SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2016 **ISAIAN**

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ATONEMENT

A message from the President Honey Kessler Amado



My trip to Poland in Summer 2014 with my youngest child, Gabrielle, had a profound impact on me. I have struggled to reconcile history and modern Poland, to contain my utter broken-heartedness at the destruction of European Jewry and to allow room for appreciating the goodwill and atonement of many in Poland.

From Poland, Gabrielle and I traveled to Croatia. In the six-hour ride, we passed miles of fields of glorious sunflowers, reminding us both, not surprisingly, of Simon Wiesenthal's compelling book on forgiveness, *Sunflowers*. When we arrived in Croatia, I realized that I had left my gold-chain necklace in Krakow. I had worn this necklace since I was newly married; it held a number of gold charms accumulated over the years, my *ojo* (a Sephardic good luck piece), and my late husband Rafi's wedding ring.

I spoke with the hotel, a small hotel in Krakow where I knew I had left it, and offered a reward for its return. I spoke with the hotel every day for the week that we remained in Europe. The manager assured me that the staff had looked and it was nowhere to be found; that she had spoken with the laundry and the guests who had the room after us and no one had seen it. And she told me that she trusted her staff. I did not. I was certain that my necklace had been stolen. I wanted to draw familiar, negative conclusions about all Poles from the incident of my missing necklace. More Jewish jewelry stolen in Poland.

We left Europe in mid-July. I was so distressed about the loss of my necklace that I would not speak of it.

Then three months later, two days after Yom Kippur, I received an email from the manager of the hotel; my necklace had been found! Where was it? It had been caught up with the linen of my room and had been sent to the laundry, where it lodged itself into a washing

machine and jammed it. The laundry called someone to fix it. The mechanic found my necklace! And it was returned to the hotel. Four honest people – four honest Poles – returned my necklace to me: the mechanic who found it and gave it to the laundress; the laundress who gave it to the owner of the laundry; the owner who gave it to the hotel; and Alina, the hotel manager, who, long after I had ever expected to get it back, emailed to tell me that my necklace had been found.

In the three months of the missing necklace, as I told the stories of Poles, young and old, who were not and are not anti-Semitic, I wondered whether I was seeing Poland too generously. But I resisted the urge to return to the old trope that all of Poland is anti-Semitic. As I revisit this story now two years later, I again think of those four Poles who returned my necklace; perhaps in those acts of kindness they had for me redeemed something of Poland. If the darkest of our days were the result of millions of individual acts, then redemption too must come from individual acts.

Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai, a leading rabbi of the Talmudic period, said that atonement may be gained through deeds of loving-kindness. As we enter into these High Holy Days, as we encounter ourselves, engage with others, and approach God, may we – as individuals and as a People – seek atonement through deeds of loving-kindness. And may we each respond to one another, and may God respond to us, with kindness and compassion.

May each of you and your families be written down and sealed for a good year. *L'shanah tovah u'metukah.*

COME OUT OF THE ARK

by Rabbi Zoë Klein



It feels as if the world needs a reset button. Ideally, that is what the High Holy Day season is. An opportunity to unclutter the emotional inbox, steam clean out the dirty laundry and wet-vac the fibers of our being. A fresh start. Or, at least, a Febreezed start.

Torah tells us that early in the history of mankind, God hit reset, opening the floodgates and drowning most of creation, save Noah's family and a pair of young lovers from every species.

After nearly a year of sailing, the ark came to rest on the tip of Mount Ararat, at which point Noah sent out a raven. The raven returned empty-beaked. Afterward, Noah sent the dove. A first, the dove returned with nothing. The second time, the dove returned with an olive branch. The third time, the dove did not return at all.

The raven usually gets a bad rap, as if he had done something wrong by not bringing a sprig of something. However, commentator Sheila Tuller Keiter has a different idea. She points out that the raven is an omnivorous bird, and among other things, dines on carcasses. She suspects that Noah sent the raven out with a specific mission. To scout out the land to see if it was covered in corpses.

Keiter writes: "[Noah] therefore dispatched a scavenging bird capable of eating carrion to see if his fears were real."

Had the raven found food, he would not have returned. Since he returned, Noah knew that the land was not strewn with death. So he sent out the dove, a homing bird, to see if it could return home. After this, God told Noah, "Go out of the ark." (Genesis 8:16)

The rabbis point out that "Go out of the ark" is a command, just as God saying "Enter the ark" was a command. In other words, there is a time when we need to close ourselves in, protecting ourselves and recuperating, but we are not supposed to stay shut in forever. We are supposed to leave the ark. While we are in front of our screens these last few months, we have borne witness to a tragic parade of atrocities in cities across the world. It would be easy for us to want to stay in our arks because we fear that the outside world has become too scary. We are afraid that it is strewn with death. However, like Noah, we need to venture out. The raven is our emissary, letting us know it is safe to go outside. The raven represents the courage it takes to conquer our fear. Once our exaggerated media-fueled anxieties are softened, we send the dove. The dove represents our hope that we can eventually go from this scary time and place back to a time and place that we call home.

May this season be a reset for the world. A little water in California with the reset would be welcome, somewhere between a rinse and a drench, but not flood.

This fall we have a lot of opportunities to join dynamic conversations about the state of the world, including homelessness, gun legislature, sustainability, elections, Middle East policy, and more. Come on out of the ark, and join us as we plant seedlings for a new year and a new world.

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In Deuteronomy 6:7, also part of the V'ahavta, we read, "And you will teach them diligently to your children." This is one of the earliest examples of the

important role parents play in the Jewish education of their children. To succeed, Jewish learning needs to be an intergenerational endeavor.

At Temple Isaiah Religious School, we take these words from the V'ahavta very seriously, giving parents the opportunity to feel comfortable in and expand their roles as the primary Jewish educators for their children. Last year, we introduced Journeys Through Judaism, our conversational guide through religious school, and it was a huge success, with parents sharing stories of meaningful dialogues had in the car on the way home from Isaiah and also at the dinner table.

