

# TEMPLE ISAIAH

of Stony Brook, New York

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## THE TEMPLE TIMES



### Celebrating the New Year of the Trees

A story is told In Jewish tradition of a traveler who sees an older person planting a tree.

"How long will it take for that tree to grow and bear fruit?" asks the traveler.

"Seventy years" is the reply.

"But surely you will not be alive to see that happen. Why, then are you doing this?"

"My ancestors planted trees so that I may enjoy their fruit. Now I do the same for those who come after me."

### Rabbi Sidlofsky's Reflections

With Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for trees approaching, we think not only of the importance of trees and the environment in our lives, but also of those who came before us, who helped build the world we now enjoy; and our role in providing for those who will come after us.

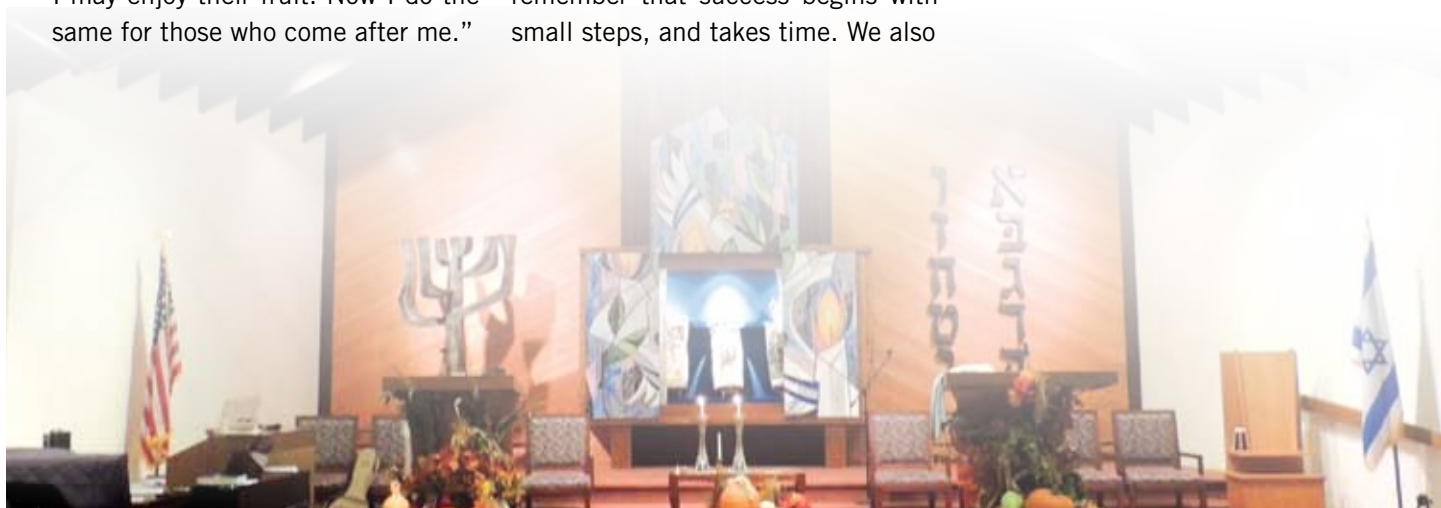
So often we blame others for the state of our world and forget to see all the positive elements in our lives. We also may spend more time concerned with what others have failed to do, and not enough reflecting on our role and responsibility, as well as the actions we need to take to preserve and improve our world for the future.

As in the story of planting a tree, we remember that success begins with small steps, and takes time. We also

remember that, without our help in taking these steps, such success in the future will not happen. We therefore must continue to plant seeds through involvement in the life of our congregation.

With these important thoughts in mind, we will gather together on Sunday, February 5th at 4:00 to celebrate at our Tu B'Shevat seder. We will enjoy a beautiful and meaningful ceremony using Rabbi Fisher's Haggadah; as well as delicious food and good company. Please join us and bring your own dinner. Dessert will be provided. I look forward to seeing you there!

