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THE ISAIAN

GIVE OR RECEIVE?  
THAT IS THE QUESTION...

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# THE ART OF RECEIVING

by Rabbi Klein



In October, I had the opportunity to hear Edgar Cahn speak at the Village-to-Village National Conference in Seattle. Edgar was an attorney and speechwriter for Robert Kennedy. He had a heart attack at 44, lost 60% use of his heart, and was told he would have two good hours a day for his few remaining years. He's now 80 and very fit!

Edgar shared that when he was told he would only have two good hours a day, he began to rethink

how we understand time. He thought, okay, I have only two good hours, does that make me worthless? With that question in mind, he invented TimeBanking.

He said, "Mother Theresa was a teacher. Does anyone care what her students' test scores were? Ghandi was a lawyer. Does anyone care what cases he won or lost? Jesus was a carpenter. Does anyone care how well he made a chair? There is something far higher than all of that!" He determined that every person's hour is valuable and created a system, Timebanking, which is about everyone's capacity to give.

Edgar also shared that in agriculture a monocrop makes a profit, but also leaches all nutrients out of the soil, and if that monocrop fails, well, ask the Irish about potatoes. He said that the monocrop in America right now is money, and money is leaching all nutrients out of families, democratic process, health, etc. He said we need to develop a polycrop. He said, "Our monetary system devalues everything that enabled our species to survive. The most precious asset we have is time. Every single hour."

So what is Timebanking? A Time Bank (or service exchange) is a network of individual, organizational and business 'members' that provide services, track and bank their hours and then spend those hours to get their own needs met. In a Time Bank, your hour is unique from my hour, but they are both equal. It is not a barter system, because nothing is "exchanged." One member provides a friendly, neighborly favor to another and records the time they spent doing so. For example, you might spend an hour helping a neighbor hang pictures in his/her new apartment. You then log in your hour. One day you might "spend" that Time Dollar by having another neighbor come to your birthday party to play jazz saxophone.

The idea is that we are all assets. Just the ability to listen is a precious asset, healing the disease of loneliness.

It is about reciprocity and mutual care. It is about building Social Capital. People are joined by their helping actions into a network of support, strength, and trust, sharing in the responsibility of raising healthy children, strengthening families, supporting businesses, caring for seniors.

I spoke with a number of communities about Timebanking, and I was fascinated to learn one of the biggest hurdles to making it work. While there are a lot of people who are willing to give, there are very few who are comfortable actually asking for services! People have a lot more trouble receiving than giving. But for Timebanking to work, there has to be a "currency" of giving and receiving.

In order to be a community of caring, we need to learn how to ask for help! We need to shift our whole understanding of what it means to ask, what it means to receive. We need to change "I need you" to "We need each other." We need to absorb the great truth that the greatest gift we can give another is to allow him or her to serve. In doing so, we give people the opportunity to feel needed and appreciated. The gift is the giving. The gift IS the giving! We need to shift our understanding of what an hour is...that an hour of quiet company is as valuable as an hour of charismatic leadership. Age does not mean "nothing left to give." The gift is the giving!

How do we encourage one another to be open to receiving instead of suffering alone, struggling to hold up that façade of self-reliance which in fact keeps our relationships from deepening and our community from strengthening? How do we encourage people to ask for help, in order that we can activate a "currency" of time shared, and nurture our community with something so much richer than the ever-leaching monocrop of money?

Edgar Cahn said that there are two types of "work": Caring and Learning. What we want is reciprocity, no more one-way transactions. We want to jumpstart a pay-it forward motion, and stop strip-mining families of their resources.

When we are open to receiving, we revitalize those around us. When someone gives to you, you are giving back to them purpose, and purpose is everything.

During this season of giving, please consider your own relationship to receiving. In what areas do you need help? Have you let people know? I encourage you to do so.

It's about time.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Honey Kessler Amado

There is a beautiful Hebrew legend about two brothers, Dan and Joel, who were farmers in the land of Israel. Their father divided his land between them, and they lived peacefully side-by-side. Joel married and had three sons. Dan did not marry and lived alone. When Joel's sons were still young, there was a great drought and much of the brothers' wheat died in the ground. One night, Joel could not sleep and said to his wife, "I am thinking about my brother. He has no sons and no one to take care of him. Yet we have the same amount of land and the same amount of wheat. That is not fair. So, I will take some of my wheat to my brother." Joel arose, packed his donkey with sheaves of wheat, and took it to Dan's threshing floor. Then he returned home. At that same time, Dan, too, had awakened in the night. He thought, "I am alone and my brother has three sons and a wife to support; yet we have the same amount of land and the same amount of wheat. That is not fair." So Dan arose, loaded his donkey with wheat and took it to his brother's threshing floor.