As we launch the 2016-2017 school year, we are thrilled to share with you a few of the ways we plan to give you, parents, the opportunities to teach your children diligently:

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MASA (our K-6 traditional track, meeting Sundays and/or Tuesdays). Not only will parents have the opportunity to join in our Family Day programs, but will also be able to participate in new holiday programming geared towards adult learners. Your children will not be the only ones expanding their relationship with the Jewish holidays! Our educational leaders and clergy will offer deep learning based in our texts and traditions for the religious school parents and the rest of the adult Isaiah community. Please see our calendar for more information on our holiday programming.

L'DOR VADOR LEARNING

by Rabbi Aimee Gerace

B'YACHAD (our K-7 alternative track, meeting some Saturdays, Sundays, and/or Tuesdays). In this program, parents have their own regular learning track and discuss topics like "How do I teach my children about the Holocaust?" and "What are my beliefs about God?" in addition to the holiday program mentioned above. B'yachad also provides an excellent venue for learning intimately with our clergy.

SHEVET NOAR (our 7-12 program, meeting Tuesday evenings). The parents of our teens may participate in learning as well. We offer meetings with a college counselor, substance abuse prevention education, and help in battling BDS on your children's future college campuses.

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When our children see that we, the parents and adult role models, take Jewish learning seriously and make it a priority, they too, will begin to make it a priority and ensure a new generation of committed, strong, intelligent Jewish leaders.

For more information on our B'yachad and Shevet Noar Programs, please contact Stephanie Schwartz: Stephanie@templeisaiah.com.

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Mark your calendars and sign up for the 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Camp Retreat.

SAVE THE DATE 4th 5th & 6th Grade Camp Retreat RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



SHABBAT

FRIENDS

FUN



Shabbat at Isaiah is experienced through music, friendship, warmth and creativity.

Join us as we create a vibrant experience to meet the needs and interests of every member of our community.

Experience bringing the joy and celebration of Shabbat into the homes of several of our clergy and senior staff with our new Share Shabbat Home Edition. Enjoy delicious food, Shabbat song and joy, and meaningful conversations.

Participate in our Challah Club, with members of Isaiah at noon on Fridays to exchange challah recipes and share stories while mixing and kneading. Participants will take home freshly kneaded dough for baking.

Introduce your kids to Tot Shabbat, designed for families with children ages 0-7. This service marks the beginning of a family's journey towards integrating Shabbat into their lives.

Be a part of B'yachad Shabbat, hosted by our Religious School and our B'yachad families. These services are participatory, musical and educational.

SHABBAT AT ISAIAH

Our New Shabbat Services

THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT (T.G.I.S.)

Musical. Heartfelt. Connective. September 30 & October 21

6:15 p.m. T.G.I.S. services bring together all of our members in celebration of our day of rest, reflection and renewal.

7:15 p.m. Oneg

JAZZ SHABBAT

Rhythmic. Spirited. Beloved. October 14

6:15 p.m.	Jazz Shabbat for the entire community. This festive service blends our ancient words of prayer with improvisation, syncopation and swing.
7:30 p.m.	Dinner and Discussion.

Following services, join us for a community meal and a shared discussion. Topics TBD

TREE OF LIFE SHABBAT

Torah. Teaching. Learning. September 9

6:15 p.m.	For those who love to learn, question and explore Jewish stories and tradition, Tree of Life Shabbat brings Torah to life. Service includes a creative Torah reading.
7:00 p.m.	Dynamic inter-generational discussion on Parashat Hashavua, the weekly Torah portion. Step into the stories that shape who we are.
7:30 p.m.	Dinner

Reservations required for Tree of Life and Jazz Shabbat dinner and discussion.

SHABBAT NIGGUN

Contemplative. Meditative. Mindful.

September 16 & October 7

6:15 p.m.	Shabbat Niggun focuses on our Nefesh (spirit), Guf (body) and Neshama (soul). The music of this service will serve as a form of meditation in which the melody is repeated and the song builds with layers of harmonies and sounds.
7:15 p.m.	Onea

SHARE SHABBAT (Formerly 4th Friday and Shabbat Rising)

Joyous. Interactive. Inspiring.

September 23 & October 28	
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5:30 p.m.	Share Shabbat family service designed for our youngest members and their families.
6:00 p.m.	Community dinner. Face painting and crafts for the children. Torah discussion and shots with the Rabbi for adults. Bring the whole family. No reservations necessary.
7:15 p.m.	Share Shabbat service. Celebrate Shabbat with members of all ages, a full musical band and the Permanent Players. Expect a lively and participatory service with stories and

Share Shabbat Home Editon: September 2 and March 31

inspiration drawn from our tradition.



ISAIAH GENERATIONS

Hillel said: "Do not separate yourself from the community."

- Belong to our caring community as we live vibrantly, give back and support one another into our older years
- Learn with clergy and friends from Temple Isaiah and Temple Emanuel
- Commit to healthy lifestyles walks, social connection, meaningful mitzvot
- Participate in interest groups -- e.g. Gardening, Cooking, Mindfulness
- Volunteer in the Temple Isaiah Early Childhood Center or at PATH







It was another amazing summer at Camp Isaiah. We want to thank all our staff and great campers for making this a summer of fun, and creating longlasting friendships.

We look forward to seeing you all back for Camp Isaiah *Winter Edition.*



ISAIAH WOMEN September / October calendar of events

L'dor Vador is the name for this year's High Holy Days which are right around the corner. As we enter into the spirit of the holidays, we embrace the values from past generations while teaching the next generation.

Isaiah Women promotes learning, education and leadership while developing lasting personal relationships. We give women of all ages an opportunity to come together in a variety of social situations while raising awareness through social action.

