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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

L'DOR VADOR

"FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION"

A message from the President
Honey Kessler Amado



My late husband, Ralph Amado (z"l), came from a beautiful, large Sephardic family. His father's family, the Amados, were from Turkey, and his mother's, the Labés, from Tangiers. I always loved their melodic names. Rafi's family came to the United States in the early 1900's for opportunity and economic security. My family, the Kesslers and Fendells, also came in the early 1900's, from Lithuania, Russia, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. I am from Litvaks and Galitzianers. My grandparents came to the United States to escape anti-Semitism. Here, both of our families flourished. Both became deeply rooted in America, embracing American history, holidays, and ideals, while holding close Jewish traditions and values.

For years, Rafi sat at his grandfather's and then at his uncle's seder table, rich with Sephardic foods and Ladino translations of the Bread of Affliction (*Ha'Lachma Anya*), the Four Questions, the Ten Plagues, *Dayeinu*, and "Who Knows One?" I sat at my father's seder, rich with our Ashkenazic foods and traditions, each year as a child watching the wine cup carefully for signs that Elijah, the Prophet, had entered our house and was drinking from his cup. After we married, first night was at my Father's seder, where some years later I would ask my Father to tell my children to watch the wine cup carefully to see Elijah drink, as he had told me. Second seder was with Rafi's family, at our Uncle Salvo's home (where Uncle Salvo and I spoke less of Elijah than of politics, he and I being the only Democrats at the table.) After fifteen or so years, the second seder moved to our home, where it remains, and since Rafi's death, I lead. Our seder is a blend of Sephardic and Ashkenazic traditions, foods, and readings. We still read the same parts as did Rafi's grandfathers and uncles in Ladino. My oldest, Jessica Reina, who identifies most closely with the Sephardic tradition, reads the Ladino parts. And our seder, like others' seders, reflects us even as it continues the traditions of our father's and uncle's tables. We added a *Kos Miriam* to honor the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other women who had guided and molded us. And we invited (as I still do) questions and discussion and extra readings though they interrupt the flow of the *haggadah* and inevitably delay dinner.

So, from the different tables, we two children of East and West, of Sephardic and Ashkenazic worlds, created our own table. We wove together ancient, shared traditions, begun in the desert, formalized in Talmudic times, modified in the Diaspora, and carried by our families to this *goldene medinah*, America.

A few years ago, my son, Micah, told me that he loves that we make the holidays in our home, and I responded that this is his birthright, that he too could make the holidays in his home. And my youngest, Gabrielle, speaks of a future with first seder in her home and second seder in mine; one night of Sukkot in her *sukkah*, one night in mine.

I think to myself in these conversations that I am, as Rafi had been with me, but one link in a long chain back to a conversation between Abraham and God, each of whom had been searching for the other and who had entered into a covenant with the other. We, the children of Abraham, including those of us who ventured into the wilderness with Moses and those who, like my daughter-in-law Amy, have chosen to join us, are still in that covenant. Rabbi David Hartman (z"l) taught that Judaism imposes a vital task on parents: to tell our children our People's story. We parents, he said, have no right to enter into our children's future, but we must aim at instilling memories that will haunt them for an entire lifetime - memories that will inform them, shape them, and guide them forever. Their inheritance, he said, is a weight of generations: "an awareness that one's biography began with Abraham and Sarah."

L'dor Vador, "from generation to generation," speaks not only of the generation in which we stand, our inheritance from our parents and our bequest to our children, but implies a line that stretches back 4,000 years and forward for as long as the universe endures, one generation at a time. Please, may it be so, that for all the generations to come, our children and their children and their children's children, *L'dor Vador* - know that their biography began with Abraham and Sarah.



L'Dor Vador

Passing of the Torah

by Rabbi Dara Frimmer

One of the peak dramatic moments during a Temple

Isaiah Bar/Bat Mitzvah service comes before the Torah is even unrolled. It takes place on the bima, when family members line up next to the ark, and prepare to pass the Torah through the generations.

L'dor Vador, the Hebrew expression meaning “from generation to generation,” is expressed through this family ritual in which grandparents pass the Torah to parents who place it lovingly into the arms of their child. (When there are no living grandparents, parents hand it directly to their child or older family members or close friends join in the passing.)

The ritual is an affirmation that each person, in his/her own time, is expected to hold, wrestle, interpret and cherish the Torah, and then to pass it on. It is a responsibility. It is a challenge. It is an honor and a privilege.