# LOVE BETWEEN BROTHERS



In the morning, Joel looked at his threshing floor and thought, "It looks like there is as much wheat here today as there was yesterday. Tonight, I will take more wheat to Dan." Dan too was surprised by the amount of wheat on his threshing floor. He thought, "I must not have taken as much wheat to my brother as I intended. I will take more tonight." The next night, each brother brought wheat to the other; and again in the morning, each was surprised by the amount of wheat on his threshing floor. On the third night, Joel's wife and children helped him bring extra wheat to Dan. They set off together for Dan's threshing floor. And, again, at the same time, Dan set off for Joel's threshing floor. That night, with the moon high in the sky, the brothers met each other on the exact place where their land joined. Without saying a word, the two brothers embraced.

Many years later, the city of Jerusalem grew on the land where the brothers' farms were located. On the very spot where the brothers had hugged each other, King Solomon built the Holy Temple.

May it be God's will that our own children be as devoted to one another as were these brothers. May it be God's will that the City of Jerusalem - the City of Peace - see peace in our lifetimes - between brothers and between cousins.

And may we, at Temple Isaiah, grow to know each other through conversations, social action, and study; and, like these brothers, may we be committed to each other's well-being as reflected in our conduct and support for one another. And may we be committed to the well-being of the entirety of the Jewish People, in our country, in Israel, and throughout the world.

## PRESCHOOL



**TAMAR ANDREWS**  
*Director of Early Childhood Education*

### Creating Rituals and Traditions

This time of year is the perfect storm of celebration and indulgence. We just celebrated Thanksgiving, and Hanukkah, vacations, etc. It is also the best time of year to start honing your "create traditions for our family." A routine is something that just happens at a specific time or in a specific order. A ritual is a routine infused with a deeper meaning. But a tradition, this is a meaningful event which occurs each year and can provide a foundation to weather difficulties in life.

Rituals and traditions connect one person to another and connect communities.

It helps us to develop a warm and secure place in which we raise our families, connect with others and develop a sense of purpose. Even daily routines can become rituals. Rituals can become traditions.

Temple Isaiah has created some amazing traditions over the years. We have Fourth Fridays and Tot Shabbat. Both of these create a sense of community, infuse our children with a sense of belonging and provide a space in which to celebrate Judaism. The Torah shared at dinner, the good deeds we teach the children to practice at Tot Shabbat, the communal cooking and community gathering help to heal the world one little bit at a time.

As you think about establishing a tradition, perhaps one based on Thanksgiving or Hanukkah, keep in mind the things that your family is interested in and what is important to you. Perhaps you will participate in one of the many "feed the poor" type of programs as a family each year around Thanksgiving or save some

of the Hanukkah presents for less fortunate children. You may choose to bake your own donuts and create a special family tradition around decorating them, too.

Traditions allow your family to "own" a holiday and personalize it in a way that is both meaningful and intentional. For my own children, traditions we have created have followed us all through the years, allowed my now grown children to enhance those and carry them forward, and has shown me the power that these traditions have to keep us all together, both literally and figuratively. Many of our tikkun olam traditions have been happening for over two decades and I see my grown children carrying those forward as well. Perhaps if more of us shared many more tikkun olam types of traditions, we could indeed repair the world.

Oh, what a world it can be!



# SAVE THE DATE

## 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Retreat



**SPORTS**



**ARCHERY & HIKING**



**CLIMBING WALL**

**SHABBAT**

**FRIENDS**

**FUN**



**HIGH ROPES**

**Friday, January 22, 2016-  
Sunday January 24, 2016**

at Camp Bob Waldorf on the Max Straus Campus

For more information contact Stephanie Schwartz  
310.277.2661 • [stephanie@templeisaiah.com](mailto:stephanie@templeisaiah.com)



**CARLA KOPF**

*Director of Religious School*

One day this past March I was eating lunch at my desk, watching the TED Talks that arrived in the “watch these great TED Talks weekly email.” I do this on a regular basis, but I have never been so excited or inspired as on this particular day.

