

September 2015

THE ISAIAN

BEYOND

Apples
& *Honey*

Reflecting on the High Holy Days

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WHAT'S YOUR SERMON?

by Rabbi Klein



What if you woke up tomorrow, and realized, you have magically become a rabbi? In a sudden whirl of morning stars and dreamy violet light, you have been ordained, and you are expected, immediately, to report to your pulpit. You check your phone, and realize that it is just a week away from the High Holy Days. What a bewildering time to be initiated into service to the Jewish people!

As you brush your teeth, you stare into the mirror. Your eyes widen as some invisible bow is drawn across your taut nerves to the melody of Kol Nidre. What will you speak about on Yom Kippur?

Your mind scans over the events of the past year. There are so many themes to choose from this year. Which seems most important to highlight? Which theme calls to you? About which are you uniquely qualified to speak? Are you daring enough to explore a subject that is uncomfortable and unfamiliar? Will you be courageous enough to challenge the congregation and stir up controversy in the name of Jewish values? Will you play it safe? Will you opt to gently teach the community an old text with new interpretations? Will you invoke the rabbis of old and pound the pulpit with your fist and orate words filled with fire and brimstone? Will you deliver a three-point academic essay? Or spice and sweeten with visual metaphor and poetry? Will you share a bit of your own story, exposing your vulnerability to thousands? Or will you summarize the voices of other great thinkers and keep your opinion to yourself? Will you please the entire congregation, that nation of priests? Will you please no one? Will you please your ancestors? Your descendants? Yourself? God?

Before you panic, you remember the verses in Deuteronomy which are read during the High Holy Day season: *Surely this Torah which I enjoin upon you is not too baffling nor is it beyond your reach. It is not in the heavens, that you should say "Who among us can go up to the heavens and get it for us?" It is not beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who among us can cross to the other side of the sea..." No, the thing is very close to you, it is in your mouth, it is in your heart.*

"Ah," you think. "It is in my heart." And so you spit out the toothpaste, wash your face, step outside, and in the light of a new day, you begin to search your heart.

So we ask, "*What would you speak about if you had the pulpit this year?*" We would love to hear your answers. Take our Temple Isaiah Sermon Poll, Friday, September 4 on our FaceBook page.

"I would talk about"

- Repentance
- Character
- Anti-Semitism in Europe
- Racism in America
- Zion and Judaism (a.k.a Israel)
- The Nuclear Deal with Iran
- Immigration
- Climate Change and the Fate of our Planet
- The Fluidity of Gender and Identity
- Gun Violence and Legislation
- Inside Out: The Role of Sadness in Judaism
- 20th Anniversary of Rabin's Assassination
- Reform Judaism: What's Our Future
- Other?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT


Honey Kessler Amado



IF NOT HIGHER

One of my family's favorite stories is by I. L. Peretz about a rabbi from Nemirov, whose followers believed that during the Days of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, he went to Heaven to speak directly with God to plead on their behalf for forgiveness and for blessings for them in the New Year. A stranger – a Litvak, doubtful of the story, secretly followed the rabbi one morning to see where he went. The rabbi went to the woods on the edge of the town, where he chopped a tree into kindle wood. He brought the wood to the poorest part of town, to a small hut where the holes in the windows were stuffed with rags against the cold. He presented himself as a wood-chopper selling wood and offered it to the poor, sickly woman who lived there for a few *zloties* (Polish pennies), for her to pay whenever she could. When she protested that she would never be able to pay, the rabbi said, "I'm willing to trust you. Can't you trust God?" Then he put some wood in her stove, lit the fire, and left the remaining wood for her. After seeing this anonymous act of *tzedakah* and kindness, the stranger remained in Nemirov for the rest of his life. And when people would say that their rabbi went to Heaven during the Days of Awe, he would add quietly, "if not higher."

May this New Year be a year in which we find opportunities to do acts of *tzedakah* and kindness, and thereby reflect the best teachings of Torah and bring closer the days of the Messianic Age – a time of safety and peace for all of humanity. May each of you – and your families – be written down and sealed for a good year.



