

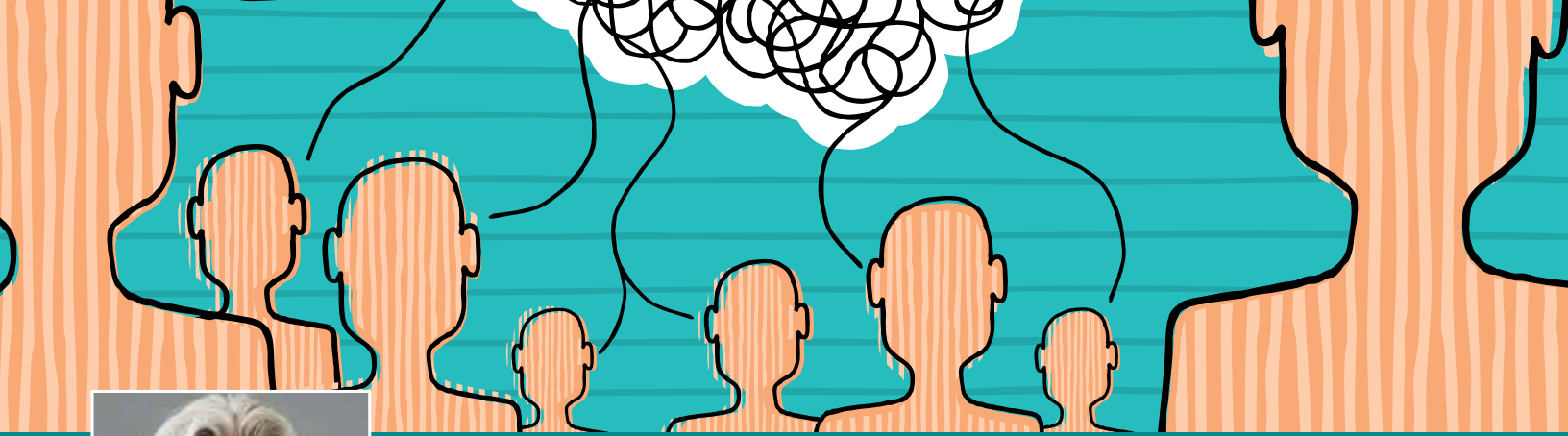
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2017

THE ISAIAN

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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RESPECTFUL LISTENING:

“These and these are the Words of a Living God.”

A message from the President Honey Kessler Amado

We have entered into a period in our country where opinions and understanding of information are widely diverse and, regrettably, polarizing. Within our congregation, this diversity of opinion exists as well and has been reflected in our conversations about Israel, *kashrut* (dietary laws), the study of Hebrew, arming our guards, and the recent national elections.

The Talmud tells the story of an on-going, three-year dispute between the House of Shammai and the House of Hillel about a fine point of halacha (law).¹ Each claimed that the law was according to their interpretation. Finally, a Divine Voice came from the heavens and said, **“These and these are the words of a living God.”** (*Babylonian Talmud*, Eruvin 13b.)

Rabbi Doug Kahn, of San Francisco, gave this beautiful commentary on those famous words, underscoring that our tradition values conflicting perspectives: “First, in the eyes of God, civil discourse and diverse perspectives are valued, even as one view ultimately prevails. Second, humility and respect in our response to competing views is as important as the merit of the ideas... And, finally, God becomes even more alive, in part, through our very expression of diverse and pluralistic ideas.”

Thus, we learn that in our tradition, conflicting perspectives are valued. Indeed, the Talmud records majority and dissenting views, and still more opinions are collected in the Tosefta.² Different, divergent opinions can all reflect righteousness, holiness, and insight.

Rabbi David Booth, of Palo Alto, reads the Talmudic story as emphasizing the value of listening: “We should understand ‘*Sh’ma Yisrael, Hear O Israel!*’ as a positive commandment.” Hear, O Israel – Listen, O Israel – to the voice of the other. “True listening pays attention to the image of God within other persons, and allows us to discover the potential divinity of their words. Ultimately, we may reject their words or disagree with that which is said. This world requires such choices. But first, *Sh’ma Yisrael*, we listen for the words of the living God.”

In the story, after saying of both Houses that “These and these are the words of a living God,” the Divine Voice concludes, “But the law is according to the House of Hillel.” The Talmud explains that the House of Hillel was preferred because they were kind and modest, they studied both their own rulings and those of the House of Shammai, and they mentioned the words of the House of Shammai before their own. Thus, Talmud teaches, our humility and respect in response to competing ideas and opinions are as important as the substance of the ideas.