We encourage you to participate in any or all of the upcoming events. If you'd like to become a member of Isaiah Women, please contact our Membership Chair, Laurie Gantz: lbgantz@sbcglobal.net

We look forward to seeing you at the following events:

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 15, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Installation Dinner

Social Hall

Please join us for a special Installation Dinner for Isaiah Women board members, including a guest speaker.

IW Paid Member - No charge Non-Members - \$18.00

RSVP to Ann Weinman: annweinman@me.com

Tuesday, September 20, 1:00 p.m.

Book Group

At the home of Fern Karp We will discuss As Close to Us As Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner **RSVP to Fern Karp: fernkarp@aol.com**

Thursday, September 22, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. A Conversation With Author Amelia Saltsman

Temple Isaiah Social Hall.

Amelia Saltsman author of The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen: A Fresh Take on Tradition, will explore the seasonality of the foods of our holidays, taking her inspiration from the farm-to-table movement.

RSVP to Temple Isaiah

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 18, 1:00 p.m. Book Group

At the home of Iris Chayet. We will discuss The Underground Girls of Kabul by Jenny Nordberg **RSVP to Iris: iris@sbcglobal.net**

Thursday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sukkot Celebration and Dinner

Vollmer Deck Join us for our lovely traditional Sukkot Celebration and Dinner Under the Sukkah with Rabbi Dara. **RSVP to Ginny Solomon: iginski@yahoo.com**

Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. League of Women Voters

Temple Library

Iris Kaphan from the League of Women Voters will provide a summary and explanation of the measurers on the up-coming ballot. Iris will also discuss the pros and cons for each measure. Questions and answers will be given as time permits.

RSVP to Bobbie Allen: bobbie@bobbieallendesigns.com

GREEN TEAM NEWS by Steve Fox

TI Board Votes to Support LA City's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Program

As reported previously, the LA City council directed its agencies to reduce emissions below 1990 levels by 45% by 2025, 60% by 2035, and 80% by 2050.

Our Temple Board intends that our facility comply with this resolution, and has asked for an implementation plan by the end of the year that provides a roadmap to achieve the 2025 goal. An easier way to express this goal is, that, roughly a 50% reduction from present emission levels is required by 2025.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions in the pursuit of this challenge. Please send them to Steve Fox at minuskf@aol.com.



SOVA FOOD DRIVE by June Wynbrandt

TEMPLE ISAIAH & JFS/SOVA PARTNER TOGETHER FOR OUR HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE 2016/5777!

JFS/SOVA fights hunger and poverty in our community by providing food and supportive services to more than 9,000 clients each month, one in three of whom is a child. Others are seniors without a support network, families struggling after a parent lost his/her job, or homeless individuals trying to turn their lives around.



SOVA provides a four to five day supply of groceries to help them make it through the month, and has social workers on site to help its clients help themselves on the path to financial stability. But recent budget cuts have deeply affected the program. The hours of operation, paid staff, and areas of service have been greatly reduced.

HOWEVER, YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. And it is easy. In the Temple lobby, there are permanent food donation barrels and bins for toiletries. **SOVA is ALWAYS** accepting donations and needs them throughout the year. But in the spirit of the High Holy Days, there will be large bins in the garage throughout the months of September and October. Please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** foods and **NEW** toiletries to donate when you come to Temple for services, classes, study or celebrations. With that simple gesture, you can partner with **SOVA** to transform our community.

(BINS LOCATED IN THE MAIN LOBBY AND GARAGE) For more information about **SOVA** visit our TI/SOVA web page at templeisaiah.com/sova.

HOLIDAY FOOD WITH AMELIA SALTSMAN TASTES OF TRADITION AND DIVERSITY



Join an evening of lively conversation and delicious food with Amelia Saltsman, author of the sensational cookbook, *The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen: A Fresh Take on Tradition.*

Amelia Saltsman traces the delicious thread of Jewish food from its biblical roots to today's

focus on seasonality and sustainability and explores the deep connection of Jewish traditions to the year's natural cycles.

As you look toward Rosh Hashanah dinners, Break-fast meals and other holiday gatherings, consider the seasonality of the symbolic foods of our holidays. Amelia will take us far beyond kugel to appealing dishes inspired by the farm-to-table movement.

We promise you'll love spending an evening with Amelia, and you'll leave feeling inspired for future meals.

SEPTEMBER 22 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Social Hall

RSVP to Jennifer@templeisaiah.com by Sept 19

Sponsored by Fair Food Committee and Isaiah Women

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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JOIN US THIS YEAR

High Holy Days is a particularly special time in which our entire community gathers together for reflection and renewal. Our services weave a beautiful tapestry of sound and speech, both ancient and modern. Clergy lead with inspirational thoughts and sermons aided by congregant voices: Hasharim, our adult choir, and our children's Pop Up Choir. We offer a contemporary lens through which to view and experience our beloved tradition, inviting worshipers to seek the wisdom and guidance of our ancestors in a language that is familiar and stirring.

Many of our services (Erev Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur **Morning** services), are designed for adults and children 10 and older, and begin with upbeat and soulful prayers. Clergy share reflections on *Teshuvah* (repentance and return) and *Tikkun Olam* (our commitment to healing a broken world), and deliver formal sermons that address significant challenges in our lives today. These services speak to the intellect and the soul.

We also offer our **Family** services, gathering early in the day, which attract multi-generational families and those with children 10 and younger. In place of a sermon, clergy present an interactive story with teachings that reach the hearts and minds of every participant. The Pop Up Choir leads us in joyous song. Traditional liturgy finds its place alongside new, creative interpretations and poetry.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

<u>Selichot</u> Temple Isaiah Saturday, September 24 7:00 p.m.

Paddle Boarding & Prayer Malibu Sunday, October 9 9:30 a.m.

<u>Sukkot</u> <u>Community Celebration</u> Temple Isaiah Tuesday, October 18 5:00 p.m. Program 6:15 p.m. Dinner

<u>Yizkor Service</u> Temple Isaiah Sunday, October 23 5:00 p.m.