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PRESCHOOL



TAMAR ANDREWS

Director of Early Childhood Education

It Is a New School Year

It is that time of year when children are all busy getting ready for and starting a new school year. They are learning to separate from parents, to walk in tall and confident into a new room, with new teachers and new friends.

Adults are downloading a cool new app.

Children are learning how to open their zip lock baggies, eat without spilling half of it on the floor, and clean up their places so that the table can be used for an art project later.

Adults are navigating Open Table.

Children are playing with new friends, trying to remember to use their words, learning new words, holding back the bad and mean words, and putting some words together in new songs and rhymes.

Adults are texting on their iPhones.

Children are excited to come home, hug their families and talk about their day and the cool worms and clay and blocks they used.

Adults are taking pictures for Facebook.

Let us resolve to talk to one another instead of texting.

Let us resolve to touch one another instead of staying in touch on Facebook.

Let us resolve to dine together instead of posting pictures of our food.

Let us resolve to keep our heads up instead of looking down at our iPhones.

Let us resolve to model human interaction for our children.

Shanah Tovah to all, and I am going to try to say it in person to as many of you as possible!!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



CARLA KOPF

Director of Religious School

New Friends, New Programs, New Year

The beginning of September has always brought with it many other beginnings as well: the start of a new school year with new notebooks, maybe a new backpack and some new shoes; a new Jewish year, with hopes and prayers, for it to be a good and healthy one for us and our loved ones and, a new year in our Religious School as well. This year, we are launching several new programs, including two trips to Israel for our teens. We can't wait to include you in these exciting, new initiatives.

Israel Twinning

Our school, together with the schools at University Synagogue and Leo Baeck Temple are being "paired" with a school in Tel Aviv. Eighth-grade students from our schools will be traveling to Israel in December. They will be staying with families of Israeli students, and the Israeli students will be coming to

us in the spring to be hosted by families from our schools. During the year, all children will be learning about each other's communities and connecting via the internet.

Moving Traditions: Rosh Hodesh, It's a Girl Thing! and Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood

Our seventh-grade students will be participating in this fantastic program that inspires and challenges young people to engage at a deeper level with Judaism.

For more information check their website: movingtraditions.org

11th and 12th Grade Trip to Israel/2016

We are planning a different kind of trip. MEJDI, <http://www.mejditours.com/>, a travel agency dedicated to teaching different points of view in a region, will be taking us around Israel with both an Israeli and a Palestinian tour guide. This multiple narrative approach to travel will enable our teens to gain an understanding of the region and both the Israeli and Palestinian people.

Journeys Through Judaism

Finally, we will be launching our

new parent handbook, ***Journeys through Judaism***. This guide will help parents and students through each grade at Temple Isaiah. The guide will encourage questions and answers; it will help parents to better understand what is going on at Religious School.

We cannot wait to see your children in September!

Make sure to save the following important dates:

Sunday, September 13

Opening day for grades K - 3
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19

Opening day for TSBY
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

Opening day for grades 4 - 6
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. followed by "Meet and Greet Luncheon."

Tuesday, September 29

Opening day for grades K - 3 (Tuesdays)
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. followed by "Meet and Greet Dinner in the Sukkah."

Tuesday, October 13

Opening day for grades 7 - 10
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



LISA ROSTAING
Director of Youth and Camps

**Youth Group Opportunities!
Become Involved!**

Temple Isaiah offers unique and exceptional opportunities for people in grades 4 - 12 to gather and celebrate Jewish life and have FUN. Similar to a Jewish club, programs are designed to give participants a chance to interact socially and in a safe environment while exploring their Jewish roots. The goal is to encourage friendship, Jewish identity and increase the likelihood of staying connected to the Temple and to each other through high school and into young adulthood.



We have three groups:

ITY (Isaiah Temple Youth - grades 9 - 12) is run by a board of teens voted in each year by teens at the temple. The ITY board meets twice a month to plan, organize, and run ITY's monthly events.

Jr. ITY (grades 7 - 8)

CLUB 456 (grades 4 - 6)

Each group has a fun, social event every month. Temple Isaiah members and friends from other synagogues are invited to our events and activities. Often times, we gather with other youth groups from other Southern California regions.