My hope is that every discussion about critical issues within our congregation – and in our nation – will be a values-driven conversation and that we will all feel safe expressing our ideas as we seek to listen to and learn from one another. My hope is that in this new year, we will practice these lessons and come to say: “These and these are the words of a living God.”

Wishing you each a prosperous, meaningful, and peaceful 2017.

1. Shammai and Hillel were two great rabbis of the Talmud, often paired together, with opposing points of view. Their disciples were known as the House of Shammai and the House of Hillel.

2. The Tosefta is a compilation of Jewish oral law, most of which is not included in the Talmud. Many scholars say that it was compiled in the same period as the Mishnah (a portion of the Talmud) in the first two centuries of the Common Era. The Tosefta is supplemental to the Talmud, but is not authoritative. I include a reference to it here to emphasize the value our tradition places on dissenting and minority views.

FEBRUARY FOOD FESTIVAL

by Zoë Klein



In the Torah, it is written, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by the word of God.” (Deuteronomy 8:3) Yes, and Shalom Aleichem wrote, “A wise word is not a substitute for a piece of herring.”

There are so many ways to think about food. Food as the fuel of life. Food as nourishment of love. Food as something to be portioned and controlled. Food as a great pleasure to be savored in abundance. Food as Activism. Food as bringing people together.

This February, Temple Isaiah is presenting it's first “Jewish Food Festival”, offering the opportunity for you to explore the meaning of food from many perspectives. Be prepared for consciousness-raising culinary experiences through Jewish cuisine. Take a look at Jewish animal ethics, learn wisdom from a kosher butcher, explore the medicinal properties of tea blending in a hands-on workshop and learn about urban farming. Take a private tour of Gelson's Market and learn the secrets of shopping healthy. Watch and learn about the relationship between Judaism and food through stories presented by Jewish Women's Theater. Learn the history of shakshuka, gefilte fish, bagels and cholent. Taste wines and smoked meats, enjoy a vegan meal and kosher gumbo. Explore religious and social conflicts between Jews, Christians and Muslims over food traditions. Join Netiya for a Tu B'Shevat Seder, a meditative journey into the Four Worlds through a vast array of locally-sourced and sustainably harvested fruit, nuts and wines.

Join us this February as we find the appetizing intersection of ancient tradition and Reform innovation over mouth-watering delicacies, juicy wisdom-bites and memorable moments that are both tasty and packed with meaning.



FEBRUARY

JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL

FEB 2

Jewish Animal Ethics: Values-Based Decision Making As A Community

Melissa Hoffman

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Meal Contribution

TI Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15

FEB 3

Matzah Ball Diaries

Jewish Women's Theater

7:00 p.m.

Following shabbat services JWT will share dramatic secret stories of food and home.



FEB 5

Organic Tea Blending Party

repairforjustice.org

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Education, Nutrition, Healing, Food Production, Organic Certification and Jewish Herbalism.

Tea-Making supplies and organic snacks provided. *(space is limited)*

FEB 8

Food, Faith and Conflict

Dr. Leah Hochman

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Explore faith, practice, thought, ethics and conflict of food and food traditions in the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths.

Meal Contribution

TI Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15

FEB 9

Meals and Shpiels

Cantor Tifani Coyot

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

While feasting on gourmet Jewish inspired cuisine, learn about the history of Jewish cooking around the world.

Meal Contribution

TI Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15





FEB 10

Tu B'Shevat Seder
Netiya - Netiya.org

Following Tree of Life Shabbat

Join **Netiya** for a **Tu B'Shevat** seder. Enjoy locally-sourced and sustainably harvested fruit, nuts and wines.

FEB 11

Urban Farming Workshop
Steve Wynbrandt

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come learn with **Steve Wynbrandt** founder of **Wynbrandt Farms**, known for its distinguished compost, signature growing techniques and quality of vegetable production.

FEB 12

The Chicken Whisperer
Rabbi Gabriel Botnick

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hands-on workshop on the history of the shochet (kosher butcher) in Judaism. *(live animal demonstration)*

FEB 15

Mediterranean Diet Tour
Jessica Siegel

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tour Gelson's Market in Century City with registered dietitian Jessica Siegel. Learn about the world's most delicious, health-promoting, and flexible way to eat. *(Limited to 20 people)*

FEB 16

Wine Tasting, Smoked Meat and History
Professor Reuven Firestone

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

What is the relationship with the fruit of the vine? What makes wine kosher? Professor Reuven Firestone will take us deep into the vineyard.



FEB 18

Food and Our Bodies
One Cantor's Story of Recovery
Cantor Tifani Coyot

Time : TBD

A conversation over Shabbat lunch about food, eating disorders, shame and recovery.