We hope that our students understand the value and practice of L'dor Vador by the time the Torah is placed into their arms; and, at the same time, we recognize that the teenage brain is a complex and mercurial operating system. For that reason, I see this ritual as a profound reminder for adults about the role they have played, and the role they can continue to play, in learning, teaching and passing on Torah.

The rabbi of Kotzk was once asked: “Why is Shavuot called ‘the time the Torah was given’ (*Z'man Matan Torateinu*) rather than the time we received the Torah?” The rabbi answered: “The giving took place on one day, but the receiving takes place at all times.”

Like revelation at Mt. Sinai, the passing on of Torah from one generation to the next does not happen once at a child's lifecycle ceremony. It can and should happen all the time.

The practice of L'dor Vador is not just about content (holidays, Hebrew) but also continuity. How do we ensure that our children and our children's children will practice Judaism and pass on the tradition? We must model for them every day, what it means to wrestle and cherish the Torah. We must show them how we are constantly learning, and also, constantly teaching and passing on the tradition. In honor of this year's theme, L'dor Vador, join us as we learn and teach together.



Photos credit: Dotan Saguy

SHARING THE WISDOM OF AGE ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

by Devorah Servi, ChaiVillageLA Director



Harold Kushner, in his introduction to the book, *A Heart of Wisdom*, teaches this:

“Suppose we could learn to see life not as something that gets used up, but as the accumulation of treasure. Then with every passing year, we could see ourselves as having more life than we had the year before, because of all the new insights and experiences that the year brought us.”



What better place is there for sharing life experiences than in a synagogue which serves congregants from cradle to grave? ChaiVillageLA is building upon the warmth of Temple Isaiah’s synagogue culture to foster new intergenerational points of connections and perspectives on aging resiliently. Over 100 members strong already, we span the age range from the teens to the 90’s. ChaiVillageLA members play, learn and explore together, growing a caring safety net for one another. Over half of our members serve on committees, shaping the future of the village with a generous spirit of giving back.

Why is this so important for future generations? Co-Chair Terry Pullan explains that “Temple Isaiah has been there for us over the years. Naturally, now we want to create a legacy that supports the temple in caring for members as they age.” Pre-school Director Tamar Andrews planted seeds of collaboration with ChaiVillageLA to create opportunities for the temple’s youngest children to benefit from the company and

stories of village members. These kinds of human connections, panim al panim (face to face), are inevitably reciprocal as the children’s overflowing curiosity is truly heartwarming.

A few families with teens have also stepped up offering to engage more teens in volunteering with the village, perhaps by providing technology training or dog walking assistance for older members. Other members are already involved in Temple Isaiah’s important commitment to PATH and OneLA. It is my hope that the village can help mobilize more members to participate meaningfully in today’s social issues.

As one with a lifelong fascination of values transmission across the generations, it’s truly a privilege to co-lead this transformative project hand-in-hand with our dedicated members and temple leadership.



Our doors are open wide. We hope you will join, make new friends, enjoy sharing your life wisdom with others and feel less isolated along your journey, regardless of your age. ChaiVillageLA is, like the synagogue it emanates from, a “place” to co-create the kind of community where we don’t hesitate to ask for help and offer it to one another. We invite you to participate. Roll up your sleeves and pitch in. Lead our next event or interest group. You’ll touch the lives of others in the process and vice versa so it’s a double mitzvah!



Stop by Rabbi Gan’s office and speak with ChaiVillageLA’s Director, Devorah Servi.

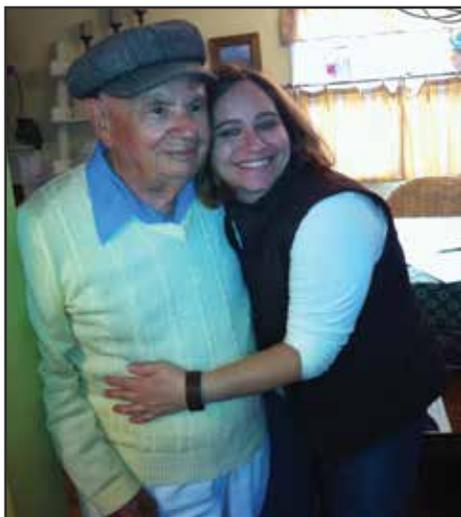
You may call or email Devorah at 310.592.0321, devorah@ChaiVillageLA.org or contact Membership Co-Chair, Janet Hirsch at janethirsch59@gmail.com.