I have been working in our Religious School for many years, and it has always been a dream to bring a group of our students to Israel. There are many organized trips for teens to go to Israel, with youth organizations like NFTY, Birthright, etc. I wanted to do something different...

So back to this TED Talks, Aziz Abu Sarah, a Palestinian activist, together with two Jewish friends, founded MEJDI, a different kind of travel agency. The idea is tourism with a twist. Show tourists the country, its people and their culture, and tell both sides of the story. They include two tour guides, an Israeli and a Palestinian sharing with the tourists a dual narrative. They talk about

## Two Perspectives - One Story

archeology, history, conflict, from two different perspectives. This is what I want for our teens: to learn about beautiful Israel, and be exposed to the dual perspective.

We are exposed to multiple perspectives via the press and social media but the opinions are slanted by propaganda. This trip will offer our students first-hand sources and an opportunity to learn both sides of the same story.

Aziz Abu Sarah’s hope is to “bring down the walls that separate people” through education and tourism. I hope that the teens that participate in this trip come back inspired to continue to learn, to understand that there are often two sides to every story and to be on the side of peace and cooperation.

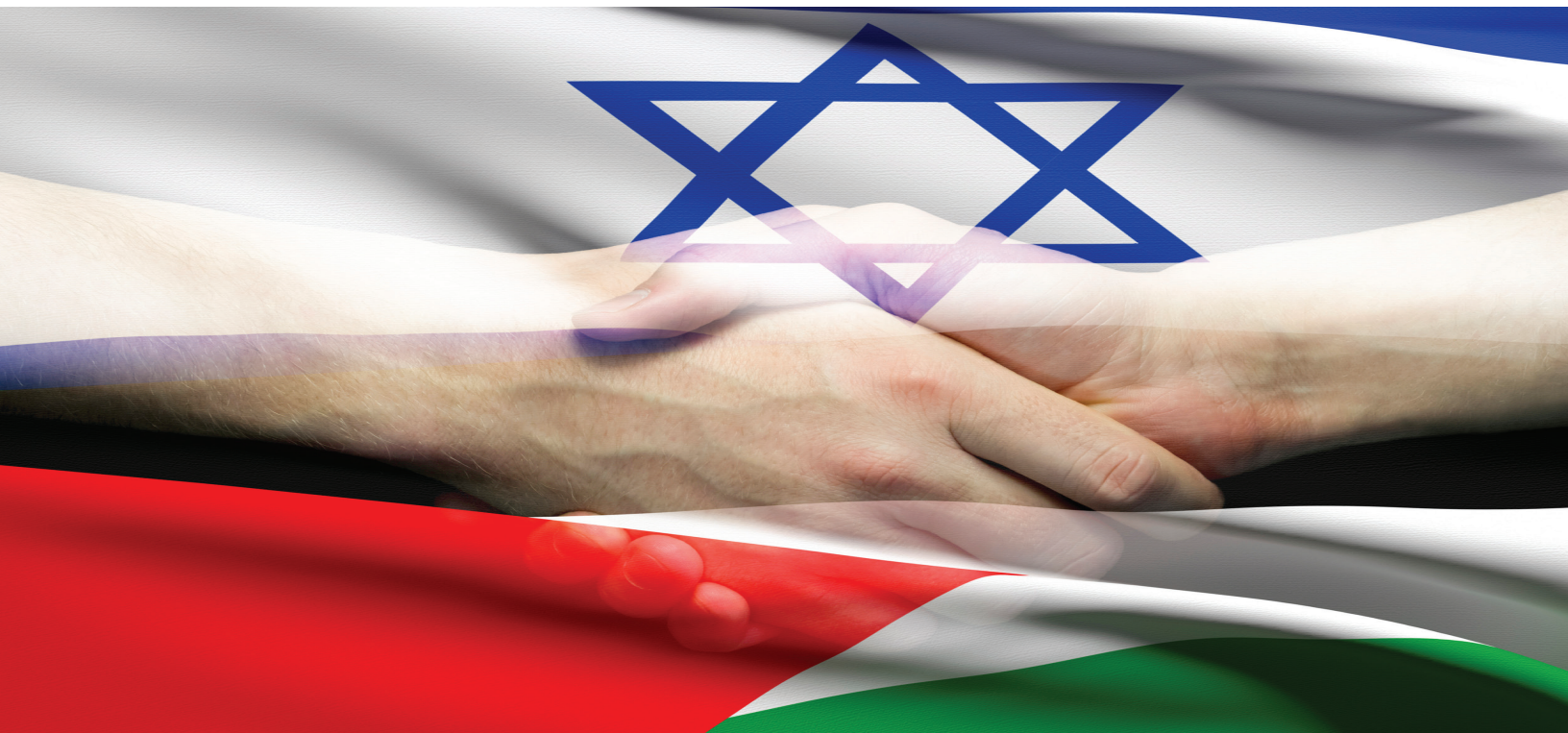
### Itinerary highlights.