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:

### ☆ Erev Shabbat Services:

Friday, January 6th at 6:00 PM

Friday, January 13th at 7:30 PM

Friday, January 20th Tot Shabbat at 5:30 PM, Special MLK Jr. Service at 7:30 PM

Friday, January 27th Special Service Honoring Scouts at 7:30 PM

### ☆ Shabbat Torah Study with Rabbi Sidlofsky:

Saturdays, January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 9:30 AM

### ☆ Tanakh Study with Rabbi Karol:

Sundays, January 8th, 15th, and 29th at 10:30 AM

### ☆ Committee, Club, and Board Meetings:

Ritual Committee: Monday, January 2nd at 7:30 PM

Sisterhood Zoom: Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 PM

Parents Association: Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 AM

Sisterhood Brunch/Book Signing with Cynthia Braun: Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 AM

Membership CBC Committee: Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM

Brotherhood Schmooze on Zoom: Thursday, January 12th at 7:30 PM

Brotherhood Brunch: Sunday, January 22nd at 9:00 AM

Board of Trustees: Monday, January 23rd at 7:30 PM

Book Group: Tuesday, January 24th at 1:00 PM

Sisterhood (Pizza): Tuesday, January 24th at 4:30 PM

### ☆ Special Events:

Service dedicated to the memory and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King: Friday, January 20th at 7:30 PM

Cantor Kalix Jacobson's Recital: Wednesday, January 25th at 10:30 AM at Hebrew Union College, NYC

Parents Association Bingo Night: Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 PM



## 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.

# A Message From Our President



HOWARD KANOWITZ

One year ago, in my first *Temple Times* message, I wrote: "Temple Isaiah's special holiday events, along with the good works of all our committees, including Brotherhood and Sisterhood, make me feel happy and proud." At this time, one year later, I am delighted and grateful to report that we have continued to move forward and have achieved so much!

I take great pride, and I'm sure you do too, in the good works of our Temple. Our Social Action Committee inspires acts of *Tikkun Olam* throughout the year. The Community Building Committee has spearheaded special Shabbat services and beautiful onegs

to honor our long-standing members. Sisterhood and Brotherhood have worked tirelessly to sponsor events that were both fun and also served to raise funds for our Temple. We all know that the future of our Temple rests with its children, and to that end our Harvey Witman Religious School can boast that its teachers are dedicated to inspiring and teaching their students with both kindness and great skill.

As you know, it is most unfortunate that we will be saying farewell to Rabbi Paul in June, due to a substantial decrease in membership. Since my last message, more congregants

have contributed to our Sustaining Membership Fund. I am hopeful that if you have not yet contributed, you will help to sustain our beautiful Temple Isaiah by contributing in the very near future.

My relationship with so many of you throughout this past year has been a wonderful source of pleasure to me. I look forward to meeting even more of you in the coming weeks and months. I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2023!

L'Shalom,  
Howie Kanowitz, President



## RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE

A Rabbi Search Committee has been established to begin the process of finding a rabbi for our congregation. The members of the committee are: Marge Weiser, Donna Newman, Kate Bennett, Ellen Covino, Gary Kamen, Sam Kornhauser, Barbara Meyer, Iris Schiff and Howard Kanowitz (ex-officio, Temple President).

We are currently researching possible organizations that ordain and place rabbis and cantors. As the process goes forward we will keep congregants informed of our progress. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Marge Weiser and Donna Newman

Co-Chairs of the Rabbi Search Committee,

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[dswn@optonline.net](mailto:dswn@optonline.net)



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# Sustaining Members & Friends of Temple Isaiah 2023

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.

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

Judith Albano

Paula & Craig Balaban

Paula & Steve Bennett

Shari & Alan Countess

Pamela Feldman

Eileen & Adam Fisher

Rose French

Suzanne Gabrielsen

Anita & Stewart Gaffan

Carole-Ann Gordon

Nancy Goroff

Harold Guberman

Barbara & Gary Kamen

Howard Kanowitz

Bonnie Katz

Honey & Arnold Katz

Carl Kravitz

Bernice Kornfield-Premisler

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# Temple Isaiah Committees & Clubs

## SCHMOOZING WITH SISTERHOOD

Happy 2023! This winter season is going to be a busy one for Temple Isaiah's Sisterhood.

We sincerely thank Cynthia Braun for celebrating her new book *Organize for Cancer* with a wonderful book-signing event on Sunday morning, January 8th. Cynthia gave a moving and inspirational presentation of her experiences during treatment and recovery. The book is a must read for friends and families who want to help their loved ones during this difficult time. Thank you, Cindy, for sharing your courageous experience and new book with us. It was a very enjoyable and inspirational morning. All of us encourage you to think about writing another book!