For more information, please contact Lisa Rostaing at 310.277.2772 ext. 23 or lisa@templeisaiah.com.

We hope to see you at an event!

Mark your calendar for these exciting youth group events!

Club 456 (Grades 4 - 6)

Sunday, October 18

Wednesday, November 11

Kick-Off Party - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Knott's Berry Farm - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Jr. ITY (Grades 7 - 8)

Sunday, October 25

Wednesday, November 11

**Beach Bonfire and Weenie Roast -
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Knott's Berry Farm - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ITY (Grades 9 - 12)

September 25 - 27

November 20 - 22

NFTY Fall Kallah

NFTY Social Justice Kallah

MAZAL TOV TO THE NEWLY ELECTED

ITY (Isaiah Temple Youth) 2015-2016 Board

President Liam Howell
Programming VP Molly Scott
Social Action VP Celena Castelnuevo-Tedesco
Co-Religious and Cultural VP's Zara Kaye and Ben Raanan
Co-Membership VP Annie Fleishman
Publicity VP Rachel Chasalow
Financial VP Eli Lane
Song-Leading VP Rocky Klein
Historian Jennifer Losch
Secretary Sadie Scott
9th Grade Rep Eli Howell
NFTY SoCal Regional Programming VP Adam Selcov

Join ITY on Facebook! Contact Lisa Rostaing, ITY Advisor for more information and become involved with Temple Isaiah's high school youth group! 310.277.2772 ext 23 or lisa@templeisaiah.com

TEEN HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES!

Led by ITY's (Isaiah Temple Youth) Religious and Cultural Co-Vice-Presidents, Zara Kaye and Ben Raanan along with Song Leading VP, Rocky Klein. This service is geared toward teens in grades 8 - 12.

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 14 - 11:30 a.m.
ROYCE HALL

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, September 23 - 11:30 a.m.
ROYCE HALL

Join Temple Isaiah for ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR Services

ROSH *Services* HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah

UCLA - Royce Hall

Sunday, September 13

7:30 p.m.

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Rosh Hashanah Day One

UCLA - Royce Hall

Monday, September 14

8:30 a.m. (Family)

11:15 a.m. (Morning)

Teen Services

UCLA - Rehearsal Room

11:30 a.m.

Child Care: 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Tashlich At The Beach

Santa Monica - Lifeguard Station 22

4:30 p.m.

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Rosh Hashanah Day Two

Temple Isaiah

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 a.m. (Tot Service - Activities)

10:30 a.m. (Morning)

Light lunch to follow

Child Care: 10:00 a.m. until end of services

YOM *Services* KIPPUR

Kol Nidre

UCLA - Royce Hall

Tuesday, September 22

7:30 p.m.

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Yom Kippur

UCLA - Royce Hall

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 a.m. (Family)

11:15 a.m. (Morning)

Teen Services

UCLA - Rehearsal Room

11:30 a.m.

Child Care: 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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2:00 p.m. (Rabbi Albert Lewis Lecture 2015)

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3:30 p.m. (Afternoon)

3:30 p.m. (Healing Service)

4:15 p.m. (Yizkor and Ne'ilah)

Rabbi Albert Lewis Lecture 2015 - Yom Kippur Guest Speaker: Civil Rights Attorney and Author Connie Rice

Constance L. "Connie" Rice is a prominent American civil rights activist, attorney and author. She is co-founder and co-director of the *Advancement Project* in Los Angeles. *Advancement Project* is a multi-racial civil rights organization created to develop and inspire community-based solutions based on the same high quality legal analysis and public education campaigns that produced the landmark civil rights victories of earlier eras.

Rice's leadership and non-traditional approach to litigating major cases involving police misconduct, employment discrimination and fair public resource allocation have garnered her more than fifty major awards but she is perhaps best known for co-writing the report that revolutionized LA's law enforcement policies and outreach to gangs.

California Law Business named her one of California's top 10 most influential lawyers and *Los Angeles Times* designated her one of 24 leaders considered to be the "most experienced, civic-minded and thoughtful people on the subject of Los Angeles." She received the *2001 Peace Prize* from the California Wellness Foundation and the *2002 John Anson Ford Humanitarian Award* from Los Angeles County.