- A home cooked dinner hosted by Arab-Israeli women from Jaffa
- Graffiti tour of Tel Aviv
- Game of ultimate Frisbee with members of the youth group Ultimate Peace
- Visit and chat with people at Neve Shalom, an Israeli-Palestinian community.
- Ascend to the Temple Mount for a tour of the precinct. Have a question-and-answer session with a local Muslim Imam.
- Tour the Knesset and meet members of the Knesset

### When: December 18 - 28, 2016

If you are interested or have questions contact:

Carla Kopf at [Carla@templeisaiah.com](mailto:Carla@templeisaiah.com) or 310.277.2661



**JOIN OUR NEXT ADULT TRIP: Politics, Faith and Social Justice February 24 – March 6, 2016**

**For more information contact Rabbi Joel Nickerson at [RabbiJoel@templeisaiah.com](mailto:RabbiJoel@templeisaiah.com)**

**SHABBAT  
AT ISAIAH**



# This Is Not Your Average Shabbat

In Judaism there is one holiday that occurs every week - the Sabbath. Known in Hebrew as Shabbat, this holiday is central to Jewish Life. Here at Temple Isaiah we celebrate with music, song and prayer. Join us on Fridays for our Shabbat experience.

**TIFANI COYOT**  
*Cantor*

This year we are going to be exploring a new type of Shabbat prayer experience. The service is called Shabbat NiGuN (melody). The root letters in Hebrew for NiGuN are an acronym for Nefesh, Guf and Neshama (spirit, body and soul) Singing a NiGuN is a form of meditation in which the melody is repeated and the song builds with layers of harmonies and sounds. The ultimate goal of a NiGuN is to unite mind, body, and soul with God.

Shabbat NiGuN is an oasis for the soul, an opportunity to let your entire self relax. We will take our time going through each prayer, unfolding the deeper meanings through layers of drum, guitar, bass and voice. Come ready to breathe, raise your voice in song, and let the music wash over you as we delve deeper into the hidden meaning of our prayers.



## UPCOMING SHABBAT SERVICES

**12/11**

**Hanukkah Shabbat**  
*Featuring HaSharim  
and the Pop-Up Choir*

**1/15**

**MLK Shabbat**  
*with FAME and HaSharim*

**1/22**

**Shabbat Shirah**  
*(sermon in song)*  
*"Sounds of Jewish Time"*  
*Featuring HaSharim*

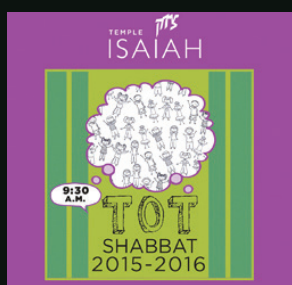
**2/19**

**Shabbat NiGuN**  
*Featuring Soul Singers*

**Celebrate Shabbat with dance and song throughout the year!**



**12/4 - 6:15 p.m.**



**12/5 - 9:30 a.m.**



**1/8 - 6:15 p.m.**



**1/22 - 5:30 p.m.**

**DECEMBER 13**

TEMPLE <sup>TMS</sup>  
**ISAIAH**

WILL  
**ROCK THE  
LIGHTS**

FEATURING WORLD FAMOUS  
**SIX13**

**12:15 p.m.  
LUNCH  
1:15 p.m.  
CONCERT**



**\$10  
CHILDREN  
\$18  
ADULTS**



**admission includes concert and catered lunch  
RSVP online at [templeisaiah.com](http://templeisaiah.com)**



In Proverbs, it is said: “... [H]e that is gracious to the poor honors God.” The word “gracious” is crucial. We strive to treat our guests, our neighbors, our families with grace.

