friday, June 24th at 7:30 PM — Erev Shabbat service

ADULT EDUCATION

Announcing a Summer Sizzles Class

Taught by **Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Karol**

from his new book

Embracing the Supernatural in Judaism

Signs From Our Deceased Loved Ones and Stories About The World-to-Come

Wednesdays, 7PM

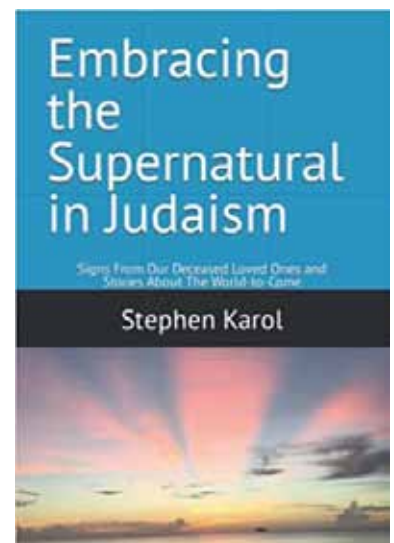
June 15th: What is “Supernatural?” What are “Signs?” What is “The World-to-Come?”

July 20th: Elijah, Kinnehora, Resurrection, Rachel, Mysticism, Hasidism, The Kaddish

August 17th: Sensing the Presence, Animals, Dreams, Photos, Music, Feeling Blessed

You can get a copy of the book as a paperback from Amazon (\$24.99), a Kindle copy from Amazon (\$9.99), or a signed copy from Rabbi Karol (\$25).

RSVP to rabbistephenkarol@gmail.com



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A Message From Our President



HOWARD KANOWITZ

Our recent Temple theme has been, "Time to Reconnect," and I am delighted to report that so many people in our congregation have already done just that!

It was awesome that on Friday, May 13, 2022 we once again had a Confirmation class AND the confirmands were in person on the Bimah! Thank you to the Covino family and Kitt families for sponsoring the oneg to honor the occasion!

In May we celebrated Lag B'Omer, bringing together teachers, students and parents with everyone enjoying a BBQ sponsored and implemented by Brotherhood. Brotherhood's BBQ symbolized the "light of the Torah," and we are very grateful to have held this wonderful event. We were brought together again at Brotherhood's special service on May 20th.

Although the Sisterhood Shabbat was in April, many of us are still thinking about it. The readings and music were beautiful, but I think that all who were present would

agree that Paula Bennett's *d'var torah* was exceptionally thought provoking, with many interpretations from Paula's sources and research. Kudos and thank you, Paula!

As I write this message, we look forward to all the events that will bring us together in June. On June 3rd we will enjoy a lively, joyful Musical Shabbat, and on Friday, June 10th a beautiful shabbat service will be held at West Meadow Beach.

On June 17th we will honor our beloved Claire Baer on the occasion of her 100th birthday! Following the shabbat service we will come together for a very special oneg in Claire's honor. We are hopeful that as you honor Claire with your donations, you will be mindful that this is also a very important over-due fundraiser for Temple Isaiah. We depend on our fundraisers to support every aspect of our Temple.

We are excited to anticipate B'nai Mitzvah services and celebrations in July and August at Temple Isaiah.

We are hopeful that we will then have more students heading for confirmation.

If you have not yet become a Sustaining Member, please add your name to our growing list. Temple Isaiah needs your help and support to maintain our programs. We especially thank our members who no longer have children in our Religious School and whose children may even have children of their own. You are giving your support so that Temple Isaiah will be here for future generations.

I think I can safely say that we have "reconnected," and it is my greatest hope that we stay that way!

Shavuot is right around the corner, and I wish everyone a very happy holiday. *Chag Sameach!*

Howie Kanowitz, President



SIMCHAS & TZURES



Whether you have happy news (*simchas*) or sad news (*tzures*), we hope you will share it with us. Please let us know about births, engagements, weddings, and other happy occasions, as well as hospitalizations, sicknesses, or deaths. 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.

Sustaining Members & Friends of Temple Isaiah 2022

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 2022.

It is here where you celebrate life-cycle events, and it is here where you will find consolation and

encouragement when you need it. It is only with your financial support that Temple Isaiah will be able to continue to provide education, worship services, and compassionate support for people who are experiencing loss, crisis, or illness. Won't you please 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!