SOLOMON SEES HITLER

Excerpts from *Love, Survival and the American Dream*

Memoirs of Gusta and Solomon Berger

by Tara Berger



My grandfather, Sol Berger, wrote in his autobiography,

"As I slowly recovered from my beating in prison I tried to find out what had happened to Poland during the six months I was incarcerated. Everything had turned upside down. The Nazi's had established ghettos in large Polish towns where they dehumanized Jewish people and forced them into slave labor. They forced strong young Jewish males to construct the labor camps that became killing camps where Nazis gassed Jews and burned them in crematoriums by the tens of thousands. Polish Catholics who resisted the Nazis were also killed by the thousands in the same way. Partisan resistance against the German occupation started to spring up all over Poland. I knew I wanted to join.

My father and brothers did private tailoring for servicemen, SS, and Gestapo. These soldiers always bragged, and I found out what was happening in the war through them. Jews still had no radios or newspapers. Nazi Germany had conquered most of Europe. Belgium, Holland, Yugoslavia, Norway, Denmark, and even France had fallen. England had resisted the German forces and was very resilient. The Germans could not cross the English Channel.

In May 1941, Germany began building large forces near the Soviet border and the River San. In early June, many Gestapo and SS accumulated in Krosno. Nazi police were on every roof in the center of town. With my white armband, I walked to Krosno's main street. I was the only Jewish person in sight standing among them. A loud voice from the far West said 'Heil, Heil, Heil.'

I saw four black Mercedes convertibles driving east from the airport through Krosno. The Gestapo officers with machine guns were in the first car. Adolf Hitler, wearing a German army uniform, stood in the second car greeting all the people along the roadside. He had a small mustache, angry face, and swastika on his left arm. Benito Mussolini, in an ordinary Italian uniform and black cap, sat next to Hitler and did not greet the people. The Hungarian Prime Minister, Laszlo Bardossy, sat in the third convertible. Gestapo with machine guns in the last car. As Hitler drove past me, I could not even think about attacking him because the Gestapo would have killed me on the spot.

I ran back home to tell my whole family. 'You are stupid,' they said. 'You are always doing stupid things. You create trouble for yourself.' It did not bother me because I knew that I was built to be a resistant person, and that's how I survived the war."

On August 10, 1942, my grandfather's entire family was taken away and shot or merely disappeared and presumed dead. But there were survivors. His four sisters had moved to America before World War II and his youngest brother Michael survived Auschwitz and was reunited with my grandfather many years later in America. The tragic events of that day have plagued my grandfather with nightmares till this very day, only softened by the idea that I was born on that very same day almost 29 years later. That's quite the coincidence!

Why have I chosen this particular memoir to share with all of you? L'dor Vador, from generation to generation, is exactly why my grandfather decided to share his story with the world. A promise to his dying brother.

In 1994 Michael Berger, my grandfather's youngest brother was dying from cancer. He and my grandfather met one night and had a long conversation.

"Michael said to me, 'Sol, for the last seven years I have been telling my story at the Holocaust Museum. I have also been a docent at the Museum of Tolerance since it opened last year. I tell stories of the concentration camps and all the terrible things that happened during the war. I can't do it anymore. I'm sick. I know that I'm dying. I want you to take my place at the museum and tell the stories of what happened.' 'I don't know what to say,' I responded. 'I've never been in a concentration camp. What would I say?' 'Say what you can and say what you know. Make me that promise. Before I die, promise me that you will continue with my presentation about the Holocaust. Promise that you will tell the story of how we survived like you promised Father. We both promised him that we would survive to tell the story of what the Nazis did to us.'"

After 50 years of silence my grandfather realized that the story must be told. He fulfilled his promise to his father and brother. I have been fortunate to hear both stories of my grandfather and grandmother and their meeting and experiences surviving the Holocaust. My cousin Jesse Morris spent months listening to over 80 hours of audio recordings and through their recollection has retold their story once again in a beautiful book that reads like a thriller. Both my grandparents are still alive at ages 96 and 91. I tell their story of love, survival, and the American dream to anyone who is willing to listen and I hope that many of you will continue to tell the story of your families too.

L'dor Vador from generation to generation.