Simchat Torah Community Celebration Temple Isaiah Sunday, October 23 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Service



<u>Erev Rosh Hashanah</u> UCLA - Royce Hall Sunday, October 2 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Day One UCLA - Royce Hall Monday, October 3 8:30 a.m. (Family)* 11:15 a.m. (Morning)*

<u>Teen Services</u> UCLA - Rehearsal Room 11:30 a.m.

<u>Tashlich At The Beach</u> Santa Monica - Lifeguard Station 22 4:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Day Two Temple Isaiah Tuesday, October 4 9:30 a.m. (Tot Service - Activities) 10:30 a.m. (Morning) Lunch to follow

*Child Care Available



<u>Kol Nidre</u> UCLA - Royce Hall Tuesday, October 11 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur UCLA - Royce Hall Wednesday, October 12 8:30 a.m. (Family)* 11:15 a.m. (Morning)*

<u>Teen Services</u> UCLA - Rehearsal Room 11:30 a.m.

3:30 p.m. (Afternoon) 4:15 p.m. (Yizkor & Ne'ilah)

*Child Care Available





Your Link To Jewish Adult Enrichment

This year we offer the iLIFE experience, formerly known as ICE. Join us for our continuing education and new adult enrichment programs.

Cool Company, Hot Topics

Join us for a series of conversations about social justice issues. Most events are Wednesday Evenings

6:30 p.m. Light Supper 7:00 p.m. Presentation and Discussion meal contribution fee:

\$10 for TI members | \$15 for non-members (RSVP Required) Participants are also welcome to bring their own meal.

If you would like to donate to help subsidize the meals for an event, please let us know!

Donors will be thanked at each of our Hot Topic dinners.

Homelessness

Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In anticipation of Isaiah's new partnership with PATH, we welcome a panel of speakers to learn about the ways we, as a community, can work to end homelessness in Los Angeles.

Green Living Workshop Series/Sponsored by LADWP, arranged by our Green Team

Tuesdays, September 13, 20 and 27, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Do you feel threats to our environment are too critical to ignore, but your individual behavior is too insignificant to make an impact? What if you could learn effective solutions you could implement immediately?

Register for workshops at sustainableworks.eventbrite.com

Ballot Party

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Not sure what you're voting for on this year's ballot? Come and learn from, and with, your fellow Isaians about what you will be voting on this November.

Gun Legislation Advocacy (Organized by GLAC)

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Screening and discussion of the film, "Making A Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA".

League of Women Voters / Sponsored by Isaiah Women Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Iris Kaphan from the League of Women Voters will provide a summary and explanation of the measures on the up-coming ballot. Iris will also discuss the pros and cons for each measure. Questions and answers will be given as time permits.

RSVP to Bobbie Allen: bobbie@bobbieallendesigns.com

Book Discussion (Spine Tingles special event) The Plot Against America by Philip Roth Tuesday, November 1, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Library.

Rabbi Zoë Klein and Temple librarian, Ellen Cole, discuss Philip Roth's 2004 challenging, bittersweet novel about an alternative history in which Charles Lindbergh defeats Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the presidential election of 1940. Many commentators draw parallels between this fictional story and the unfolding saga of the 2016 presidential election. Join us to compare and contrast!

Pre-Election Conversation with Congressmember Karen Bass, Temple Isaiah's Rabbi Zoë Klein and F.A.M.E.'s **Pastor Boyd**

Thursday, November 3, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP Required) View our iLIFE web page at templeisaiah.com for more details

ISRAEL - Left v. Right: The Battle for Israel's Soul

Jonathan S. Tobin and J.J. Goldberg

Sunday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.

\$10 for TI members | \$20 non-members (RSVP Required)

Is Israel locked in a tragic dispute between two peoples claiming the same land — or a global conflict between Western democracy and Islamist terrorism? Is partition into two states the only way to ensure Israel's survival — or is it the surest path to ever-increasing bloodshed and possibly even endangering Israel's survival? Jonathan S. Tobin, Senior Online Editor and Chief Political Blogger of Commentary Magazine, and J. J. Goldberg, Aditor-at-Large of the Forward newspaper and former U.S. Bureau Chief of the Israeli news magazine The Jerusalem Report, will debate these and other critical issues concerning the State of Israel.

Eat, Pray, Learn and Act! Preparing for the New Year

HOLIDAY FOOD: Tastes of Tradition and Diversity with Amelia Saltsman

September 22, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. For more information, see page 9.

YOM LIMMUD (Day of Learning) and SELICHOT

September 24, 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

meal contribution fee:

\$25 for TI members | \$36 for non-members (RSVP Required)

Participants are also welcome to bring their own meal.

We welcome you to join us all day, or just for part. Prepare for the New Year with thoughtful learning and discussions. Meet some of the wonderful LifeQuest teachers who will be teaching us throughout this year. Break bread with future and long-time friends. Delve into Torah. End the day with our transformative musical Selichot Service.

View our iLIFE web page at templeisaiah.com for more details

YOM TZEDEK (Day of Justice)

September 25, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Journey Home: Join Rabbi Zoë Klein and hop on our magical mystery bus for site visits to PATH's community center and shelters. Learn how we can make a big difference in people's lives, one family at a time. A truly informative and motivational day. Breakfast and snacks are included. Following the tour, consider attending the Concert Across America and turn up the music to turn down the hateful rhetoric that has become a hallmark of the gun debate. View our iLIFE web page at templeisaiah.com for more details

L'dor Vador: From Generation to Generation

Tree of Life Shabbat

September 9, 6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services followed by Dinner and Discussion

For a closer look at our various Shabbat programs, look at page 5.

L'dor Vador Photo Exhibit

Monday, September 19 - Tuesday, October 25

Temple Isaiah photographers display work reflecting the theme L'dor Vador in our lobby.