It is the season of giving, when we are asked, repeatedly, to make donations of money, of time, of food. Donating food seems so straight-forward, even a convenient way to empty the cupboard. People who don't have much money also often struggle to buy food; hunger is a pernicious problem that keeps children from doing their best in school, adults from feeling strong enough to work. The often-quoted statistic is that one in six people in Los Angeles County is food insecure. That means they are not assured of having enough to eat at some point during the year. But even for poor people, the volume of food isn't always the problem. Many people can come up with enough for \$1 meals, or 10 for \$10 packages of ramen noodles. But honestly, is that the way any of us should be eating at any point in the year, let alone at the holidays?

Isaiah's Fair Food committee would like to propose the idea that when we donate food, we donate the best, the most nutritious food. We are not suggesting jarred truffles or filet mignon. But if you are bringing a food donation to an event, or your child is bringing food for a school collection, think about buying brown rice rather than white. Or the peanut butter that has no added sugars rather than the

one that's got plenty of them. Why is there such a range of prices for canned tuna? Look at the labels. Shop for food donations the way you might shop for your own family.

Have you ever been in the warehouse of a big food bank? You would see huge bins of fresh produce these days; food banks work with wholesale produce markets and even with farms. But you'd also see old coffee cakes and other sweets, sugary cereals and processed foods of all kinds. (You won't see soda; most food banks no longer distribute it.)

Another thing to consider. The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank would prefer your dollars to your canned goods. It says it can buy four times as much food with a dollar as you can because it buys in such volume, and it buys off goods — like canned peas that are just fine but mislabeled. The sell-by dates on much of the food we buy do not mean that the food has gone bad. Those dates reflect the manufacturer's word about when the food is at its best. Food banks often can use foods after those dates.

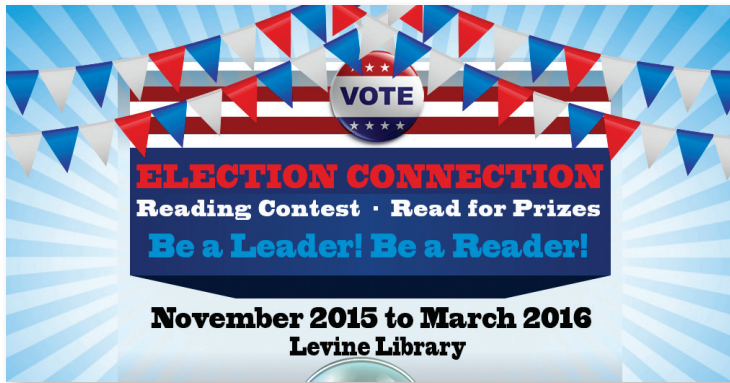
People say it feels good to give food, or it teaches their children to shop for people less fortunate and to consider their needs. But if we truly consider

their needs, we might take the action that provides the most food. There are ways to demonstrate to children that a donated dollar is more valuable. If you are donating food, take a look at food bank websites; most of them publish lists of the foods they want and can use. Oatmeal rather than sugary cereals, for instance. Cookies are not on those lists. If the food drive is holiday-related consider the canned yams without all the sugar. If the food will go to people without kitchens, make sure the items can be eaten without cooking. If the food bank does not have a way to repackage foods, donating bulk containers of flour or rice might be problematic.

Did you know that Temple Isaiah's board has approved a resolution, brought forward by Isaiah's Fair Food committee, that says that as a congregation we will no longer use price to buy food for charity? That means, for example, that if a Temple group decides to make bag lunches for the Midnight Mission, they won't any longer buy the cheapest bread, peanut butter and jam, the cheapest apples. The board has decided that we should provide healthful food for those we are feeding.



## Election Connection Reading Contest Be A Reader! Be A Leader!



The Levine Library's hotly contested annual reading contest starts this month as part of Jewish Book Month. Librarian Ellen Cole invites Religious School students to read for fun and prizes. This school year the contest theme highlights the presidential primaries, one of the many ways we express ourselves in a free society. The contest will introduce children to the many types of Jewish books on the Temple library shelves. The **Election Connection Reading Contest** assures students they may be too young to vote for a president, but they are not too young to vote for books: Be A Reader! Be A

Leader! Students come to the library now.

Parents, encourage your children in grades 1 - 6 to enter and read. Competitors read from November 1, 2015 until March 8, 2016. They read Jewish books at their grade level, then report to the Librarian. All types of Jewish books count. No need to shy from partisan tastes: the Literate party embraces all interests. The more competitors read, the higher they place. Contestants receive a theme folder in which to list their books and a patriotic poster on which election stickers mark their progress.