FEB 24

Special L'dor Vador Food Share Shabbat
Community Dinner

6:00 p.m.

Do you have a special recipe that has been handed down to you through the generations? Do you have a great story to go with the recipe? Send us both to be included in our Shabbat tasting gallery.

email recipes to Tamar@templeisaiah.com

FEB 28

Kosher Gumbo and Mardi Gras
Rabbi Aimee Gerace

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Do you think Mardi Gras is just a Catholic holiday? Think again! Join us as we feast on the Kosher version of the traditional Cajun dish (gumbo) and discuss Jewish involvement in Mardi Gras.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT TEMPLEISAIAH.COM**

CELEBRATE TOGETHER TU B'SHEVAT

FAMILY DAY @ TEMESCAL CANYON

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
(we encourage carpooling)



PARTICIPATING SYNAGOGUES

This is in place of religious school sessions for that day.



ACTIVITIES

- mitzvah projects
- hiking
- walking
- composting
- Israeli dancing
- music
- art projects
- snacks



SHABBAT AT ISAIAH

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.

JOIN OUR CHOIRS:

HaSharim (Adult Choir)

Permanent Players (Children's Choir)

Pop-Up Choir (Children's Choir)

contact: Cantor Tifani Coyot at tifani@templeisaiah.com or visit our choir page at templeisaiah.com/choirs

JANUARY / FEBRUARY SHABBAT 2017 / 5777

This year is Cantor Lorna Lembeck's seventh year serving the Temple Isaiah community. As our Associate Cantor, she has led our community with her beautiful voice at Shabbat Services, holiday celebrations, and concerts. Cantor Lembeck has been an integral part of our B'nai Mitzvah program by leading Isaiah families on their journeys with her generosity, wisdom, and love for Judaism.

TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT SERVICES
JANUARY 6
AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND JOY
CELEBRATING THE CANTORATE OF LORNA LEMBECK

Please join us for this special Shabbat service to express our gratitude for all the ways Cantor Lembeck has lifted up our congregation.

Friday, January 6

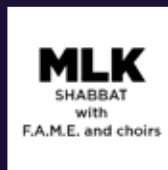
TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Service and Celebrations

followed by dinner catered by Shamshiri Grill

RSVP to lenore@templeisaiah.com



Friday, January 13

MLK SHABBAT with First A.M.E.

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Service

Oneg to follow

With HaSharim and First A.M.E. choirs



Friday, January 20

SHABBAT NIGGUN

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Service

Oneg to follow



Friday, January 27

SHARE SHABBAT

5:30 p.m. Share Shabbat

Family Services

6:00 p.m. Community Dinner

7:15 p.m. Share Shabbat Services

With HaSharim and Permanent Players



Friday, February 3

TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Service

Oneg to follow



Friday, February 10

TREE OF LIFE SHABBAT / Tu B'Shevat

6:15 p.m. Service

7:00 p.m. Tu B'Shevat Seder

RSVP to jennifer@templeisaiah.com



Friday, February 17

SHABBAT NIGGUN

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Service

Oneg to follow



Friday, February 24

SHARE SHABBAT

5:30 p.m. Share Shabbat

Family Services

6:00 p.m. Community Dinner

7:15 p.m. Share Shabbat Services

RABBI ALBERT LEWIS LECTURE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m



TOM STEYER

founder

NextGen Climate



WIND



SOLAR



WATER



BIO FUEL



GEOTHERMAL

“ Today, we are seeing clean energy compete head-to-head with fossil fuels — and win. But it isn't enough. As a nation we must accelerate this transition to a clean energy economy to win the global race for clean energy jobs and protect our economy from the devastating impacts of climate change. ” - Tom Steyer



“From July to November, I had the amazing opportunity to work at NextGen Climate, the organization founded by Tom Steyer. During election season, NextGen registered millennials in seven states to vote and mobilized them by focusing on the urgency of climate change. Coming off working for the Bernie Sanders campaign, seeing the energy and attention NextGen dedicated to young voters was inspiring to me. I managed our social media accounts and blog page, keeping our followers informed about the election and driving home the stakes of acting on climate. It would be an understatement to say we didn't get the result we wanted in the presidential race, but we did help pro-climate candidates in New Hampshire, Illinois and Nevada win Senate seats. Yet with the Paris Agreement and President Obama's Clean Power Plan now in flux (plus no guarantee that even those steps would keep the Earth from warming by a catastrophic 2 degrees Celsius) we know that isn't nearly enough. Tom Steyer has committed himself to the fight for climate action, including his instrumental role in California's recent legislative victories on the issue. I encourage all ages to attend the Rabbi Albert Lewis Lecture where you will have an opportunity to hear Steyer speak.” - Alex Leichenger, member at Temple Isaiah