Shabbat Niggun Services

Windows and Mirrors with Penny Wolin Friday, October 7 6:15 p.m. Shabbat services

7:15 p.m. Presentation, with Wine & Hors D'Oeuvres

Fascinating presentation on Judaism and the Art of Photography, exploring what it means to stand on the outside looking in. Photographer Penny Wolin's seminal project "The Jews of Wyoming; Fringe of the Diaspora," has exhibited solo at the Smithsonian Institution and continues to travel to museums throughout America. Her most recent book is "Descendants of Light: American Photographers of Jewish Ancestry."

ILEARN

Taste of Melton

In these four-session mini-series, we offer a Taste of Melton. The **Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning,** a project of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, enables Jewish learners from all backgrounds to learn about our heritage and culture in a challenging and inspiring course of study.

How We Remember: The Ever-Evolving Transmission of Jewish History with Rabbi Klein

Explore the important role of collective memory in the ongoing development and adaptation of Judaism throughout the generations.

Four Fridays, September 2, 9, 16, and 23 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Free for TI and ChaiVillageLA members 1 \$95 for non-members View our iLIFE web page at templeisaiah.com for more details

Modern Living: Maintaining Balance with Rabbi Klein and Cantor Coyot

Discover ageless answers in timeless Jewish texts.

Four Tuesdays, October 25, November 1, 8, and 15 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with Rabbi Klein Cantor Coyot sessions starting in November Free for TI members 1 \$95 for non-members

Torah, Talmud, Mussar and Books

Spine Tingles: *The Song of Hartgrove Hall* by Natasha Solomons.

Tuesday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Library

Fear of the other fueled the Brexit vote. It is one thing for Britain to leave Europe, but what does a nation do with "the other" long among its population? One answer lies in a charming romance starting in war time, concluding in our present.

Tales of the Talmud with Rabbi Joel Nickerson

Three Tuesdays, November 8, 15 and 29, 12:00 p.m to 1:30 p.m.

BYO brown bag lunch

Delve into the wild rabbinic tales of the Talmud, exploring some of the most fascinating and challenging stories found in its pages.

Shabbat Shorts with Erica Jamieson

October 15, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join writer Erica Jamieson to discuss great contemporary and classic Jewish short stories over coffee and snacks.

LifeQuest

Finding the tools in Judaism to enrich the journey beyond midlife.

\$90/individual to be a member of LifeQuest (Temple Isaiah members only). Membership helps subsidize meals, speakers and programs throughout the year.

When Breath Becomes Air: Potluck Dinner and Discussion in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

When Breath Becomes Air is a memoir written by 36-yearold neurosurgeon Paul Kalanithi as he faced a terminal cancer diagnosis. It is a profound and inspiring meditation on family, medicine, literature and life, and highlights the ecclesiastical themes of Sukkot such as vulnerability and temporality. If you haven't had time to read the book, we will provide some excerpts to enable everyone to participate.

Free for LifeQuest members | \$10 for non-members

The Mysteries of Sacred Time and Sacred Space With Rabbi Ed Harris

Five Thursdays, November 10, 17, December 8, January 19 and April 6 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LifeQuest members only

What makes Shabbat different than a Tuesday? What distinguishes the hour of Yizkor from an hour of errands? What differentiates your kitchen from the temple sanctuary, or your body from the Ark of the Covenant? Rabbi Ed Harris will help us unpack how we understand and behave differently in sacred vs secular spaces, and explore the challenges of time by examining the contrasting philosophies of sacred time of Erik Erikson vs. Reb Zalman, and discussing the questions that hound us: What is eternity? Can we ever transcend time? Why does time seem to go faster as we get older? How do we slow it down?

Trust Me, You Should Do This! An Adult Retreat Friday, November 18 - Sunday, November 20

Everything we do is based on trust. Join Rabbi Zoë Klein on a weekend that will explore the qualities of trusting and trustworthiness. Not trusting that this is for you? Perhaps you need this more than you think!

View our iLIFE web page at templeisaiah.com for more details and pricing.

For more information on our iLIFE programs visit our website templeisaiah.com or view our iLIFE brochure.

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY by Ellen G. Cole, Librarian



People of the Book at High Holidays and After

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- Help for Religious School students on how to navigate a Library, refresh computer searches, and research methods.
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Warmly,

Ellen G. Cole

Librarian

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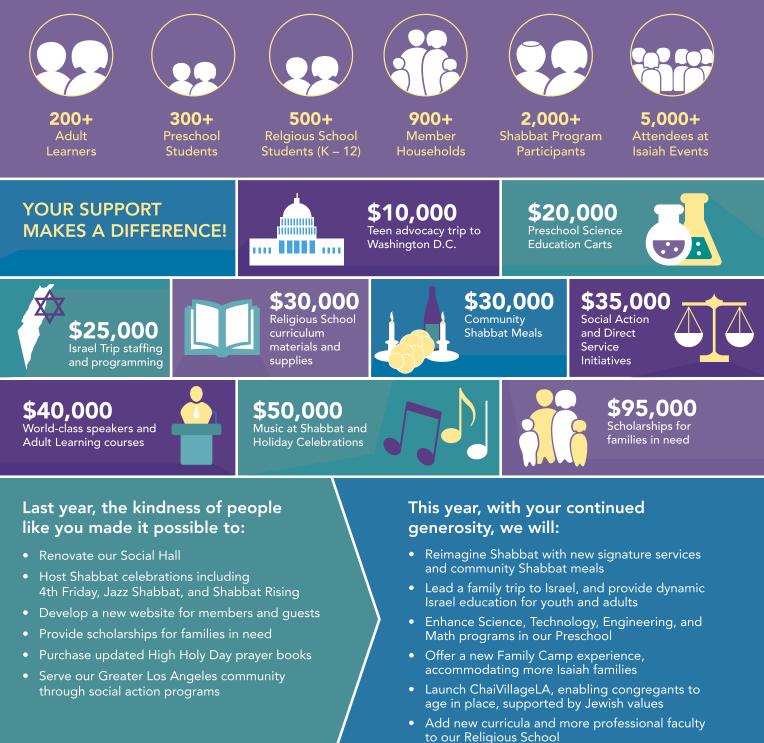
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Olivia Weissler Daughter of Jennifer and Adam Weissler Saturday, September 10



Loren Castelnuovo-Tedesco Daughter of Carin and Greg Castelnuovo-Tedesco Saturday, September 17



Jordan Soleimani Son of Veronica and Joseph Soleimani Saturday, September 24



Ariel Okin Daughter of Risa and Steven Okin Saturday, September 24





Leo Segal Son of Elizabeth Fine and Matthew Segal Saturday, October 29

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES

Mazel Tov to: Caolionn O'Connell and Samuel Waldman on the birth of their son, Vance Theodore; Suzanne and Martin Solig on the birth of their grandson, Levi Michael.