HIGH HOLY DAYS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Selichot

Temple Isaiah
Saturday, September 5
7:00 p.m.
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Paddle Boarding & Prayer

Malibu
Sunday, September 20
Time - TBD
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Sukkot Outdoor Experience

Temple Isaiah
Sunday, September 27
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Yizkor Service

Temple Isaiah - Library
Sunday, October 4
5:00 p.m.
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Simchat Torah Dinner

Temple Isaiah - Social Hall
Sunday, October 4
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Simchat Torah Service

Temple Isaiah - Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.

Selichot

Our High Holiday journey begins on Saturday, September 5 with the **Selichot** experience. Immerse yourself in the songs and teachings of this sacred time of preparation. We invite you to **wear white** clothing symbolic of the renewal we hope to achieve for the New Year. To RSVP please contact gail@templeisaiah.com



TEMPLE ISAIAH

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Isaiah's Leadership Circle includes members of our community who choose to make an additional annual contribution, above basic dues, to support the Temple's programs and services.

Leadership Circle commitments help sustain outstanding educational programs, diverse activities, and meaningful social justice initiatives. Vital funding provided by Leadership Circle members ensures Temple Isaiah will remain a sacred caring community where all are welcome. Those who join the Leadership Circle will have their commitments automatically renewed for them annually and will enjoy the benefits listed below.

We hope you will consider becoming a member of the Leadership Circle – our partners in Torah, Tzedakah, and Tikkun Olam.

BE A LEADER. JOIN THE CIRCLE.

LEADERSHIP LEVELS:

Please select a level and complete the form.

- ☐ **\$18,000 – Angels***
 - All Benefits of Supporters, Patrons, Pillars, and Benefactors, *plus*
 - Preferred Parking at Temple Isaiah Holiday Events
- ☐ **\$10,000 – Benefactors***
 - All Benefits of Supporters, Patrons, and Pillars, *plus*
 - Invitation to special event with Temple Isaiah Clergy
- ☐ **\$6,000 – Pillars***
 - All Benefits of Supporters and Patrons, *plus*
 - 4 High Holy Day Guest Tickets
 - 4 Complimentary ICE or Holiday Program Dinners
 - Complimentary Parking Pass for High Holy Days
- ☐ **\$3,600 – Patrons***
 - All Benefits of Supporters, *plus*
 - 2 High Holy Day Guest Tickets
 - Friday Night Shabbat Sponsorship
- ☐ **\$1,800 – Supporters***
 - Listing on Leadership Circle Wall
 - Recognition in Temple Isaiah Publications
 - 2 Complimentary ICE or Holiday Program Dinners

**In addition to all regular Temple dues and fees.*

I would like to partner with Temple Isaiah in Torah, Tzedakah, and Tikkun Olam by joining the Leadership Circle.

Name _____
(as you wish to be listed on all related publications)

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Paying by:

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Exp. Date _____ CCV _____

Signature _____

For further information, contact Michael Goldberg, Director of Development, (310) 277-2772 x32 - michael@TempleIsaiah.com

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TEMPLE ISAIAH, YOUR JEWISH HOME, A PLACE FOR YOUR LASTING LEGACY

One of the greatest gifts someone can give is that of a legacy - a gift that will provide for the present and future of our community. **Temple Isaiah offers many options for planned giving** that can make a lasting impact and serve as pillars for our congregation's future.

The Legacy Circle program includes members who have made a gift to support Temple Isaiah's Endowment Fund through a **variety of available planned giving options including bequests, retirement accounts, appreciated stock, or life insurance.**

To learn how you can make a **Legacy Gift** to Temple Isaiah, please **contact Michael Goldberg, Director of Development, (310) 277-2772 ext 32.** Most gifts are easy to arrange and cost little or nothing to the donor during his/her lifetime.

Each month this year we are showcasing a temple family's ketubah. If you have a ketubah you would like showcased, please email a photo and a paragraph to zoe@templeisaiah.com. Please let us know if you would like your ketubah to be displayed in our February ketubah art gallery.