Sisterhood is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring some of the Friday night Onegs this year. Our first Sisterhood sponsored Oneg will be on Friday, January 27th, which coincides with Scout Shabbat. Please come, honor our scouts and enjoy a themed festive Oneg after the service.

### **Sisterhood Winter 2023 Schedule:**

Our next Sisterhood Meeting is on Tuesday, January 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 in the TI kitchen.

Meeting Agenda:

- Discuss Sisterhood Shabbat service parts and readings
- Purim Carnival Plans
- General Sisterhood business and call for volunteer point people
- Organize the Sisterhood kitchen cabinets

### **Our next Zoom Schmoozes:**

Tuesday, February 7th at 7 PM

Tuesday, March 14th at 7 PM

### **Save the Dates!**

#### **L'Dor V'Dor Hamentaschen Bake:**

Sunday, Feb. 26th 9:30-11:30 AM

Come bake with us! Open to all Temple members. Prepared dough and traditional fillings will be available for your baking pleasure. \$10 materials fee and RSVP required.

#### **Family Activity at the Purim Carnival:**

Sunday, March 5th at 9:00 AM. TBD

### **Jewish Culinary Ed.**

#### **Learn to Bake Challah with Andrea Barbakoff:**

Join Andrea Barbakoff, challah baker par excellence, for the history of challah and bake your own masterpiece! Space is limited to 12, materials fee \$10-12 (TBD) and RSVP required.

#### **Sisterhood Led Shabbat Service:**

Friday, March 24th at 7:30 PM.

Please attend this beautiful Friday night service led by our clergy and Sisterhood members. A Sisterhood sponsored Oneg will follow.

Looking forward to seeing you and a great 2023!

Very Sincerely Yours,  
Paula Bennett  
Pbennett1000@gmail.com  
and  
Carole-Ann Gordon  
yescag18@gmail.com

Temple Isaiah Sisterhood  
Co-Presidents



## TI BOOK GROUP – READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Temple Isaiah Book Group will meet on Tuesday, January 24th at 1:00 PM in the TI library. We will be discussing this month's book, *The Thread Collectors*, by Shaunna J. Edwards. New members welcome! RSVP to Carole-Ann Gordon at yescag18@gmail.com.

# Temple Isaiah Committees & Clubs

## SOCIAL ACTION ACTIONS

The TI Social Action Committee plans to perform many more acts of *tikkun olam*! As always, we welcome everyone's participation. And you don't have to be a member of the committee.

We will be hosting a beautiful Erev Shabbat service dedicated to the memory and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King on January 20th at 7:30 PM. Please be sure to join us for this special service.

Sisterhood and our Religious School collected winter apparel for people in need in December, but more is needed now. Therefore, we will be asking you to

drop off warm winter clothing in February, as well.

In March we celebrate Purim, and in addition to making and receiving *mishloach manot* goody bags, Purim gives us the opportunity to perform the mitzvah of *matanot l'evyonim*, making the holiday happier for people who may be shut-in, ill, or just in need of knowing that Temple Isaiah cares about them. This year Purim falls on March 6th - 7th. Our volunteers will deliver festive Purim boxes containing soup, hamentaschen, chocolates, and more!

During times of revelry and fun we try to remember the lives of those who may need help. Once again, the cost of admission to the Purim celebration will be a can of soup because "One CAN make a difference!"

Spring will bring more opportunities for acts of *tikkun olam*. If you have an idea for your Social Action Committee, please don't hesitate to let us know. In the meantime, have a cozy, warm and healthy winter season!

Iris Schiff  
Social Action Chairperson



## CARING COMMITTEE

### *It was then that I carried you...*

Our TI Caring Committee is now up and running! Our mission is to help



celebrate your simchas, and provide support during difficult life events. We can connect with you through

phone calls and mailed cards, and can also provide referrals to outside resources when they're needed.