TOM STEYER

Rabbi Albert Lewis Lecutre, Guest Speaker

RSVP ONLINE TEMPLEISAIAH.COM



“Tom Steyer is a business leader and philanthropist who believes we have a moral responsibility to give back and help ensure that every family shares the benefits of economic opportunity, education, and a healthy climate.”- *nextgen.org*

In 2010, Steyer, the founder of Farallon Capital and co-founder of Beneficial State Bank, and his wife signed The Giving Pledge to donate half of their fortune to charity during their lifetime. He has become a leading figure in environmental causes, being among the top donors of the 2014 election cycle, and an environmental advisor to the Obama administration. Steyer is on the board of Next Generation, a non-profit that intends to tackle children’s issues and the environment. Steyer is NextGen Climate’s founder.

RABBI ALBERT LEWIS LECTURE

January 26, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

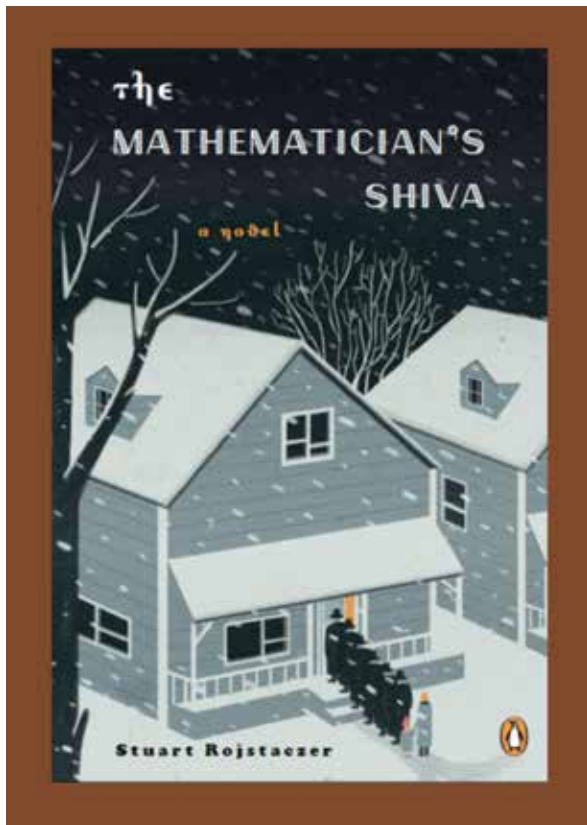
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GREEN TEAM

The Temple Isaiah Green Team’s mission is to establish awareness of our Jewish responsibility in regards to maintaining and healing our planet. Earth-justice requires lifestyle changes for the sake of our children, grandchildren, and all those with whom we share and bequeath this planet. The Green Team focuses on education and advocating for solutions to environmental issues, green activism, and creating green initiatives at Temple Isaiah and in the larger community.

Visit our green team page at templeisaiah.com/green-team

BIG HEARTS AND CRAZY FIGURES



California winter is a good time for a book set in real winter. How successfully this novel parades as a memoir, two in fact, as it leads you through a rip-roaring Shiva for a famous mathematician invaded by her socially-challenged, genius colleagues consumed by obsession.

They arrive en masse for her funeral, yes, to bid farewell, but actually to discover her solution to a world-renowned math problem which now offers a million dollar prize. *The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojstaczer is a hoot, a holler and a hell of a read.

The narrator, son Sasha, loves and mourns his dominant, brilliant mother, who though dead, is the principal character. Family love and loyalty propel this cleverly-written, lively fiction which handles, through laughter and tears, a lifetime based on a woman's career success, revenge, and immigrant philosophy. Recounting her journey, Sasha reveals the messy details of his own life.

The form of this quirky book incorporates his first-person confession interspersed with her diaries that stretch back 70 years to Russia, the Holocaust, math training, defection from the Soviet Union and life with

or without lovers in American academia. The mystery rests on secrets and spite: did she truly solve the Navier-Stokes Millennium equation? And if so, why did she not crow and publish? In a satisfying dénouement, readers will have their questions answered.

A tight time frame delivers the action. After meeting family and mathematicians, readers share Shiva with the crazed crazies day by day. You overhear Russian opinion of Americans: afraid of brains, avoiding cold, repelled by hard work. The mother may love the son, but she hurts him to gain the relationship she wishes. His personal failures produce surprises and happy endings to ensure the pain does not overwhelm you, his father, his uncle, his cousin, his favorite defector or the fun.