Jamie & Dr. Hilton Adler
Ms. Judith Albano
Mrs. Claire Baer
Paula & Craig Balaban
Paula & Steve Bennett
Cindy & Allan Braun
Brooke & David Chesler
Morisa & Gene Coman
Eileen & Joseph Donnelly
Mrs. Doris Dvorken
Mrs. Pamela Feldman
Barbara & Jerry Fine
Eileen & Adam Fisher
Essie & Mark Freilach
Rose French
Suzanne Gabrielsen

Anita & Stewart Gaffan
Suzan & Alfred Goldhaber
Carole-An Gordon
Lina & Robert Gottesman
Barbara & Gary Kamen
Howie Kanowitz
Randee Kanter & Pat Urquhart
Donna & Stephen Karol
Bonnie & Steve Katz
Honey & Arnold Katz
Joan & Jason Kitt
Dreannia & Micheal LeVine
Cynthia & David Lippe
Barbara Meyer
Pat & Jeff Muhlrad
Jamie & Michael Nemirov

Donna & Lloyd Newman
Theo Pavlides
Sarah & Ethan Pew
Alisa & Bill Rosati
Amy & Mort Rosen
Myra & Alan Rosofsky
Linda & Brad Rothbaum
Iris & David Schiff
Margaret & Jay Schoenfeld
Wendy & Paul Sidlofsky
Phyllis Sterne
Marge & Paul Weiser
Diane & Steve Weitzman
Maddie & Harvey Witman



CONDOLENCES – ZICHRONA LIVRACHA

☆ To the family of Annette Kassoover, mother of Karen Rose

☆ To the family of Eileen Donnelly, wife of Joe Donnelly




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Shavuot Celebration

Supper, Study & Service

EREV SHAVUOT – Saturday, June 4th, 2022
“Supper, Study & Service”

6 PM DINNER

Join us for a traditional Erev Shavuot dinner
(non-dairy options available for those who need it).

\$10/person

RSVP required by Thursday, May 26th to Penny: administrator@templeisaiah.org

6:45 PM STUDY

We will study together on a topic related to Shavuot (details to follow).

7:30 PM SERVICE

Join Rabbi Paul and Cantorial Student Kalix for a brief service featuring the music and liturgy for Erev Shavuot.

I/We would like to attend the Shavuot “Supper, Study & Service”

Name (s) _____ cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending @ \$10/person: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

SHAVUOT MORNING Festival w/Yizkor
Sunday, June 5th, 10:00 AM

Shavuot Morning Festival Service with Yizkor (we read aloud the names of all those who died from last year at Shavuot to this year).



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SOCIAL ACTION ACTIONS

June is Pride Month, in which we commemorate the ongoing pursuit of equal justice for the LGBTQI+ community. Temple Isaiah is once again working with our Interfaith Clergy Community and will help to sponsor or take part in a series of events. We will also have PRIDE lawn signs available at our Temple for those who would like to stop by to pick one up for display. On June 12th the Long Island Pride Parade will be held in the Village of Farmingdale, and a local parade is also in the works. We will be sending out dates and times.

Your Social Action Committee is preparing for MITZVOTE! We know

that an important way to help create a better world and to pursue justice is to vote for leaders who will best serve our values. We will not advocate for specific candidates, but we want to be sure that every person who is eligible to vote will have the opportunity to do so. Our fall MITZVOTE will take action to help insure the voting rights of our community. Please let us know if you would like to help with this initiative.

Mark your calendars for Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 6th! Your Social Action Committee is already starting to plan for an exciting series of events and projects, and we look forward to and