"Ours is the first ketubah created by renowned artist Yehudit Shadur (author of *Jewish Papercuts: A History and Guide*). The photo does not quite do it justice. Along with being credited for bringing back this art form, Shadur is also known for decorating the large Sukkah for Ben Gurion's 80th birthday. About forty years ago, Yehudit lived at Tina's parents' house while she was Artist-in-Residence at the Magnes Museum in Berkeley. The ketubah features a delicate latticework of vines and birds, as well as peacocks and mountain goats at the top. There is also an image of the Golden Gate of Jerusalem, and the Hebrew words arched over it are Psalm 137:6: I shall set Jerusalem as my chief joy. On the hills underneath is Psalm 128:3 which reads: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table." - **Tina Feiger and Andy Moss**



TEMPLE ISAIAH & JFS/SOVA PARTNER TOGETHER FOR OUR HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE 2015/5776

Throughout the month of September Please bring your bags of food to: **Temple Isaiah**

(bins located in the main lobby, garage and preschool area below the main office)



JFS/SOVA HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE *by June Wynbrandt and David Chiu*

JFS/SOVA fights hunger and poverty in our community by providing food and supportive services to more than 12,000 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 days' 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 month of September. 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.

Poolside lounges and beach blankets disappear with High Holy Days, but those great reads you enjoyed on them are never gone. Come to your year round treasure trove of great Jewish books: the Temple Library. Old favorites and new volumes are ready for adults and children whom we can help meet the new Common Core standards for California schools.

The Levine Library is here for all of us: congregants, clergy, teachers, staff, students, seniors, parents. We offer reading for pleasure and research via print or computer. The Library is fully cataloged: if we have it, we can find it! Our hours vary to provide a time convenient for you: see the list below. Our location is convenient: we are walking distance from the Lobby coffee bar.

We offer Judaica in an incredibly rich range of subjects to help ponder the theology of the High Holidays, pique your interest, match your adult education topic or support the book club: bible, literature, music, art, theater, film, sports, spirituality, wellness, crafts, criminals, economics, history, politics, and personalities. Library books circulate; they may be renewed by phone or e-mail. Call ahead if you need to grab something on the fly. Drop in for the

latest novel, provocative biography or hot non-fiction. What you see is not all you get. Have a request? We will do our best to fill it.

Religious School classes visit the library. Students review computer searches and research methods. They investigate topics beyond regular lessons through the annual library reading contest. Students sign up for the annual reading contest in the Library.

Please come into the Library to find a book to gladden your heart and enlighten your mind. I look forward to seeing you. Shana Tova!

Warmly,
Ellen G. Cole,
Librarian

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

As we enter into the spirit of the High Holy Days and the overarching theme of this year, *ahava*, Hebrew for love, what better time to join our Temple's Sisterhood, Isaiah Women. Our organization offers women of all ages various opportunities and programs that promote leadership, learning, and engagement in social causes, but foremost is the development of lasting personal relationships.

Thursday, October 1
6:00 p.m.
Sukkot Celebration and Dinner

An interactive program led by Rabbi Klein on the Vollmer Deck.

All women who have paid their dues before our fall kick-off event will be able to attend at no charge. For more information about becoming a member, please contact our Membership Chair, Laurie Gantz: lbgantz@sbcglobal.net.

Please Join Us for Our September Events:
Tuesday, September 8
10:00 a.m.
Bowers Museum - The 1968 Exhibit.

We will carpool to the museum for an 11:30 a.m. viewing of the interactive exhibit, followed by lunch in the garden cafe. RSVP to Sari Spiro: spirojjs@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 15
1:00 p.m.
Book Group

We will discuss *The Story of a Marriage* at the home of Ellen Canter. RSVP to Ellen Cantor ellenjcanter@aol.com

Friday, September 18
10:00 a.m.
Breakfast Bunch

We will enjoy a healthy, delicious breakfast with wonderful people and great conversation at Hugo's, 8401 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles. RSVP to Laurie Gantz: lbgantz@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, October 17
6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Isaiah Women Presents
Casino Night and
Silent Auction.

All members and friends of Temple Isaiah are invited to attend.

To join the committee, please contact: Simonne Yaroslow at syaroslow@aol.com or Ellen Canter at ellenjcanter@aol.com.