Fun it is! Our attitudes toward smart women, family and friends receive a good going over. You think as you feel. Where is the divide between genius and happiness? The wonderful writing, the unforgettable characters and an over the top setting enhance a warm, wise read from a cold climate where entertainment meets quality. Don't sit on it; take *The Mathematician's Shiva* from the Library.

Ellen G. Cole

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Thursday: 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SPINE TINGLES BOOK CLUB

January 10 10:30 a.m. to noon
The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor
February 7 10:30 a.m. to noon
The Last Flight of Poxl West by Daniel Torday
March 7 10:30 a.m. to noon
All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen

The Isaiah Women Board would like to thank all of its members as well as our Temple Isaiah community for their generous contributions to the toy drive: the gifts brought much happiness to the children at First A.M.E.

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 Laurie for more information: lbgantz@sbcglobal.net

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY



We hope all who enjoy playing Mah Jongg will consider participating in the Winter Mah Jongg Tournament.

This event is a major fund-raiser that allows Isaiah Women to make large donations to various temple groups and to our social action projects.

Last month we were able to sponsor \$2500 to assist Religious School students who traveled to Israel during their winter break.

Sunday, January 8, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Isaiah Women Mah Jongg Tournament

Please bring your Mah Jongg card. Light lunch, three rounds of Mah Jongg, raffle prizes and Split-the-Pot will all be part of a fun-filled afternoon.

\$30.00 for IW members, \$35.00 for non-members.

RSVP to Suzanne Solig: slsolig@gmail.com

Thursday, January 12 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Isaiah women Greek Dinner at Papa Cristo's

Greek Deli and Restaurant. Enjoy a festive fixed price dinner and entertainment.

\$24 per person, plus tax/tip

RSVP to Helene Korn: helenekorn@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5, 2:00 p.m.

Isaiah Women Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook-off

A great day for women and their spouses/friends.

At the home of Simonne Yaroslow.

\$18 if you don't bring a chili dish.

Space is limited to the first 30 people

RSVP to Sari Spiro at spirojjs@gmail.com

ISAIAH WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

January 17

IW book group will be discussing *My Name is Lucy Barton*, by Elizabeth Strout, at the home of Sandy Mildren.

RSVP to Sandy at sandymildren@gmail.com

February 21

IW book group will be discussing *Old Heart*, by Peter Ferry, at the home of Ginny Solomon.

RSVP to Ginny at iginski@yahoo.com

March 21

IW book group will be discussing *A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding*, by Jackie Copleton, at the home of Tina Feiger.

RSVP to Tina at tinafeiger@hotmail.com

For more information on Isaiah women visit our web page at www.templeisaiiah.com/isaiah-women



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Richard Siegel launched the Village's Backyard Gardening Interest Group to bring members together who share a passion for gardening. After their first meeting, the consensus was to meet monthly, alternating between field trips and educational activities.

- The first field trip was to the Self-Realization Fellowship Lake Shrine, which offers a peaceful oasis and Meditation Garden.
- The group invited orchid expert, Ian Joyner, to do a demonstration of repotting orchids.
- Temple Emanuel members, Ben Pomerantz and Bonnie Pastor, hosted the most recent gathering for a tour of their drought-tolerant garden. In the spring, these Green enthusiasts anticipate a trip to the Santa Barbara Orchid Show.
- ChaiVillageLA sponsors a weekly Tuesday morning Walk with the Rabbi around Rancho Park. Terry Pullan organized what is now a self-perpetuating weekly ritual. He is thrilled that the walks not only are healthy, but "they also give members a chance to get to know the clergy of both synagogues at a different level."

Director, Devorah Servi, hopes to learn from Village member, Steve Fox, about how ChaiVillageLA can become more "Green." The Jewish holiday, Tu B'Shevat, teaches us many things about conserving and appreciating our earth, among them, the Jewish value of bal tash'chit, which teaches us to avoid wasting our precious earthly resources. This idea includes using our resources to their fullest extent. With Steve's help, we hope to jump on green learning opportunities.

We are excited to continue partnering with Temple Isaiah and Temple Emanuel to work towards a greener Village and wider community.





TEMPLE ISAIAH OFFERS YOU THESE SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES!

Debra Silverman, VP Community Affairs

Am Tzedek (Organizing to make Los Angeles a more livable city by working on issues of transportation, housing, health care, and education)

CAST/NCJW (Fighting human trafficking in all its forms through legislation and relationship building)

PATH (With every act, large or small, Isaiah's justice work focuses on recognizing the dignity of each individual. This year we partner with PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) to move us closer to the world that we know is possible.)