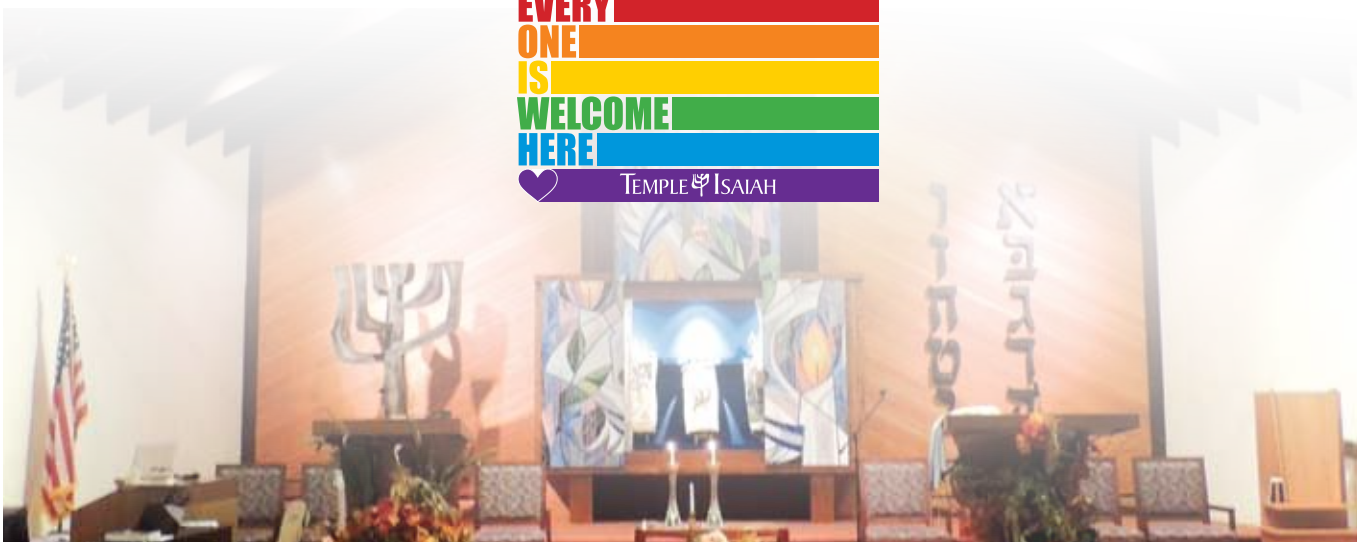
welcome your ideas. Josh Maresca, a student in our Religious School, is spearheading a blood drive on Mitzvah Day as his Mitzvah project. However, he needs a minimum number of people to commit to giving blood for that to take place. Please call or email if you are willing and available to give blood on that day.

We are excited to be reconnecting and working for social justice on behalf of Temple Isaiah! Please join us!

Iris Schiff, Chairperson

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SCHMOOZING WITH SISTERHOOD

Dear All,

We cannot believe that June is here already!

Our end of year dinner and book celebration will be held on Wednesday June 15th at 6 PM. You must RSVP for this event so we know well in advance how much food we will need to order. Our chosen book is *Dancing in the Mosque: An Afghan Mother's Letter to Her Son* by Homeira Qaderi. Book Blurb: An exquisite and inspiring memoir about one mother's unimaginable choice in the face of oppression and abuse in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.

Kudos: "People Book of the Week & a Kirkus Best Nonfiction of the Year 2020".

Sadly, the CDC and NYS has just changed the Suffolk County covid incidence level to high. Dinner will be catered by La Grova Ristorante in Lake Grove. We will take a poll about whether to host our dinner at La Grova or plan for outdoor dining at another location. Please RSVP early so we can plan accordingly.

Enjoy this delicious dinner (dairy, fish, and vegetarian choices) and lively book discussion with your Sisterhood friends. We always have a

good time with great friends. All are welcome! (Dinner is complimentary for 5782 (2022) paid Sisterhood members, \$30pp for non-SH members and guests).

As a side note, we will also be planning a pot-luck beach evening, at West Meadow for some time in later July or early August. Stay-tuned.

With Very Best Wishes,

Paula Bennett
TI Sisterhood President
pbennett1000@gmail.com

BREAKING NEWS FROM BROTHERHOOD

Temple Isaiah's Brotherhood wishes everyone continued good health and hopes we are all keeping safe.

Our Brotherhood Schmooze takes place on the 2nd Thursday of every month, as Steve Weitzman leads us through compelling discussions on topics of concern to all of us. The next schmooze is scheduled for June 9th on Zoom. All are welcome.

On May 15th Brotherhood took part in the Lag B'Omer festivities at the Temple with an end of the school year BBQ. It was awesome to see so many people back at the Temple. The weather was great and

I don't think anyone left hungry. We also announced the winner of the Brotherhood Scholarship that day. After receiving several outstanding essays from the many worthy candidates, we were happy to congratulate Sophie Klein as the winner of this year's college scholarship. We wish her the best in her future college studies and thank her for her many contributions to Temple Isaiah. A Brotherhood led Shabbat Service took place on May 20th. After having the past two Brotherhood Shabbats on Zoom it was great to have this annual service in person at the Temple for the first time in three

years.