OUR FOOD OUR VALUES & OUR HISTORY

by Mary MacVean

There are so many jokes about Jews and food, and that humor comes in part from the integral role that what we eat plays in history and culture. Each of us chooses what level of kashrut to observe, but there is so much more to our food choices. Where and how we shop, the impact of our diets on our health and the effect of our agriculture on our environment, for starters. As we mark the High Holy Days, we can reflect on who might have picked the apples we eat, and whether the honey we buy contributes to the loss of the honey bee populations. When we fast, we remember not only our own history, but also the lives of so many in today's world who cannot feel certain they will be assured of eating healthful food each day.

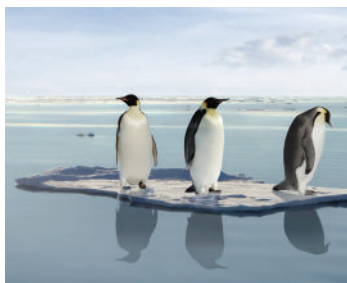
Those are some of the issues we consider on the Temple Isaiah Dietary Task Force. OK, we admit, it is not a very "fun" name. We are open to change. Someone who ate the farm-fresh food we served at the recent congregational meeting suggested it should be a name that is more joyful. Send us your ideas.

This year our group is going to look at Friday nights and food. Over the coming months, look for information about food, new choices for pre-oneg and oneg and other changes that will add to the fair trade coffee we now serve (look for the signs on the urns). We hope to spark thoughtful discussion and eat some delicious food.

Our overall aim is to have the food we eat in our Temple reflect our values as a community. Sound intriguing? We are happy to have some new members on our committee. Or if you are planning a social action activity or other event and you would like to talk to us about the food, we are more than happy to have a conversation. We also might be in touch with you.

Our group includes Paulette Benson, Mary MacVean (chair), Ellen Cantor, Jackie Kahn-Trauberman, Terry Pullan, Suzanne Solig, and Colin Trauberman. Get in touch with any of us, or feel free to email Mary at maclands@earthlink.net.

GREEN TEAM NEWS by Steve Fox



Missing the Mark. Again?

We will soon read the *Al Chet* prayer that recites a litany of sins we have committed this past year. A more forgiving interpretation of the prayer is

that **we are recounting ways in which we have missed the mark.** But how many times can we straightforwardly miss the mark year after year and not feel totally embarrassed about it?

Case in point -- not responding to the threat of climate change. Bill McKibben, of 350.org, exhorts us that we have frittered away the last twenty years without doing much to avoid it.

And time is running out!

So may this year be the last year we need to confess missing this mark. The Pope's recent encyclical, President Obama's latest proposals for limiting greenhouse gases, the December UN Conference on Climate Change -- all these hold promise and hope for change. And then there is YOU.

On **Sunday, October 18**, we invite you to come watch one of the most important documentaries of our time, McKibben's *DO THE MATH* which clearly presents the enormity of this problem. The viewing will take place at **4:00 p.m.** followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Klein, on McKibben's proposed solutions and what we can do.



As a community, we owe this to future generations.

TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WITH TEMPLE ISAIAH

**Adult Trip:
Politics, Faith and
Social Justice
February 24 –
March 6, 2016**

**Community Trip
with B'nai Mitzvah
Ceremony
June 2017,
Details to come!**

For more information,
contact Rabbi Dara Frimmer.





ISAIAH CONTINUING ENRICHMENT 2015-2016

Love and Fear: Race, Violence and Hope for the Future

A Text Study with Temple Isaiah and First A.M.E. Church

Temple Isaiah and First AME Clergy

September 9, 7:00 p.m. at First A.M.E. Church, 2270 Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.

New York, Ferguson, Baltimore, Los Angeles...this year we have become more and more aware of the terrors of racial profiling and deep rooted prejudice in our country. Together with First A.M.E. Church we are planning to pioneer courageous conversations about race in order to help our greater communities step toward healing.

A light meal will be served after each discussion.

RSVP to Gail at gail@templeisaiah.com. If you are interested in carpooling to First A.M.E., please let Gail know if you can drive and how many people you can take, or if you need a ride.