Family Philanthropy Club (Social action opportunities for families who are interested in deep and direct engagement)

Green Team (Working to promote a healthy planet where caring for and sharing our finite resources is fundamental to securing the future for generations to come)

Gun Legislation Advocacy Committee (Advocates through lobbying efforts and education for sensible gun legislation, and coalition building across Los Angeles)

Preschool Social Action (Engaging our youngest members in Tikkun Olam)

Roots & Wings Mentoring (Engaging public high school students in broader world views and developing strategies for them to achieve academic/vocational success)

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESCHOOL - PATH LUNCH DRIVE

Preschoolers pack an extra lunch for families in need.

Thursday, January 5

9:00 a.m.

FAMILY PHILANTHROPY CLUB (FPC) PARENT DISCUSSION

How to Live & Raise a Family in LA with Gratitude & Awareness

The first FPC event of 2017 will be a parent discussion group with Rabbi Dara about living and raising a family in Los Angeles with gratitude and awareness, with a focus on philanthropy.

RSVP to Jessica Dabney at jdabney@northamericanrealty.net

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Congregant Home

RABBI ALBERT LEWIS LECTURE SERIES

Guest speaker, Tom Steyer

Tom Steyer has become a leading figure in environmental causes, being among the top donors of the 2014 election cycle, and an environmental advisor to the Obama administration.

RSVP online at templeisaiah.com

Thursday, January 26

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FAMILY PHILANTHROPY CLUB (FPC) LA FOOD BANK

Help sort, inspect and package food for donations to local food shelters

February 20, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

1734 East 41st Street, LA, CA 90058



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

Your Link To Jewish Adult Enrichment

Israel

HARTMAN

Speaker, Micah Goodman (at Valley Beth Shalom)

January 22

Special Time: 3:00 p.m.

Each year the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America partners with synagogues across the Westside for the Westside Synagogue Collaborative Lecture Series, a superior cross-denominational lecture series, featuring highest quality senior scholars addressing core ideas of contemporary Jewish life.

The program this year will be: Visions for a Shared Society: The "Tribes" of Israel.

For more information visit templeisaiah.com/iLEARN.php

Reservations required for lectures and books!

ISRAEL CONNECTION

A group of Isaiaans who say "yes!" to being notified when opportunities arise to converse with distinguished guests on Israel. All throughout the year we receive last minute invitations to hear from extraordinary teachers visiting Los Angeles through the Israeli Consulate, IRAC, ARZA, Hebrew University, Technion, Aipac, J-Street, and multiple organizations concerning Israel. We don't always know when these great speakers will be local and so we cannot plan ahead. If you would like to be part of Israel Connection, please sign up by email to jennifer@templeisaiah.com.

Lectures

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For more information view pages 8-9

L'dor Vador: From Generation to Generation

TREE OF LIFE SHABBAT

Tree of Life Shabbat brings Torah to life!

February 10

6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Service (Includes a creative Torah reading)

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Discussion-Step into the stories that shape who we are. (Parashat Hashavua, the weekly Torah portion)

7:30 p.m. Dinner (RSVP to jennifer@templeisaiah.com)

For more information on all Shabbat services view page 7

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.

MODERN LIVING: MAINTAINING BALANCE with Cantor Tifani Coyot

Saturday, January 21 and February 4

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

These weekend sessions will include adult members of B'Yachad, Temple Isaiah's innovative approach to Jewish education engaging students in experiential learning and intellectually stimulating discussions. The Saturday sessions include Shabbat morning prayers.

Free for TI members | \$95 for non-members (RSVP Required)

Melton Scholars Curriculum

Ten Wednesdays:

February 22, March 1, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 26, May 3, 17 and 24

\$245 Temple Isaiah members per ten-week series (\$490 to take both series), \$300 non-members per series (\$600 for both)

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jewish Denominations: Addressing the Challenges of Modernity with Rabbi Dara Frimmer

This course examines Jewish identity and religious expression against the backdrop of dramatic political and social change.

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. From Sinai to Seinfeld: The History of Jewish Humor with Rabbi Zoë Klein

A treasure of irresistible jokes from the Israelite relationship with God to the growing divide between cultural and religious Judaism in the early 21st century.

For descriptions and to register for this series, visit templeisaiah.com/iLEARN.php

Torah, Talmud, Mussar and Books

Spine Tingles Book Club

January 10

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Library

The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor

History is not erased. The famous Rosenberg espionage resurfaces in a well considered new novel. Discover how the past is always with us in an imaginative take on one of Jewish American history's most shocking moments.

February 7

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Library

The Last Flight of Poxl West by Daniel Torday

Survivor Poxl West recounts endless tales of wartime daring in this prize winning novel. His nephew sets out to discover the truth about his "Superman." Join me for this prize winning tale of wartime lies and their fallout.