We can only do this work if we hear from the congregation. If you have good news to share (a birth, wedding, etc.), please let us know. If you or a family member are facing a serious illness or challenge, or you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please tell us. If you are feeling isolated and would just like an occasional phone call, we'll be there if you reach out. All you need to do

is email us at [ticaringcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ticaringcommittee@gmail.com), call Sue Rosenzweig at 516-429-0620, or call the temple office at 631-751-8518. Our committee will always respect your privacy.

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to us. We'd love to have you join us!

Lastly, our thanks to congregant Essie Freilach for painting our beautiful, hopeful sunflower logo! Be well!

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of Stony Brook, New York

Please Join Us at a Special Service

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY AND VISION OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Friday, January 20th at 7:30 PM

*“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”*

*“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”*



*Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel Marching With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery*

All are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for refreshments following the service.

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Temple Isaiah  
Of Stony Brook

Presents:



Friday, January 20, 2023

5:30 PM

Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Paul and  
Cantorial Student Kalix !

Music, Story, Shabbat Fun  
for Children Ages 0-6 and their families!

Fun craft!

Everyone Welcome!

Save the dates

February 10th

March 17th

April 21st

May 19th

Temple Isaiah, 1404 Stony Brook Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790

For questions, please call: (631) 751-8518



**SAVE THE DATE**



*January 25, 2023*  
*Cantor Kalix Jacobson's Recital*  
*10:30 a.m. at HUC NY*



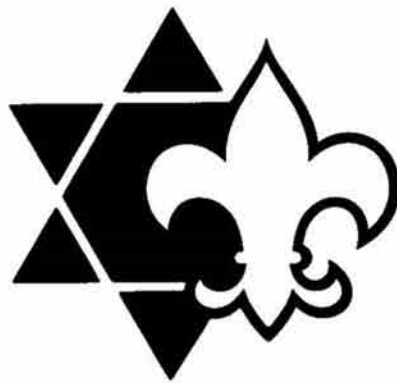
*Livestream info will follow!*

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## **Scout Shabbat**

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**Recognizing Scouts and Adult Scout Leaders**



Representatives of the Suffolk Jewish Committee on Scouting will be available following services to discuss their programs and hand out patches to all attendees.

Scout uniforms are encouraged.

Everyone is Welcome!

1404 Stony Brook Rd Stony Brook, NY 11790 631-751-8518



Saturday, January 28th 6:00pm

Temple Isaiah of Stony Brook

\$1 per card \$5 for 6 cards

Payable at the door cash or check

Pizza and soft drinks provided

Bring a dessert to share

"All are welcome"

"Bring your family and friends!"

Please RSVP to [administrator@templeisaiahsb.org](mailto:administrator@templeisaiahsb.org)

Brought to you by the Parents' Association



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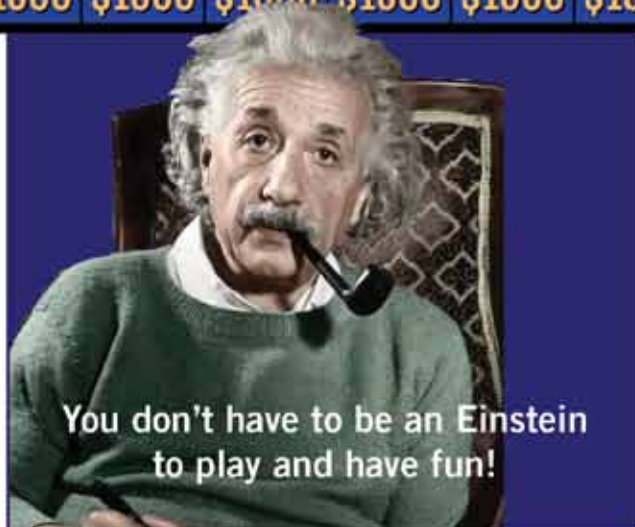
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It's All for Fun!  
Come Play



Everyone is Welcome!  
Bring Your Friends

Hysterical History	Strange Science	Crazy Comedians	Alias Shmalias	Amazing Athletes	Musical Mavens
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000



You don't have to be an Einstein  
to play and have fun!