The contest offers rewards more direct than debates! The first five books sweep the primary elections: readers win a yogurt treat. Ten books or more celebrate national election victory: readers win prizes at the March 27, 2016 special Library Awards program. Please urge your students to sign up in the library today and **Be a Leader! Be a Reader.**

### Library Hours:

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

## ISAIAH WOMEN *December calendar of events*

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). This month we are hosting a new member brunch on Sunday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m., and we would love to include you. Please send your \$50 dues to Membership Chair, Laurie Gantz: 2317 Canfield Avenue, Los Angeles 90034 or email her for more information: [lbgantz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbgantz@sbcglobal.net)

**Thursday, December 3**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall**

### Hanukkah Celebration, Toy Drive, Purse Bazaar and Dinner

A festive holiday dinner, the culmination of our toy drive for First AME, a spectacular, gently used purse and wallet sale to support the National Alliance on Mental Illness and a special program with guest speaker will complete your evening.

RSVP to Laurie Gantz: [lbgantz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbgantz@sbcglobal.net)

**Sunday, December 13**  
**11:00 a.m.**

### New Member Brunch

There will be a welcoming brunch for new members at the home of Bobbie Allen.

RSVP to Laurie Gantz: [lbgantz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbgantz@sbcglobal.net)

**Friday, December 18**  
**6:15 p.m.**

### Shabbat Service Honoring Regina Jonas

Please attend a special service honoring the memory of Regina Jonas, the first female rabbi to be ordained (1935) and then murdered in Auschwitz in 1944. Last year, Isaiah Women purchased a memorial plaque for our permanent memorial board.

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday Brunch Honoring Mothers of Isaiah Temple Youth Group: Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Simonne Yaroslow.

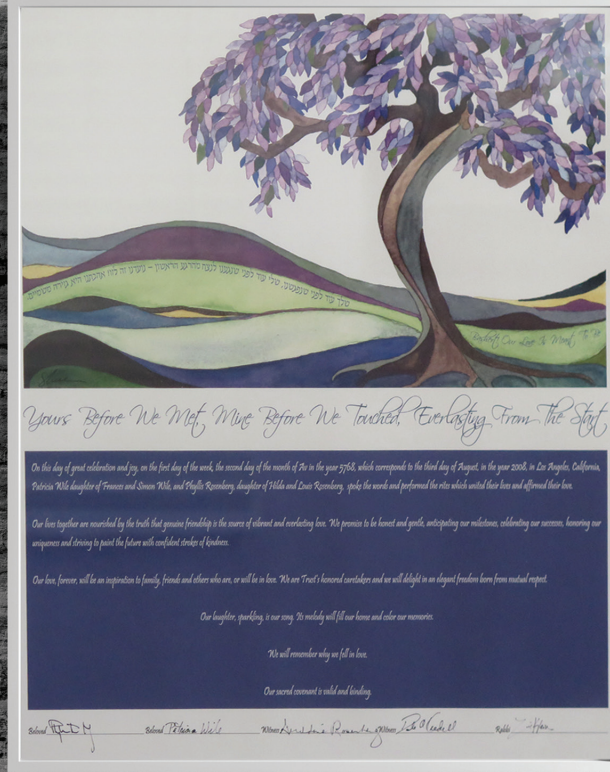
RSVP to Laurie Gantz by January 5: [lbgantz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbgantz@sbcglobal.net)

Rosh Hodesh: Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., led by Rabbi Zoë Klein at the home of Laurie Gantz. A light dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP by January 8 to Fran Wenger: [franrw@aol.com](mailto:franrw@aol.com)



# AHAVA



“Yours Before We Met, Mine Before We Touched, Everlasting From The Start”

These are the first and most prominent words in English seen on our ketubah. We believe that they fit us perfectly. When Pat and I were searching for a ketubah for our upcoming wedding, we each sat at our respective computers and searched a specific website recommended to us by Tina Fox. When we completed our search and compared notes, we both had chosen only one ketubah and it is the one attached to this e-mail. Tina and Steve mounted and framed our ketubah as a wedding present.

- Phyllis Rosenberg & Pat Wile

## GREEN TEAM NEWS by Steve Fox



The indigenous young woman takes the cigarette given to her, tears it apart and gives bits of tobacco to all her friends. Senseless? Yes. You cannot do anything with a shred of tobacco. But wonderful? Also yes.