L'DOR VADOR IS AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRADITION

As a child, I watched Hollywood westerns and was conditioned to believe that the American Indians were "savages," who were the cause of violence and conflict with the European settlers that emigrated and moved forth to explore and populate North America.

It didn't take many years for me to realize that movies and textbooks often presented us with a distorted hero/villain scenario. The truth about how the settlers systematically wiped out the Native American culture with disease, war, and religious conversions, was a profound realization. I learned that upon Columbus "discovering" America, there were an estimated ten million Native American Indians living on this "unexplored" continent. And that the great Iroquois Nation had established both oral and written traditions by the 15th century--and some think as early as the 12th century--for living together as a nation. And one of those traditions is asserted to be the following:

"In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."

Seven generations! In those days, that may have covered 100 years. What a contrast—being consumed now with the bottom line in the next quarterly report, thinking ahead 3 months vs. considering the effect in 100 years.

For most of us, the term L'Dor Vador, "From Generation to Generation" makes us think only as far ahead as our grandchildren. Taking a much longer view however prevents us from digging ourselves into holes from which extraction becomes so terribly difficult and painful. For example, it is so much harder now to limit the impact of climate change rather than 25 years ago had we responded to the credible voices warning us about its long term effects.

Had there been a Jewish Native American Indian, s/he would certainly not have permitted the earth to become so threatened by rising temperatures, rising oceans, collapsing bee colonies, polluted air, and water.

It's time to make a change, for the present and the future.

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY IN RESPONSE TO TRAGEDY



In the wake of our celebration of Shavuot and the tragedy at Pulse in Orlando, Temple Isaiah affirms our commitment to creating a safe space for LGBTQ congregants and community members in our synagogue and city, in our nation and the world. *Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh*, "all Israel is responsible for one another" (Shavuot 39a), means that it is our responsibility to stand up for one another especially for those who are vulnerable and cannot speak up for themselves.

For more information on LGBTQ-inclusive policy, programming, culture and leadership visit Keshet.org



Keshet is a national organization that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life.

Temple Isaiah's Family Philanthropy Club (FPC) hit it out of the park in June with not one, not two, but three days of cooking at the PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) West LA Facility.

Led by congregants Amy Sackler, Jessica Dabney and Jami Messenger, the 30 residents of the PATH housing facility on Cotner Avenue were treated to a breakfast of eggs & French toast on June 12, a taco bar on June 13 and a chili bar on June 14. The events were a huge success for the FPC members and the veterans who live at PATH. The FPC members got to hang out, cook, catch up and then serve and eat with the veterans who call the Cotner facility their home. The best part was watching the kids interact with the residents. There was real communication and contact and the residents were supportive, kind and respectful. It was a treat for everyone involved.



Interested in participating? There are FPC events coming soon. The calendar for the remainder of the year can be found on the Family Philanthropy Club (FPC) page on the Temple website.

September 25
Ballona Wetlands Event

November 6
PATH--Welcome Home
Move In Event
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm

December 11
Hanukkah with residents
of The Jewish Home
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Questions?Contact:

Jessica Dabney at jdabney@northamericanrealty.net or Hillary Hartman at hillhart@me.com

Dear Isaiah Women:

It has been a wonderful year, celebrating with you, learning with you, and doing social justice with you. Our events and our fund raising allowed us to make the following donations for the 2015-2016 fiscal year: \$1000 to SOVA, \$400 to Jewish World Watch, \$500 to the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), \$400 to YES Fund, \$400 to Isaiah Thanksgiving Market, \$150 to Planned Parenthood, toys to First AME Church Toy Drive, gift-cards to Jewish Family Services Anti-Violence Family Project, and \$2500 to the Religious School to offer scholarships for those 11th and 12th graders going to Israel this December.

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I am pleased to present the incoming Isaiah Women Board 2016-2017 :

- President: Virginia Solomon**
- Vice-President: Linda Glaser**
- Fundraising/Budget Chair: Simonne Yaroslow**
- Programming Chairs: Roberta Allen and Sari Spiro**
- Social Action Chair: Ann Weinman**
- Membership Chair: Laurie Gantz**
- Treasurer: Renee Dernburg**
- Recording Secretary: June Miller**
- Corresponding Secretary: Helene Korn**
- Historian: Francine Wenger**
- Parliamentarian/Immediate Past President: Suzanne Solig**
- Past Presidents: Simonne Yaroslow, Ellen Canter, Laurie Gantz, and Suzanne Solig**

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We will have an installation and dinner on Thursday, September 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. I hope to see you all there. This event will be gratis for all who have paid their dues for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Please visit the Temple website for an application if you have not submitted one yet.