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Rivkie Blau, on the loss of her father, Menachem Blau; Stephanie Bronson, on the loss of her sister, Pamela Nemeth; Renee Cronenwalt, on the loss of her brother, Mel Kramer; Sharon De Mayo, on the loss of her father, Ilan De Mayo; Rachel Hakakzadeh, on the loss of her grandfather, Nissan Elyassi; Richard Kaufman, on the loss of his mother, Margye Kaufman; Shannon Lieberman, on the loss of her father, Steven Schlussel; Stephanie Elias Liszt, on the loss of her mother, Terri Elias; Larry Margo, on the loss of his mother, Judith Leibsker Margo; Ada Mitchell, on the loss of her grandmother, Julia Garcia; Judie Rice, on the loss of her cousin, Enrique Goyhman; Ronald Rosenberg, on the loss of his father, Dr. Louis Rosenberg; Allison Statter, on the loss of her grandmother, Edith Azoff and Janice Weiner and Brian Weiner, on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Tillie Heend.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: June Wynbrandt

SEPTEMBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES

September 2

Herbert Bayard Jennie Esensten Isidore Feiles Benjamin Ferguson Jean Freedman Irving Ginsburg Joseph Gold Ned Grossman Rudolph Heller Gertrude Hyden Robert Jacobson Adele Kessler Sidney Korman Caroline Mertzel Julius Morris Ann Neuman Lucille Reffe Louis Riave Isadore Rosner Helen Shine Anna Shpilsky **Richard Shulman** Bernice Smith Philip Sokol Nathan Wolfson

Dorothy Blitzer Barney Dagen Joel Davis Fannie Feldman S. Harry Hyman A.G. Isenberg **Doris Jacobs** Zachary Justman Dolly Keisler Esther Krakover Isadore Marx Sidney Needelman Ida Neiditch David Rucker Fanny Sacks Jean Sall **Rose Shapiro** Max Shushan Harold Stack Sara Terrence Leon Wasserman Sol Winnick

September 16

Jacob Banoff Jay Kaplan Anna Korn Ida Leinow Birdye Milner Ann Neuman Hilda Rosenberg Barney Shane Olive Shine Ethel Wilkey Helen Wynbrandt

September 23

Mollie Abeles Freida Avidon Louis Baumer Amelia Fabian Bessie Fainstein Charles Goldberg Helen Goldye Fritzy Greenspan Nathan Greenspan Anna Jacobs Herman Kertz Irene Lipman Joseph Markman Myra Nalibotsky **Belle Schechter** Pauline Schneider Sol Shachory Jacob Shapiro Barnett Sherman Jack Simon David Simons

William Stern Albert Tiger Philip Yudovin

September 30

Frances Deerson Phillip Garden Joe Green Patricia Hallner Irvina Helfaott Etka Huss Charles Jacobs Robert Kahn Charles Landau Celia Pfeifer Tillye Rich Anna Rosenberg Samuel Shine David Spasser Freyda Spatz Dorothy Stein Cipra Weisbart

September 9 Israel Binen

OCTOBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES

October 7

Celia Barker Sam Berniker Gussie Birken Joseph Blumberg Ralph Cohen Louis Dash Leo Hirsch Ellen Joseph Abe Krimstein Harry Kuppin Charles Lieberman Fanny Light Max Pullan Anna Schwartz Hannah Silverstone Nancy Speed David Stell Minnie Yudovin Howard Zeidenfeld

October 14

Charles Bellman Eva Berniker Annette Brounstein Esther Brounstein Frances Canter Jack Colvin George DeRoy Mildred Goldstein Celia Grimes David Korman Dora Koskoff Mollie Kotz Kate Loeb Herman Reffe Rose Rokaw Miriam Shachory Georgiana Sidlow Irving Wershow Miriam Wershow

October 21

Ralph Amado Samuel Blau Evelyn Dyser Ida Gurvitch Anne Ostry David Paller Max Pastor Max Schloss Henry Schnitman Sadie Shannahoff Lillian Wasserman Phillip Zeff

October 28

Phyllis Benach Bernard Fabian George Fink Joe Flatte' Lillian Hoffman Max Joseph Milton Lehman Sarah Lesser Herman Loevner Florence Osheroff Gilbert Person Faye Silverman Byron Smith David Steinberg Isadore Stone Albert Wager Anna Wager