March 7

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Library

All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen

An award winning confession from a member of an insular Hasidic sect reveals his harrowing crisis of faith and family. Join us for this wrenching account.

Shabbat Shorts with Erica Jamieson

January 21, February 25 and March 18

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.

January 21, Story: *The Last Words on Faith* by Nicole Krauss

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.

February Jewish Food Festival

Shalom Aleichem once wrote, "A wise word is not a substitute for a piece of herring." While Torah is known as the Written Tradition, Talmud and other Jewish commentary are known as the Oral Tradition. Well, at Temple Isaiah we are dedicating February to "the other oral tradition": Food!

In honor of our Food Festival, we will be having a SOVA drive, collecting food for the hungry.

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February Jewish Food Festival Schedule

For sessions with dinner, there is a \$10 meal contribution per member (\$15 for non-members) 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 Food Festival Dinners.

- Jewish Animal Ethics: Values-Based Decision Making as A Community with Melissa Hoffman
- Matzah Ball Diaries with Jewish Women's Theater
- Organic Tea Blending Party - www.repairforjustice.org
- Food, Faith and Conflict with Dr. Leah Hochman
- Meals and Shpiels with Cantor Tifani Coyot
- Tu B'Shevat Seder with Netiya
- Urban Farming Workshop with Steve Wynbrandt
- The Chicken Whisperer with Rabbi Gabriel Botnick,
- Wine Tasting, Smoked Meat, and History with Professor Reuven Firestone
- Food and Our Bodies: One Cantor's Story of Recovery with Cantor Coyot
- Mediterranean Diet Tour with Jessica Siegel
- Special L'dor Vador Food Share Shabbat
- Kosher Gumbo and Mardi Gras with Rabbi Aimee Gerace

For complete list of dates see pages 4-5 or visit templeisayah.com/FebFoodFestival.php

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B'nai Mitzvah

FEBRUARY



Zoë Klowden
Daughter of
Tanya and Kevin Klowden
Saturday, February 11



Abigail Sheridan
Daughter of
Susan Sheridan and Michael Sheridan
Saturday, February 11



Matthew Tuch
Son of
Vida and Steven Tuch
Saturday, February 18



Benjamin Sachs-Amrami
Son of
Naomi Sachs and Ori Amrami
Saturday, February 25

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES

Mazel Tov to: Jennifer and Rahm Tamir, on the birth of their son, Micah Sandor; Kathleen and Mark Mower, on the birth of their son, Ezekiel Delia; Laurie and David Gantz, on the birth of their grandson, Andrew Dylan Lobo; Candis Melamed and Dr. Benjamin Emanuel, on the birth of their daughter, Madeline Simcha.

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Helga Judah and Daniela Judah-Ormani, on the loss of their husband and father, Derek Judah; Kenneth Wolf, on the loss of his

brother, Lawrence Sanford Wolf; Radi Shamsi, on the loss of his father, Cyrus Shamsi; Glenna Baron, on the loss of her aunt, Ida Baron; David Cohen, on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Cohen; Donald Pechet, on the loss of his mother, Adelle Pechet; Jan Weisbart, on the loss of her husband, Richard Weisbart; Rutie Gross, on the loss of her step-father, Lutz Jehuda Kann; Andrea Spatz, on the loss of her aunt, Edith Wolfson; Alvin Zeidenfeld, on the loss of his mother, Annette Zeidenfeld; the Tarnove/Gold/Oberstein families, on the loss of Gladys Tarnove; Julie Grass, on the loss of her nephew, Charley Roden; Michael Daniels, on the loss of his father, Lawrence Milton Daniels; Zachary Lodmer, on the loss of his grandmother, Anne Betty Chaleff.

JANUARY MEMORIAL PLAQUES

January 6

Hannah Berman
Nathan Brounstein
Ray Elman
Beckie Garden
Abraham Ginsburg
Stanley Gottlieb
Ben Herszkowitz
Morris Leibowitz
Louis Litman
Harry Macoff
Samuel Mendelsohn
Jack Myers
Anna Rosenthal
Lorraine Weger
Carolyn Weiner
Blanche Wetter

January 13

Sophie Asrican
Simon Auerbach
Mildred Avidon
Beryl Hirschfeld
Charlotte Jaloff
Paul Kahn
Jeanetta Kartsman
Sara E. Kimmel
Birdie Ruben
Beatrice Schwartz
Gerald Stern
Jack Wynbrandt