In gratitude,
Suzanne Solig

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JULY

Sunday, July 10 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Women of Reform Judaism Area Day

Newport Beach

For information about this conference, please contact:

Ellen Canter: ellenjcanter@aol.com

Sunday, July 17 – 10:30 a.m.

**Nazi Propaganda Exhibit at Central Library
and Lunch in Central Market.**

RSVP to Sari Spiro: spirojjs@gmail.com

Tuesday, July 19 – 1:00 p.m.

Book Group

Book and location to be announced

AUGUST

Friday, August 5 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Annenberg Space for Photography – Refugees
Lunch To Follow**

For more information, please contact:

Lorna Belman: lornabelman@gmail.com

Saturday, August 27 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Olive Oil and Vinegar Tasting

Bluff Cove Olive Oil Co. in Torrance

For more information, please contact:

Beth Raanan: braanan@ca.rr.com

Isaiah Women continues to invite new members of all ages to join the only group at Temple Isaiah that is exclusively for women (although we do have certain events when we invite spouses and male guests). Please send your \$50 dues to Membership Chair, Laurie Gantz: 2317 Canfield Avenue, Los Angeles 90034 or email her for more information: lbgantz@sbcglobal.net

FOLLY? REALLY?

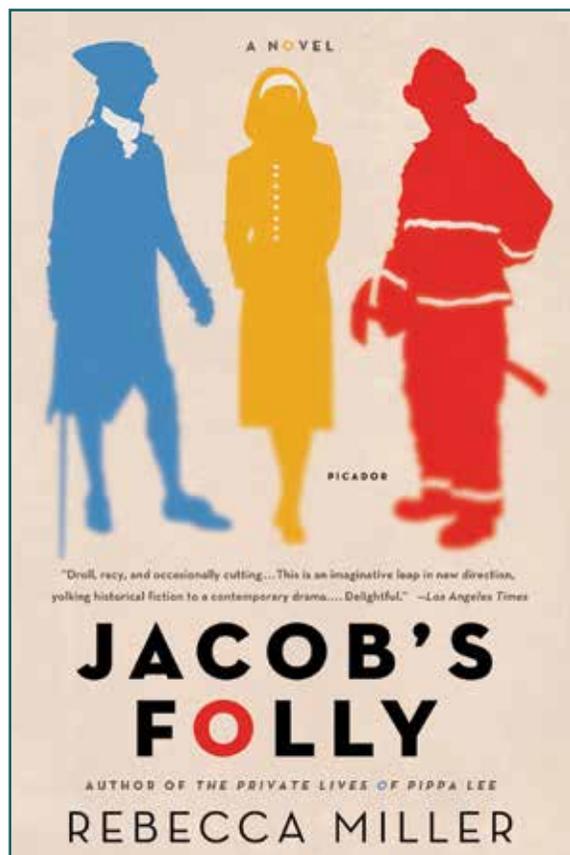
From generation to generation receives a clever twist as change and connection fuel *Jacob's Folly*, a romp of a read which leaps back and forth across centuries and passions. Quirky characters whose fate gets under your skin propel you to the 'I should have seen it coming, but did not' ending. Rebecca Miller, daughter of famous playwright Arthur, delivers this clever novel. It is original, charming, witty.

Jacob is an 18th century Jewish peddler whose colorful life ends in early death, then resumes via reincarnation. He thinks he comes back as an angel; however, he is a fly. As this pesky insect landed in New York in the 21st century he meets a volunteer fireman, Leslie Senzatimore, and an aspiring Orthodox Jewish actress, Masha Edelman. He determines to change their lives; to free their present from the past. The plot follows his efforts and the fall out.

Skillful writing keeps time lines, settings and characters clear. The focus changes with mounting action, but is always tied to Jacob's sensibility. Jacob's bygone life in a world of anti-Semitism is improved by a count's maison de ville housekeeper who operates from shocking motives while the count seeks to convert Jacob to win a bet about Jews and their assimilation. It is the count who provides the tag line with his real folly.

As a person, eventually an actor, Jacob meets one colorful individual after another who bring the manners of the 18th century back to life and introduce the new movement, Hasidism. As a fly, not just on the wall, Jacob manipulates his modern charges' motives, myriad relatives and endangered careers.