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

in memory of Anna Berkovitz by Sherilee and Sumner Feldman Freddie Kornblith by Stelle Strozer **CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND** in appreciation of Cantor Coyot speaking to Chavurah S'dinim by Chavurah S'dinim Cantor Coyot's participation in Eva Dembo's Bat Mitzvah by Lauren and Bruce Dembo Cantor Coyot's participation in Sandra's Funeral by Lynda and Herb Belinky Rabbi Frimmer coming to our house for a Shiva minyan after the death of my father Herb Galperson by Laura and David Galperson Rabbi Frimmer by Maurice Amado Foundation Rabbi Frimmer's kind words at the funeral of Toby Wolfberg by Amy, Jane and Michael Wolfberg Rabbi Frimmer participating in Eva Dembo's Bat Mitzvah by Lauren and Bruce Dembo Rabbi Frimmer speaking to our group by Isaiah Women Rabbi Frimmer's participation in Gloria Averbook's Funeral by Dr. Allen Averbook Rabbi Nickerson officiating at our daughter's Bat Mitzvah by Laura and David Galperson Rabbi Nickerson's guidance through our B'nai Mitzvot by Kate and Eric Eshaghoff by Irene and Zachary Lodmer by Shana and Jeremy Lutsky by Lauren Stempel and David Stempel by Amy Phillips and Allen Zipper by Tracy and Eric Shabsis by Kristen and Jonathan Lonner Rabbi Klein officiating at Sandra's funeral by Herb and Lynda Belinky Rabbi Klein officiating at our grandson's naming by Cheri and Manuel Katz Rabbi Klein's 18 years in the Rabbinate by Roberta Gillerman Rabbi Klein's participation in Ben's Bar Mitzvah by Laura Brill and Ellen Evans Rabbi Klein's words of wisdom and blessings for lan Joyner's 545 mile AIDS LifeCycle by Barbara and Dale Joyner in celebration of the Hebrew naming of Madeline & Eleanor by Tina and Stephen Fox Kristen Lonner's Bat Mitzvah by Renee Lonner and Steven Frank Kristen Lonner's Bat Mitzvah by Michelle Lewis in honor of Leslie and Jonathan Davidson by Robert Gore Rifkind Foundation Ryan Finkelstein's Bar Mitzvah by Anne Berenzweig

Samuel Bloom's Bar Mitzvah by Sandra and Martin Milden Sonny and Sheri Feldman's Anniversary by Sandra and Martin Milden Irene Lodmer's Bat Mitzvah by Anina and Nathaniel Bach Kristen Lonner's Bat Mitzvah by Jamie and Peiman Sabet Lauren Stempel's Bat Mitzvah by Garin Kobliner Lauren Stempel's Bat Mitzvah by David, Bette, Rachel, Scott and Kelsey Scherr Lauren Stempel's Bat Mitzvah by Lacy Drissi Lauren Stempel's Bat Mitzvah by Suzanne & Fred Hersh Tracy Cohen Shabsis on her Bat Mitzvah by Steve, Shayna, Stella & Miles Fisch Rabbi Nickerson leading the Israel 2.0 trip by Tina and Stephen Fox Ryan Finkelstein's Bar Mitzvah by Brenda and Howard Rosin the Bat Mitzvah of Diane Kahn-Epstein by Honey Amado the Bat Mitzvah of Kate Eshaghoff by Honey Amado the Bat Mitzvah of Kristen Lonner by Honey Amado the Bat Mitzvah of Tracy Cohen Shabsis by Honey Amado the naming of Addison Bowman by Gina and Ronald Bowman Rabbi Klein by Lisa Motel in memory of Sidney Dreier by Nancy and Mitchel Dreier Suzanne Botansky by Phyllis Bellano and Harvey Botansky Toni Murray by Diane Murray Jacqueline Parris by Karen and David Leichenger Jan Murray by Diane Murray Laurel Carson by Wendy and Jeff Turk Lena Lank by Gerald Lank Mannie Marcus by Ellen and Ronald Canter Margaret Lipsey London Weinberger by Marcia Albert and Elliott Ribeiro Nathan Dyen by Sheila Moncavage Norman Lank by Gerald Lank Roger Dillon by Janet and Farrell Hirsch Toby Wolfberg by Ha Chee Tov Chavurah Toby Wolfberg by Sheila Moncavage Diana Oshman by Marcia Oshman Elsie Feld by Ronnie Fishman Janet Cinkus by Judie Rice

Roberta Winograde Lee by Marcia Oshman Abraham Frumkin by Ronda and Arthur Frumkin Ann Landwirth Nickoll by Patty and John Nickoll Anne Schechter by Judith Zimberoff Samuel Schechter by Judith Zimberoff Bertie Murphy by Diane Murray Bruce Jay Lipstein by Joan and Irwin Allen Jack Miller by Ruth Miller Jared Scott Mandel Becker by Denise Mandel-Becker and Steven Becker Marcus Bodian and Bertha Bodian by Carol and Leon Schwartz Milton Amado by Honey Amado Sarah Dlugofsky by Judith Zimberoff Sylvia Losch by Elise Ungerleider and Ronald Losch William Dubron and Nathan Dubron by Carol Dubron-Witlin and Steven Witlin **DONNA GROSS FUND** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Gross by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel Karen & Armin Weinberg's Anniversary by Bev & Sandy Weinberg in memory of Lenore Fischel by Judy Kravitz Melvin Gross by Gail and Terry Feigenbaum Melvin Gross by Judy Kravitz Melvin Gross by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel Marcia Finkel by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel Shirley Ganak by Paula and Laurence Shuman ELLEN GOLDBERG RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND in memory of Ellen Goldberg by Susan Bartholomew and Sanford Jacoby Ellen Goldberg by Gloria and Nathaniel Greengard Ellen Goldberg by Julie Sandor and John Ludden Hyman Katz by Cheri and Manuel Katz Jack Mishkin by Helene and Barry Korn GAIL SOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND in memory of **Bessie Chayet** by Iris and Edward Chayet Dr. Lawrence Solig by Suzanne and Martin Solig Mike Solo by Gail Solo

A big thank you to those who have contributed to the various Temple funds. Your contributions allow us to do so much and give back to the community. A true mitzvah!