The next Brotherhood meeting will be Sunday Morning June 12th at 9:30AM in the Temple Kitchen. Bagels will be served and new members are always welcome. We look forward to announcing future events once plans are finalized.

Jason Kitt - Brotherhood President
Contact: jkitt29@aol.com
Mobile: 631-512-9217



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Claire Baer has been a beloved member of Temple Isaiah for fifty years. She has served on the Temple Board and as our representative to the Three Village Inter-faith Committee. Always active in Temple affairs, she has been a generous donor and supporter of numerous causes.

A founding member of the local chapter of Hadassah, Claire has served the organization in many capacities, including President of its Suffolk Region. Claire has described herself as a "professional volunteer." We describe her as a lovely woman and an inspiration to us all.

Be part of the Excitement as we Celebrate CLAIRE BAER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Friday, June 17th at Temple Isaiah's 7:30 PM Service
Festive Oneg to follow

Please join us in honoring Claire as she reaches this amazing milestone!
Share your special memories, photos, and good wishes for Claire – we will be collecting these tributes in a beautiful memory book to be presented to her during the festivities.
Send your tribute to [Donna Newman@dswn@optonline.net](mailto:Donna.Newman@dswn@optonline.net) by May 31st.

Donor Category	Amount	Donor Category	Amount
Diamond Jubilee	\$1,800	Emerald Eminence	\$ 360
Golden Legacy	\$1,018	Sapphire Centennial	\$ 100
Ruby Renaissance	\$ 750	Amethyst Anniversary	\$ 36

Name _____ Phone _____

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Please send donation to Temple Isaiah, 1404 Stony Brook Rd., Stony Brook, NY 11790
or email administrator@templeisaiahsb.org / 631-751-8518

Honoring Claire Baer on Her 100th Birthday

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Claire Baer was born to Ida and Jack Greenland in the Bronx on June 18, 1922. She grew up with her two older brothers not far from Yankee Stadium. In 1941 her family moved to Forest Hills, where she met her future husband, Paul Baer. After her mother had a dental visit with the young, handsome Dr. Baer, she insisted that her daughter needed to see him too! The two started dating and were part of a young professionals group at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. On Claire's birthday in 1950, the two were married and remained a happy and loving couple until Paul died shortly after their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Claire and Paul had one daughter, Ivy, who married her husband, Marc, at Temple Isaiah, with Rabbi Adam Fisher officiating.

Paul and Claire eventually left their native New York, living for a year in Tokyo while Paul was stationed at the Army Hospital during the Korean war. After several moves, including a year spent in California, they finally settled in Bethesda, Maryland, where Paul worked at the National Institutes of Health. In 1972 Paul accepted a position as the founding Chair of the Department of Periodontics at the Stony Brook

Dental School, and the two New Yorkers were finally back in their home state.

Once settled on Long Island, one of the first things that Claire and Paul did was to join Temple Isaiah, where they remain members today. Temple Isaiah was small and inviting and they liked the people they met. Even now, as Claire approaches her 100th birthday, she enjoys attending Shabbat services whenever she can.

Claire has never been one to be quiet. She soon became known to the congregation, and to Rabbi Adam Fisher. He asked Claire to represent the congregation on the Three Village Interfaith Committee. Claire served on the Temple Board as Treasurer and as a Trustee. Those who worked alongside her encountered a woman with great intelligence, ideas, energy and motivation.

Claire has always thought it was important to help Jewish youth connect to their religion and has been a proud supporter of the Joseph Karol Youth Scholarship Fund. She has given generously to many Temple Isaiah causes, and was especially excited to support the restoration of the Torah that was

saved during the Holocaust. Her daughter, son-in-law, granddaughters Leslie and Sara, and grandson-in-law joined her and the rest of the congregation when the Torah was dedicated.

Claire has visited Israel numerous times. One of her favorite trips was taken with Temple Isaiah when she was accompanied by her then teenage granddaughter, Leslie.

Looking for more avenues to aid the Jewish people and Jewish life, Claire decided to use her energy to support Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and devoted her attention to Israel and the organization's research hospitals there. Claire is a founding member of the Sea-Port Chapter of Hadassah, served as President of its Suffolk Region, and was elected to the National Board. She has held numerous portfolios at Hadassah's National Office in Manhattan and used to describe herself as a "professional volunteer."