*Welcome Back!*

It's Time to Have Some Fun Again  
with Your Family and Friends  
at Temple Isaiah

*Saturday, February 4th*

at 7PM in the Temple Social Hall  
Hosted by TI Brotherhood

**Bring Your Own Team!**

Fill a Table with Your Friends to Compete  
Against Other Teams

**or Come & Join a Team!**

Singles & Couples Welcome

**BYOB!**

and a Designated Driver

**Snacks & Refreshments Provided**

**\$10 per person**

Charge to your account or pay at the door.

All proceeds of this event will support  
Brotherhood's work on behalf of our Temple!

Please RSVP to Penny in the Temple office  
by Wednesday, February 1st  
and state the number of people attending.

**631-751-8518**

**administrator@templeisaiahsb.org**



# Tu B'Shevat Seder

Please join Temple Isaiah

at our

Tu B'Shevat Seder

led by

Rabbi Paul

Sunday, February 5th

at 4 pm

This beautiful Seder involves tasting many kinds of fruits, wines (juice for children) along with readings, songs and poetry using Rabbi Fisher's "The Festival of Trees". We will celebrate the bounty that will come with spring.

4 pm Seder

4:45 Bring your own Supper

5:15-5:45 Conclusion of Seder & Desserts

Please bring your own Kosher-style supper  
(no shellfish, pork products, or dairy-meat combinations)

Dessert, coffee, wine, fruit,  
and challah will be provided.

Please RSVP to:

[administrator@templeisaiah.org](mailto:administrator@templeisaiah.org)

Reservations must be received by Thurs. Feb. 2nd



# WINTER COAT DRIVE

## TEMPLE ISAIAH

January & February  
Final Drop off  
Sunday, February 12th!



Warm a Heart with a  
Winter Coat



Give your gently used coats and other winter wear  
(scarves, mittens, gloves) some new life by donating them to  
kids and families in need.  
All coats and other outerwear will be donated to Suffolk Y JCC

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
Social Action Committee

# BASKET RAFFLE

Please help us fundraise for  
Temple Isaiah's Religious School.

We will be raffling off baskets during our Purim Carnival  
on March 5<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go directly to our  
religious school and our children.

Do you own a business? Willing to donate? We are in  
need of a variety of baskets (wines, gourmet snacks,  
spa, restaurant gift certificates, lessons, movie nights,  
Legos, Urban Air, Splish Splash, etc.).

Anyone willing to donate a basket to raffle off, please  
contact Kim Iannaco at  
631-255-4298.

Basket should be valued between \$40-\$50

As always, we thank you for all your support of our  
children, our religious school, and our temple.



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of Stony Brook

We Wish to Thank Our

## Comedy Night Sponsors

Please Patronize These Local Businesses Whose Support We Greatly Appreciate!

### Angie's Creations

Holiday and Home Décor, Gifts for all Occasions  
[angiescreationsli.com](http://angiescreationsli.com)

### Benchwarmers

Tavern & Grill  
23 Rte. 25A, Mt. Sinai

### Brookhaven Opticians

W.L. Wiggs Opticians, Inc.  
Port Jefferson Station & Stony Brook

### Decal Designs Mobile

Custom Signs & Apparel  
[signslongisland.com](http://signslongisland.com)

### Edward Jones

Michael Sceiford, Financial Advisor  
[michaelsceiford@edwardjones.com](mailto:michaelsceiford@edwardjones.com)

### Iris and David Schiff

### Joey Z Pita

Mediterranean Fusion Restaurant  
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### Lawn Master Inc.

Lawn Renovation Specialists  
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### Long Island Bagel Café

A Tradition of Old Fashioned Recipes  
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Security Systems & Alarms - Residential/Commercial  
856 Johnson Ave., Ronkonkoma

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Making Mortgages Matter, Lance Kirshner  
[lkirshner@reliancefirstcapital.com](mailto:lkirshner@reliancefirstcapital.com)

### R. Lenny

Plumbing, Heating & Contracting  
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[www.soulbrew.coffee](http://www.soulbrew.coffee)

### State Farm Insurance

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Great Seats. Amazing Prices. No Hassle.  
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[david.spagnoli@trinity-solar.com](mailto:david.spagnoli@trinity-solar.com)



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Rabbi—Paul Sidlofsky  
Student Cantor Intern—Kalix Jacobson  
Temple President—Howard Kanowitz  
Administrator—Penny Gentile  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents—Paula Bennett  
and Carole-Ann Gordon

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

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

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

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