Underpinning the rollicking action is the question of fate or free will, themes of change and reinvention, and the driving desire to save. Each character does it differently in their own world, with their own kind, until the cast intermixes on the way to the surprising generational conclusion. *Jacob's Folly* is fun; it is in the Library waiting to amuse you.



SUMMER

Library Hours:

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL 1ST - 6TH GRADERS!

Perform with Temple Isaiah for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur family services.



REHEARSAL DATES

Sundays
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.
September
11, 18 and 25

Tuesdays
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
September
13, 20 and 27



To sign up please contact: Julie Moldo at Julie@templeisaiah.com

photo credit: Scott Miles

HASHARIM (Hebrew for "the singers")

HaSharim, our volunteer adult choir was formed in the mid 1970s and is an important part of the legacy of Temple Isaiah. If you love music and want to deepen your knowledge of the Jewish prayers and melodies, please consider joining HaSharim. Singing the melodies of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur on the stage at Royce Hall is an incredibly moving and spiritual experience. We work hard to accommodate busy schedules so every member can be part of our choir. Consider making a small commitment and singing with us for a few of the High Holy Day Services.

Rehearsals for 2016 - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 11
Thursday, August 18
Thursday, August 25

Tuesday, September 6
Tuesday, September 13 (Social Hall)
Tuesday, September 20
Tuesday, September 27

Thursday, October 6



PERMANENT PLAYERS

We are looking for committed singers and dancers to join our choir for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Permanent Players are children in 3rd-7th grade who rehearse bi-monthly after Tuesday religious school and perform every month at Shabbat Services.

Our next performance is at the beach on August 5th 2016

For more questions about any of our choirs email cantorcoyot@templeisaiah.com

To sign up to be involved in our choirs email julie@templeisaiah.com

SHABBAT AT TEMPLE ISAIAH

by Cantor Tifani Coyot

We understand that Friday nights have become a warm and welcoming time for Shabbat regulars, groups of people who have made a commitment to celebrating Shabbat at Temple Isaiah. In the coming year we are creating a schedule of services to invite more congregants to join us to experience the joy, warmth, and creativity of our Shabbat celebrations. While the Shabbats are designed to look and sound different from one another they all share our common values:

- **Hospitality** – to appreciate one another and to interact with members of all ages of our community; to create a warm and inviting space in which every member feels loved and valued.
- **Obligation** – to make a commitment to celebrate Shabbat; to challenge ourselves to learn a new melody or text.
- **Spirituality** – to access spiritual moments, be deeply touched, and have time for reflection and contemplation.
- **Torah** – to explore the wisdom of Jewish history, prayer, music, and learning.

Our new Shabbat initiative will educate our community and create meaningful Shabbat experiences for everyone. Each Shabbat will include contemplative thought, Torah study, music, family-friendly worship, and prayers rising up with joy. Join us as we create a vibrant experience to meet the needs and interests of every member of our community.

SHABBAT RUACH

I want to take this opportunity to highlight one of our new services.

In the spirit of *L'dor Vador*, from generation to generation, we are offering a Shabbat experience on the 4th Friday of every month that will unite our entire community. Each 4th Friday will offer two different Shabbat services filled with joy, energy, and music.

- **5:30 p.m. family-friendly Shabbat service**
- **6:00 p.m. community dinner**
- **7:15 p.m. Shabbat Ruach service**

We look forward to sharing the entire evening with you.

We encourage you to visit our Temple website at templeisiah.com and learn more about our Shabbat services.



L'dor Vador



When you hear the words *L'dor Vador*, "Generation to Generation," what do you picture? This Fall, we are putting together an exhibit of photographs that depict *L'dor Vador*. This exhibit will coincide with the High Holy Days, visually enhancing the themes of our Days of Awe.

We are inviting all of the **professional photographers** who are Temple members to submit pieces to display, with an explanation as to how the captured moment speaks to the idea of Generation to Generation. We will also have a wall dedicated to images captured by congregants who are **not professional photographers**, those wonderful images you capture on your phone, tablet or camera. Similar to our successful Ketubah exhibit in February, we are looking forward to celebrating Jewish art in all forms, transforming our temple lobby into a gallery a few times a year.