Claire's family, including her great grandson, Paul, will be joining her at Temple Isaiah as she celebrates her 100th birthday!



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COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE (MEMBERSHIP)

CBC held its monthly meeting on May 11th and devoted it entirely to Temple Isaiah's membership situation. The focus of the meeting was on two of the three aspects of membership that are listed as CBC's responsibility in our bylaws.

We addressed the need for action to create a Membership Recruitment Campaign to attract and engage new members. CBC cannot do this important work alone. What is needed to get the job done is the participation and support of all our Temple components: Clergy, Board of Trustees, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, active committees, as well as volunteers. We also addressed the creation of programs/activities for current members that hopefully will work towards Membership

Retention. To that end, a program has been planned for the September 9th Shabbat service and oneg. Temple Isaiah will be celebrating and honoring our long standing members, starting from 1967, for their commitment to Temple Isaiah and Judaism.

☆ Summer is almost here but we are already looking forward to September! Mark your calendars for Friday, September 9th when we will honor and celebrate Temple Isaiah's long standing members for their support of both Temple Isaiah and Judaism at a very special Shabbat service!

☆ Summer is the perfect time for reading and the perfect place for getting together to discuss a book

is Temple Isaiah's Adam D. Fisher Library. June's book selection, listed by Hadassah as a Best Book of 2020, is *Lady In The Lake* by Laura Lippmann. All readers are most welcome!

☆ A shout out to all youth and young adults. Are you looking for an internship? Are you looking for a community service opportunity? Are you interested in a career in a nonprofit organization? Then, Temple Isaiah has answers for you for the summer and beyond! For further information please contact the Temple office at 631-751-8518.

Carole-Ann Gordon
yescag18@gmail.com or
631-928-8296



TI BOOK GROUP – READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Temple Isaiah Book Group will meet on Monday, June 20th at 1:00 PM.

Our Book Discussion selection for June is *Lady In The Lake* by Laura Lippmann

"A novel inspired by the unsolved murder of a black barmaid and secretary in 1969 Baltimore. The crime novel recounts the experiences of two women in the city, both hoping to find their way in a patriarchal society. There are stark differences between the two, however, one is white and Jewish; the other is black-and dead."

Hadassah Magazine listing in *Best Books of 2020*



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Port Jefferson Independence Day Parade

Monday, July 4th



Temple Isaiah is once again marching in the Port Jefferson Independence Day parade on the morning of July 4th. Assembly information will be provided once it is available. Masks will be required per the Port Jeff. Fire Department.

Please contact Jay Schoenfeld (tekuates@yahoo.com) if you would like to march with us.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

We are looking for talented musical congregants, all levels and all ages (youth and up) who play any of the following instruments:

✧ Clarinet ✧ Flute ✧ Violin ✧ Guitar ✧ Piano

Our band will play for Musical Shabbat services on Friday once a month at 6PM. Our hope is to be able to cultivate a wonderful group to play for several special Musical Shabbat services during the year.

Please contact Penny at the Temple office to express interest (administrator@templeisaiahsb.org or 631-751-8518). We will then contact you about auditions.

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Student Cantor Intern—Kalix Jacobson
Temple President—Howard Kanowitz
Administrator—Penny Gentile
Sisterhood President—Paula Bennett

Brotherhood President—Jason Kitt
Parents' Association Chair—Ellen Covino
Rabbi Emeritus—Stephen A. Karol
Rabbi Emeritus—Adam D. Fisher
Cantor Emeritus—Michael F. Trachtenberg

Beautification Fund

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

Our wall sculpture provides the opportunity to commemorate your support for Temple Isaiah. Plaques of different sizes are available in the following categories:

Contributor \$250 per year for 3 years
Sponsor \$500 per year for 3 years
Patron \$1000 per year for 3 years
Benefactor \$2500 per year for 3 years

To make a contribution, or if you have any questions, please call the office at 751-8518.

Sunshine Funds

It's always the "right time" to make a contribution to your Temple, whether in honor of a living person or recent event, or in memory of someone special. Your donation can be added to your monthly invoice for easy book-keeping.

Minimum contribution is \$10

Prayer Book:	\$45
Chumash:	\$60
Tree of Life Leaf:	\$118
Pew Plaque:	\$250
Memorial Board Plaque:	\$360

Please call the office for more information regarding the above contributions.

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