Isolated in a village far from western culture and civilization, a remarkable reflexive behavior plays out—to share whatever one has.

Contrast that with convicted stock trader Ivan Boesky's famous commencement address at Berkeley, where he said, "Greed is all right...I think greed is healthy. You can be greedy and still feel good about yourself."

Granted, these are examples in extremes of giving and receiving, but where in this broad spectrum are we, and where do we want to be? The Green Team presented Bill McKibben's insightful documentary, DO THE MATH, about what we must do to limit the climate change caused by what and how we consume. What also needs addressing is how will we mitigate its effects? Most of us have been truly blessed with abundance, but now is the time we need to think about distributing the tobacco shreds, and at the same time, not becoming addicted.

We can truly share our blessings, and like the indigenous woman, feel wonderful about it. It is the Jewish way.



# You Can Make a Difference!

**As you consider year-end charitable giving, and reflect on what is important in the coming year, we hope you will make a contribution to Temple Isaiah.**

Many families have supported this year's Campaign, and we are seeking the participation of everyone in our community.

**Please give as generously as you are able.**

Your gift helps sustain essential programs and services.

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- \$18,000 Subsidizes Art, Science, and Music for our schools
  - \$10,000 Secures Temple Isaiah with personnel and equipment
  - \$7,200 Enhances Adult Learning and Israel educational experiences
  - \$5,400 Supplies Preschool and Religious School classrooms with essential materials
  - \$3,600 Ensures Scholarships for deserving families
  - \$1,800 Supports community events like 4th Friday, Shabbat Rising, Sukkot, Hanukkah, and Purim
  - \$1,000 Provides resources for innovative community programs
  - \$540 Helps promote Social Justice projects



**Please return the form below to the Temple office, or donate online at [www.templeisaiah.com/annual-giving](http://www.templeisaiah.com/annual-giving)**

Yes, I want to enhance my community by making a generous contribution to Temple Isaiah.

- \$18,000       \$7,200       \$3,600       \$1,000       Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$10,000       \$5,400       \$1,800       \$540

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Credit Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



ISAIAH  
CONTINUING  
ENRICHMENT  
December 2015

## LifeQuest

This is our second year of LifeQuest, a community of learners and sojourners exploring this wilderness of life, with all of its challenges and adventures, together. We move with the rhythm of the Jewish seasons, with Shabbat, shared learning, meals, delving into the treasury of Judaism. Join us!

**\$90 to be a member of LifeQuest (Temple Isaiah members only). This membership helps to subsidize meals, speakers, and programs throughout the year and allows you to attend some classes open only to LifeQuest members**

To join LifeQuest, go to [www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning](http://www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning)

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## The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America Presents Justice and Righteousness: The Ethical Agenda of the Jewish People

How have the concepts of “justice” and “righteousness” evolved within Jewish tradition? How do North American and Israeli Jewish communities differ in their discussion of justice? What dilemmas and challenges does building a just and righteous community raise?

**Tal Becker**

**Sunday, December 13, *Mishkon Tephilo***

To register for the series or for more information, go to [www.shalomhartman.org/lacollaborative](http://www.shalomhartman.org/lacollaborative).

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## Shabbat Shorts

**Erica Jamieson**

**Saturday, December 5, 10:45 a.m.**

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

To register for Shabbat Shorts, go to [www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning](http://www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning)

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## House Calls

We are offering ICE House Calls from

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:**

- **December 10**
- **February 27**
- **March 10**
- **April 9**
- **May 19**

We are thrilled to continue ICE House Calls. Again this year you will have the opportunity to learn with one of our clergy in the intimate setting of an Isaiah member's home. To volunteer your home or to sign up for the topic of your interest, go to [www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning](http://www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning). All dates and topics are listed there. Additional questions, please contact Rabbi Aimee Gerace at [rabbiaimee@templeisaiah.com](mailto:rabbiaimee@templeisaiah.com)

To volunteer your home or to sign up for the topic of your interest, go to [www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning](http://www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning).

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## Spine Tingles Book Club Two Meetings to Share!

Join Librarian Ellen Cole to discuss

***The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street***

**by Susan Gilman**

**Tuesday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Russian Jewish immigrant Malka transforms to Queen Lillian in a rags to riches success story laced with humor until her past catches up with her.