January 20

Joseph Ascheim
Leonard Goldstein
Donna Gross
Henry Harris
Henry Kaplan
Bernard Klein
David Light
Josiah Mishne
Sadie Pittler
Noah Rachofsky
Sherrill Roseman
Richard Rosenblum
Yetta Silverberg
Pearl Spector
Richard Spivack
Genevieve Stern
Peter Studner
Albert Terrence
Phillip Warnick
Joan Windisch
Abe Yaras

January 27

Ronald Allen
Jack Asrican
Eleanor Auerbach
Rebecca Barnett
Sarah Bernson
Seymour Fabrick
Michael Filerman
Hyman Finkel
Birdie Fishman
Esther Fox
Rose Freeman
Dorothy Green
Sarah Horwitz
Sheila Kassorla
Anna Pick
Sam Plotkin
Selma Pullan
Ethel Rosenblatt
Zelda Ross
Harry Sax
Ruth Sax
Rose Shushan
Eva Volan
William Wallace
Hymen Weger
Fan Weisbart
Isador Wilensky

FEBRUARY MEMORIAL PLAQUES

February 3

Michelle Agasi
Bertha Arnold
Carol Ascheim
Bernard Estes
Abraham Frazin
Betty Gaynor
I. Morris Harris
Herbert Joseph
Paul Kodimer
Bess Levine
Nettie Mendelsohn
Henry Monosson
Thomas Pearl
Ina Person
Janet Petkoff
Anna Plotkin
Rosalie Sacks
Minnie Stoll
Joseph Subotnick
Manuel Walter

February 10

Samuel Adler
Nocen Baritan
David Beckman, DDS
Gerson Brener
Blanche Dauber
Sidney Geilman
Etta Globenfelt
Hyman Gordon
Sam Green
Abraham Harmell
Milton Katz
Mildred Fendell Kessler
Irene Kimmelstiel
Morris Lapidus
David Lavine
Deborah Leemon
Abraham Levine
Florence Lewis
Sylvia Marx
Rita Melcher
Anna Miller
Dorothy Prager
Irene Riave
Morton Rokaw
Henriette Rynveld
Ruth Schwartz
Robert Shane
Manford Susman
William Wax

February 17

Lillian Banoff
Emil Goldstein
Sallie Harris
Ellen Leff
James Levich
Martha Madoff
Osias Nacht
Gilbert Leonard Park
Hyman Solomon
Nat Spector
Ethel Yavitch

February 24

Mac Altkorn
Jane Carter
Annie Fink
Sara Freeman
Joe Gillerman
Minnie Grodin
Dorothy Kares
Perle Kerstein
Muriel Krom
Eugene Levine
Pearl Lieberman
Eva Marx
Isaac Ramberg
Isaac Shachory
Rose Sherman
David Solomon
Lena Weiss
Alexander Young

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017 CALENDAR

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, January 6

5:45 p.m. Pre Oneg
6:15 p.m. Thank God It's Shabbat
(TGIS) Services: *Honoring
Cantor Lorna Lembeck*
(Dinner to follow - RSVP required)

Friday, January 13

5:45 p.m. Pre Oneg
6:15 p.m. MLK Shabbat Services
with First A.M.E.
(Oneg to follow)

Friday, January 20

5:45 p.m. Pre Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Niggun Services
(Oneg to follow)

Friday, January 27

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

Friday, February 3

5:45 p.m. Pre Oneg
6:15 p.m. Thank God It's Shabbat
(TGIS) Services
(Oneg to follow)

Friday, February 10

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Tree Of Life Shabbat Services
7:00 p.m. Tu B'Shevat Seder
(RSVP required)

Friday, February 17

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Niggun Services
(Oneg to follow)

Friday, February 24

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

View our Shabbat schedule online at
templeisaiiah.com/rituals

EVENTS and MEETINGS

January Events

Isaiah Women Mah Jongg Tournament
January 8 - 12:30 p.m.

Spine Tingles

January 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable

January 14 - 9:00 a.m.

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January 12 - 8:00 a.m.

Social Justice Leaders Meeting

January 17 - 7:00 p.m.

Am Tzedek:

Isaians Pursuing Justice
January 19 - 7:00 p.m.

Green Team Meeting

January 19 - 7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Albert Lewis Lecture

January 26 - 7:30 p.m.

February Events

Spine Tingles

February - 10:30 a.m.
December 20 - 8:00 a.m.

Am Tzedek:

Isaians Pursuing Justice
February 16 - 7:00 p.m.

Green Team Meeting

February 16 - 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY FOOD FESTIVAL

ALL MONTH LONG - See pages 4-5
for a full description.

Save The Date

Spine Tingles
March 7 - 10:30 a.m.

ONGOING

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.