GENERAL FUND in memory of Massood Toobi by Ellie and Peter Gabayan **GINNIE FOX MEMORIAL FUND** in memory of Ray Shatz by Geraldine and Gary Rosenberg HASHARIM in memory of Sandra Belinky by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Spencer HUREWITZ FAMILY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND in appreciation of Ellen Cole by Tina and Stephen Fox LEVINE LIBRARY FUND in memory of Katherine Monteleone by Rosalie and Fredrick Roder Scott Davis by Wendy Plottel NORMAN MIRSKY ADULT EDUCATION FUND in memory of Joseph Mirsky by Elaine Mirsky NORMAN MIRSKY ADULT EDUCATION FUND in memory of Dee Dee Rosenfeld by Robin and Charles Shephard Jessica Cynkus by Judie Rice Monroe Weinberg by Jean and Jay Abarbanel Norman Reamer by Deborah Reamer and Andrew Clare Sarah Cynkus by Judie Rice Pauline Rice by Judie Rice Harry Cynkus by Judie Rice **RABBI LEWIS MEMORIAL FUND** in memory of Donald Bernstein, M.D. by Sandra Bernstein Celia Radoff by Sandra Bernstein Pauline Radoff by Sandra Bernstein Herman Fishman by Ronnie Fishman Ike Jacobs by Ira Salzman **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** in honor of the adult Bat Mitzvah of Rochelle Browne by Evelyn and Allen Kwawer in memory of Betty Borden by Cory Schwab and Bill Weinman Dr. Bruce Deitchman by Rosalie and Fredrick Roder Ellen Goldberg by Rosalie and Fredrick Roder Helen Falke by Evelyn and Allen Kwawer Ilan DeMayo by Carla and Philippe Kopf

Lester Kwawer by Evelyn and Allen Kwawer Ronell Falke by Evelyn and Allen Kwawer our dear friend, Emilio Rodriguez Almeida by Evelyn and Allen Kwawer **ROSALEE LIPMAN FUND** in memory of Hyman Lipman by Donald Lipman SHABBAT CELEBRATION FUND in celebration of Diane Weinstein's Birthday by Ira Mandel SHABBAT MUSIC FUND in memory of Tamara Clyman by Katherine Clyman SKLAR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND in celebration of Sylvia Fox's Birthday by Elaine and Warren Deutsch in honor of Martha Sklar's generosity by Patricia Harkleroad in honor of Norm Sherman's Birthday by Martha Sklar in honor of Sylvia Fox's Special Birthday by Martha Sklar in memory of Henry Milner by Susan and Leonard Milner in memory of Henry Solig by Marty, Suzanne, Nicole and Erica Solig in memory of Rose Rubinstein by Martha Sklar SOCIAL ACTION FUND in honor of Ethan Strauss' graduation by Mimi and Martin Strauss in memory of Annette Lazare by Merridy Mishkin Sidney Kern by Shirley Kern STAFF APPRECIATION FUND in memory of David Mand by Denise Mand-Livker **Emery Mand** by Denise Mand-Livker Ruth Mand by Denise Mand-Livker YAHRZEIT FUND in memory of Doris Jacoby by Susan Bartholomew and Sanford Jacoby Earl Van Emburgh by Joanne Van Emburgh and Samuel Surloff Esther Catch Mayer by Jeni Catch Jack Catch by Jeni Catch Frieda Ross by Lorraine Trogman Igor Sinkevytch by Maryna and Parham Partielli Irving Marmer by Leslie and Jonathan Davidson

Jeanette Goldberg by Jodi and Douglas Galen Jerome Ungerleider, MD by Elise Ungerleider and Ronald Losch Jerry Reiter by Genise Reiter and Geoffrey Tully Karen Lee Silverman by Susan Silverman Lillian Altman by Caroline and Robert Altman Miriam Rosenwasser by Neil Risch Molly Abelman by Myrna and William Hant Fred Abelman by Myrna and William Hant Morris Rohrlick by June Rohrlick-Miller Marc Reiter by Genise Reiter and Geoffrey Tully **Richard Shafton** by Lauren and Bruce Dembo all those that perished in the Shoah by Brickton Kristy



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DATED MATERIAL

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR

Friday, September 2

6:15 p.m - 6:45 p.m. Shabbat Services 5:30/6:30 p.m. Share Shabbat (Home Edition)

Friday, September 9

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg6:15 p.m. Tree of Life Shabbat Services7:00 p.m. Dinner & Discussion

Friday, September 16

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

Friday, September 23

5:30 p.m. Family Share Shabbat Services6:00 p.m. Share Shabbat Community Dinner7:15 p.m. Share Shabbat Services8:15 p.m. Oneg

September Events

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable September 10 - 9:00 a.m.

Isaiah Women / New Officers Installation September 15 - 6:00 p.m.

Green Team Meeting September 15 - 7:00 p.m.

Am Tzedek:

Isaians Pursuing Justice September 15 - 7:00 p.m.

Pop-Up Mussar

September 17 - 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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September 20 - 8:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, September 30

5:30 p.m. Pre Oneg 6:15 p.m. Thank God It's Shabbat (TGIS) Services 7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday, October 7

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Niggun Services (Shabbat Shuvah)
7:15 p.m. Oneg Windows & Mirrors: Judaism and the Art of Photography

Friday, October 14

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg6:15 p.m. Jazz Shabbat Services7:30 p.m. Dinner & Discussion

Friday, October 21

5:30 p.m.	Yizkor Service
5:45 p.m.	Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m.	Thank God It's Shabbat
	(TGIS) and Sukkot Service
7:15 p.m.	Oneg in the Sukkah

Friday, October 28

5:30 p.m.	Family Share Shabbat Services
6:00 p.m.	Share Shabbat Community Dinner
7:15 p.m.	Share Shabbat Services
8:15 p.m.	Oneg

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Isaiah Women / Book Group September 20 - 1:00 p.m.

Fair Food Committe and Isaiah Women: *Amelia Saltsman Event* September 22 - 7:15 p.m.

Spine Tingles September 27 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

October Events Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable October 8 - 9:00 a.m.

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October 19 - 8:00 a.m.

ONGOING

Shabbat Shorts October 15 - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Green Team Meeting October 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing Justice October 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Isaiah Women / Sukkot Celebration October 20 - 6:30 p.m.

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Isaiah Women/League of Women Voters October 27 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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November (SAVE THE DATE)

Spine Tingles November 1 - 10:30 a.m.

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.