Please submit your photographs to zoe@templeisaiah.com by September 2. All professional photographers in our temple will have the opportunity to have some of their work displayed. Of the non-professional work, we will choose from among the submission

Monday, September 19: soft opening • Friday, October 7: Wine and cheese opening with photographers
Tuesday, October 25: *Simchat Torah*, end of exhibit

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2016/5777 - Tickets and Memorial Book

Once again your High Holy Day tickets can be reserved by logging onto our website beginning August 15. Use your unique login to choose the services you wish to attend. On both Rosh Hashanah Day and Yom Kippur Day you have a choice: the Family Service at 8:30 a.m. or the Morning Service at 11:15 a.m. You will purchase your prepaid parking vouchers on-line.

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Additions and changes to the High Holy Day Memorial Book will also be done online. Please review your previous submissions and make any corrections that are necessary. Booklets will be available on Yom Kippur Day and Yizkor services throughout the year. We are grateful for your support through memorial book donations which defray the cost of printing.

TEMPLE
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THE WEEKEND

FAMILY CAMP

Save the Date for
The Weekend 2017
Camp Alonim
May 5-7, 2017



photos provided by Suzanne Baruch, Cat Benner, Tara Berger, Scott Miles and Kathleen Mower

Join other Isaiah families for a fun-filled weekend at camp.
Registration and more info to come in the Fall.



ISAIAH
CONTINUING
ENRICHMENT
2016-2017

EDUCATION AT TEMPLE ISAIAH

Wisdom is like the sky, belonging to no man, and true learning is the astronomy of the spirit. - Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Jewish learning is an essential part of Jewish living. Temple Isaiah is a community of learners where people of all ages and stages of life will find engaging Jewish learning opportunities. Whether it is experiential learning that leads to meaningful Jewish actions or Torah study that builds Jewish identity, being a student at Temple Isaiah is an enriching way to strengthen one's connection to Judaism and to the Temple community.

At all hours of the day and all days of the week, you will find opportunities to pursue knowledge, to wrestle with your history, culture and values and find an open door to learning and wisdom.

We encourage you to explore the many offerings from our warm and nurturing preschool to our empowering youth and family programs, to a vast array of thought-provoking and inspiring workshops and classes for adults.

Join with us on a path to growth and learning as we travel through the seasons, meeting phenomenal teachers, taking in broad vistas and strengthening our spiritual core.

Our Isaiah continuing enrichment schedule will be available in the Fall.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 2016/2017

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

If you are ready to enroll your child/children in religious school, enroll online now.

**Regular enrollment ends
July 31.**

For questions about the enrollment process contact Carla Kopf or Rabbi Aimee Gerace at the Religious School office, 310.277.2661.





B'nai Mitzvah

AUGUST



Caden Birch

Son of
Jan Birch and Matthew Birch
Saturday, August 6, 2016



Adam Fiske

Son of
Lucy and William Fiske
Saturday, August 6, 2016



Oren Dror

Son of
Beth and Oz Dror
Saturday, August 13, 2016



Sarah Howell

Daughter of
Connie Sommer and Bill Howell
Saturday, August 20, 2016



Jeremy Nelson

Son of
Adrienne and Matthew Nelson
Saturday, August 20, 2016



Danielle Barrett

Daughter of
Jody Becker and Steve Barrett
Saturday, August 27, 2016



Noah Greenblatt

Son of
Jody and Darin Greenblatt
Saturday, August 27, 2016

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES

Mazel Tov to: Gina and Ronald Bowman on the birth of their daughter, Addison; Danielle and Matthew Eanet on the birth of their daughter, Meira; Beth Katz and Andrew Hemingway on the birth of their son, Hayden; Hediph and Ramtin Neydawood on the birth of their daughter, Rumi; Negar Nikgozar and Homan Sefaradi on the birth of their son, Jonas; Elana and Joshua Siegel on the birth of their son, Joseph and Jodi Shorr on the birth of her daughter, Alana.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Isaac Mayorkas, Marcia Oshman, Elysa Shapiro, Anne Wayne, Diana Widom.

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: David Galperson, on the loss of his father, Herb Galperson; Benjamin Lee on the loss of his mother, Roberta Lee; The Miller Family on the loss of Ruth Miller; Nicky Shamsi on the loss of her grandmother, Akhtar Mossanen; Karen Sloane on the loss of her aunt, Gloria Averbok; Stephanie Weiss on the loss of her grandmother, Harriet Wertheimer Sherber; The Weinberg family on the loss of Monroe Weinberg; The Wolfberg family on the loss of Toby Wolfberg and David Zamos on the loss of his father, Lawrence Zamos.