Wise Aging

Paulette Benson, MAJE

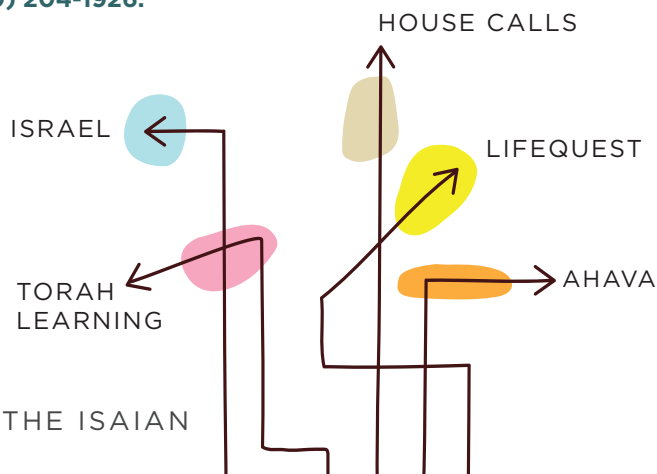
Thursdays, September 10, October 1, 22, November 5 and December 3 and Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Temple Isaiah's Wise Aging Program is starting another 6-session group this Fall to share insights and experiences, and explore our aging paths. This program was created by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. We will discuss The Upside of Aging, Improving Our Quality of Life, Cultivating Spiritual Qualities for Well-being like Joy and Patience, Legacy, Finding Light, Making Plans and Jewish Paths to Meaningful Aging.

The Spring/Summer 2015 group will continue in the Fall. Their first session will be October 1.

This program is open to members 50 and over. There is a \$16 charge for the supplementary text, *Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit*. Group size is limited.

For more information and to RSVP, call Paulette at (310) 204-1926.



Pop-Up Mussar

Madeline Wolf

Saturday, September 19, 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Mussar movement is a Jewish ethical, educational and cultural movement that developed in the 19th century.

A group of Temple members began to explore these teachings this past spring with Madeline Wolf as facilitator. Fall topics include Patience, Silence and Responsibility.

RSVP to Madeline Wolf at drmjw111@gmail.com.

LifeQuest

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

\$180 to be a member of LifeQuest (Temple Isaiah members only). This membership helps to subsidize meals, speakers, and programs throughout the year.

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Holding On and Letting Go

Friday, October 2, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Temple Isaiah

Saturday, October 3, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Hollywood Aerial Arts (3838 W 102nd St, Inglewood, CA 90303)

Ray Pierce, the founder of Hollywood Aerial Arts, teaches that the art of trapeze is not in the ability to hold on, but the ability to let go. The same might be said of life. Friday night we will join for dinner, Shabbat singing, and a panel of experts on de-cluttering our homes and de-cluttering our hearts. Saturday afternoon, we will meet at the Hollywood Aerial Arts and have the opportunity to challenge ourselves with trapeze, aerial fabric and hammock, and tightrope. Don't worry! You will not be pressured to do anything you don't want to do, and there will be much time to schmooze, learn text study, ooh and ahhh from the safety of the nice, solid ground. And who knows...you may surprise yourself!

Free for LifeQuest members, \$50 for guests

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Dreams: A Jewish Perspective

Rabbi Ed Harris

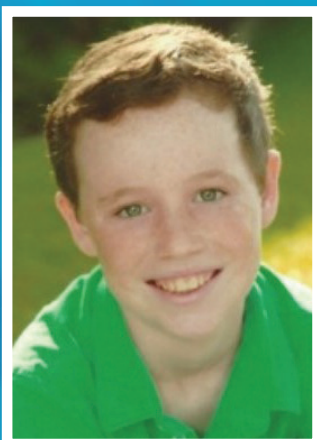
Thursdays, October 8 and 15, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

You may be surprised to know that working with dreams came well before Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung. It actually dates back to Talmudic times. This class will focus on the importance of dreams in the Torah, the Prophets and the Talmud, and how to work with our own dreams as a spiritual practice. Feel free to come with a dream to explore.

For LifeQuest members only

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Bar Mitzvah September



Griffin Wolff

Son of Courtney and
Jared Wolff
Saturday, September 19

SEPTEMBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES

September 4

Herbert Bayard
Barney Dagen
Jennie Esensten
Benjamin Ferguson
Jean Freedman
Fritzy Greenspan
Rudolph Heller
A.G. Isenberg
Dolly Keisler
Adele Kessler
Sidney Korman
Ann Neuman
Lucille Reffe
Louis Riave
Isadore Rosner

Sol Shachory
Helen Shine
Richard Shulman
Bernice Smith
Sara Terrence
Nathan Wolfson

September 11

Israel Binen
Dorothy Blitzler
Joel Davis
Fannie Feldman
Joe Green
Irving Helfgott
S. Harry Hyman
Doris Jacobs

Zachary Justman
Jay Kaplan
Anna Korn
Ida Leinow
Isadore Marx
Sidney Needelman
Ida Neiditch
David Rucker
Jean Sall
Rose Shapiro
Max Shushan
Leon Wasserman
Sol Winnick

September 18

Mollie Abeles

Frieda Avidon
Jacob Banoff
Celia Barker
Louis Baumer
Gussie Birken
Myra Brown
Nathan Greenspan
Birdye Milner
Belle Schechter
Pauline Schneider
Barney Shane
Olive Shine
Jack Simon
David Simons
Ethel Wilkey
Helen Wynbrandt

September 25

Amelia Fabian
Bessie Fainstein
Charles Goldberg
Mildred Goldstein
Helen Goldye
Etka Huss
Charles Jacobs
Anna Jacobs
Robert Kahn
Herman Kertz
Charles Landau
Irene Lipman
Joseph Markman
Myra Nalibotsky

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES: Mazal Tov to: Leah and Michael Ahroni on the birth of their daughter, Elia Rose; Cantor Tifani and Loic Coyot on the birth of their son, Natanel Marcel; Rabbi Aimee and Marco Gerace on the birth of their son, Carson Meyer; Gali and Stephen Grant on the birth of their son, Gabriel Eddie.

SYMPATHY: We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Jerry Epstein on the loss of his wife, Pat Epstein; Erica Fiedler on the loss of her grandmother, Julie Flaster; Erica Ginsberg and Erin Morse on the loss of their grandfather, Samuel Rosen; Gerald Lank on the loss of his wife, Dorothy; David Levine on the loss of his cousin, Pat Epstein; Gloria Ilan on the loss of her husband, Eddie; Danny Rubenstein on the loss of his grandmother, Shirley Fitch.

SPEEDY RECOVERY: The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Cheri Katz; Rochelle Neuburger.

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!

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Rabbi Klein's kindness to Shirley Ungerleider's family
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on the birth of baby Natanel Marcel Coyot by Anne Elman

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congratulations

on the birth of Natanel by Gloria Ilan
on the birth of Natanel Coyot by Judie Rice

in celebration of

Judie Rice's Birthday by Lenore Rosen

with get well wishes

to Ralph Miller by Judie Rice

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SEPTEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, September 4

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:30 p.m. Oneg

Friday, September 11

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:30 p.m. Oneg

Friday, September 18

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:30 p.m. Oneg

Friday, September 25

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

Mon

Center for the Widowed

Every Monday

Wed

Daughters of Torah ~ Learning Circle

Every Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thur

Café Isaiah

Every Thursday | 9:15 a.m.

Sat

Shabbat Torah Study

Every Saturday | 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, September 2

7:00 p.m. Text Study with First A.M.E. at Temple Isaiah

Thursday, September 3

7:00 p.m. Ani L'Dodi, with Rabbi Ed Harris

Saturday, September 5

7:00 p.m. Selichot Services

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 p.m. Text Study with First A.M.E. at First A.M.E.

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at Royce Hall

Monday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service at Royce Hall

11:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service at Royce Hall

Tuesday, September 15

10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service at Temple Isaiah

Tuesday, September 22

7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service at Royce Hall

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Family Service at Royce Hall

11:15 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service at Royce Hall

Sunday, September 27

5:00 p.m. Sukkot Outdoor Experience at Temple Isaiah

Monday, September 28

Sukkot, Building Closed