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Sydney Dash
William Esensten
David Goldstein
Anna Jacobs
Sophie Paller
Burt Pinter
Samuel Schwartz
Tesse Sokol
Frieda Sommer
Vida Stuart

July 8

Goldie Balsler
Louis Greenspan
Arthur Markman
Eugene Rosner
Emma Stone
Gus Zsupnik

July 15

Irvin Avidon
Victor Benach
Pierre Coblence
Edith Esensten
Joshua Lee
Barnet Linden
Fanny Linden
Herman Neuman
Harry Pittler
Alfred Pollack
Solomon Rosner
Sarah Solomon
Paula Vollmer
Beatrice Weiss

July 22

Jack Birnholz
Bernard Dworsky
Jack Freeman
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Harry Gottlieb
Robert Grean
Lena Green
Harriet Guttenplan
Leah Kabakoff
Harvey Lewis
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Herman Neuman
Molly Oppenheim
Esther Ratner
Edith Ready
Louis Rodstein
Rose Roth
Morris Shachory
Luba Slodov
Katie Stoll
Louis Stoll
Stella Studner

Kate Walden
Rose Wilensky

July 29

Patricia Birnbaum
Jacob Blitzer
Laurence DeRoy
Ethel Fox
Betty Greenspan
Mortimer Meyer
Honey Park-Davidove
Pauline Sax
Lewis Schaffer
Fanny Schechter
Albert Schiller
William Smardan
Sidney Wallis
Sidney Weber
Frimi Weinstein
Rose Wunderlich

AUGUST MEMORIAL PLAQUES

August 5

Dora Binen
Harry Caplan
Ruthe Fabrick
Abraham Kares
Frances Lewis
Mortimer Madoff
Robert Nadell
Fannie Pullan
Mildred Rosenthal
Louis G. Solomon
David Weintraub
Ida Weintraub

August 12

Sam Canter
Nathan Hoffman
Morton Katz
Anna Krakover
Adelyne Leo
Mary Loevner
Morris Mannis
Clarence Neustein
Daniel Nickoll
Clara Rosen
Jennie Spasser
Lydia Blau Trautman
Jacob Walter

August 19

Rachel Fields
Maurice Fox
Charles Jacobs
Herman Korn
Florene Mirisch
Goldie Raskin
Norman Sadofsky
Max Uzane
Sarah Wolfson
Jack Zaret

August 26

Benjamin Berlin
Rose Feigenbaum
Ruth Keller
Miriam Kreisberg
Hertha Maschkowski
Stella Maxwell
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JULY/AUGUST 2016 CALENDAR

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday July 1

5:30 p.m. 4th Friday Family Shabbat
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:00 p.m. 4th Friday Shabbat Dinner
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday July 8

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday July 15

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Jazz & Camp
Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Community Picnic
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday July 22

5:30 p.m. 4th Friday Family Shabbat
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:00 p.m. 4th Friday Shabbat Dinner
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday July 29

5:30 p.m. Pre Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday August 5

5:45 p.m. Shabbat Services /
Picnic at the Beach
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday August 12

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Jazz & Camp
Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Community Picnic
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday August 19

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Niggun Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday August 26

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

July Events

Hearts & Minds:

A Torah Roundtable

July 9 - 9:00 a.m.

Isaiah Women:

IW/Women of Reform Judaism Area Day

July 10 - 9:00 a.m.

IW/Central Library and Market

July 17 - 10:30 a.m.

IW/Book Group

July 19 - 1:00 p.m.

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July 19 - 8:00 a.m.

Green Team Meeting

July 21 - 7:00 p.m.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

August Events

Isaiah Women:

IW/Annenberg Space for Photography -Refugees

August 5 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

IW/Oil and Vinegar Tasting

August 27 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Last Day / Camp Isaiah

August 12

Hearts & Minds:

A Torah Roundtable

August 13 - 9:00 a.m.

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August 16 - 1:00 p.m.

Green Team Meeting

August 18 - 7:00 p.m.

Am Tzedek:

Isaians Pursuing Justice

August 18 - 7:00 p.m.

Last Day / Camp Katan

August 19

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CENTER FOR THE WIDOWED: Every Monday

DAUGHTERS OF TORAH - LEARNING CIRCLE: Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY: Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Study with Rabbi Zoë Klein every Shabbat morning, exploring Torah verse by verse.