***The Mathematician's Shiva***

**by Stuart Rojstaczer**

**Tuesday, January 5, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

High math, low Russian History and middle America mesh in a hilarious fictional memoir culminating in a rip roaring shiva.

**All Temple members are welcome.**

**RSVP to [ellenc@templeisaiah.com](mailto:ellenc@templeisaiah.com).**

# B'nai Mitzvah December



**Mason Brown**  
Son of  
April and Terry Brown  
Saturday, December 5



**Sophie Bednarsh**  
Daughter of  
Marla and Glenn Bednarsh  
Saturday, December 12



**Brady Kates**  
Son of  
Melissa and Mark Kates  
Saturday, December 12



**Charlie Wittenberg**  
Son of  
Orli Belman and Kevin Wittenberg  
Saturday, December 19

## DECEMBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES

### DECEMBER 4

Albert Alpern  
Jacob Bass  
Henry Cross  
Lillian Freedman  
Milton Freedman  
Lillian Hoffman  
Harry Horn  
Mildred Kern  
David Kimmel  
Samuel Kurtz  
Harry Lefko  
Morton Markman  
Florence Morris  
Ellis Morton  
Jake Moskowitz  
Sonia Rifkin  
Esther Rosner

Herman Schiller  
Shirley Schiller  
Anna Sokol  
Florence Ruth Solomon  
Benjamin Wolfe

### DECEMBER 11

Lillian Douglas  
Joseph Elman  
Ida Fink  
Max Ginsburg  
Sylvia Korman  
Gordon Marcovitz  
Ruth Pearson  
Lena Reskin  
Samuel Romain  
Charles Starr  
Martin Zacharius

### DECEMBER 18

Rae Barnes  
Miriam Bayard  
Marjorie Benson  
Irving Chirpin  
Maury Diamond  
Eugene Didak  
Ray Elman  
Rebecca Goldinger  
Arlene Kent  
Nathan Korman  
Max Neiditch  
Carolyn Weiner  
Leib Wolfson

### DECEMBER 25

Simon Auerbach  
Nathan Berniker

Bessie Dash  
Melvin Dauber  
Bluma Goldstein  
Tibbian Golenternek  
Charlotte Grutman  
Edward Kane  
Edward Levinson  
Hannah Pollak  
Louis Ratner  
Irving Somers  
William Steinberg  
Florence Swartz  
Samuel Tarnowsky  
Isadore Weiss  
Blanche Wetter  
Tillie Wolfe  
Sam Zetzel

## LIFECYCLES

**SYMPATHY:** *We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones:* Steven Cohen on the loss of his grandfather, Jack Shenkman; Rocki DeGroot on the loss of her brother-in-law, Ron Frank; Martin Lind and Mimi Lind on the loss of their grandmother, Bernice Earle; June Miller on the loss of her husband, Ralph; Vollmer family on the loss of Eva Vollmer

**SPEEDY RECOVERY:** *The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well:* Jeni Catch; Iris Chayet; Tyler Carl, son of Ilene and Kyle Knebel; Anne Elman

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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### *in honor of*

My friendship with Cory Schwab  
by Lorraine Stiffelman

### *in memory of*

Millie Lieberman  
by Martin and Suzanne Solig

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### *in memory of*

David Martin  
by Judie Rice  
Harriet Ostroff  
by Roberta Gillerman  
Julius Tarnove  
by Ivin and Gladys Tarnove  
Mario Monteleone  
by Fredrick and Rosalie Roder

### *with get well wishes to*

Ralph Miller  
by Sumner and Sherilee Feldman

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The Bat Mitzvah of Rose Abarbanel  
by Jonathan and Elisabeth Abarbanel  
The clergy and lay staff who made Simchat  
Torah a joyous holiday  
by Diane Weinstein

The Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Shamash  
for Cantor Lorna's guidance  
by Charles and Juli Shamash

The birth of Natanel  
by Corlyn Schwab and Bill Weinman

The birth of Natanel  
by Lisa Turin

Ann Weinman's Birthday  
by Barbara Parker

The Bar Mitzvah of Griffin Shamash and  
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by Terry and Andrea Pullan  
Ray Elman  
by Anne Elman  
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by Martin and Sandra Milden  
Dorothy Lank  
by Temple Isaiah-Isaiah Women  
Dorothy Lank  
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by Barbara Parker  
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by David and Karen Leichenger  
Murray Barnett  
by Terry and Andrea Pullan  
Sadie Elman  
by Anne Elman  
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by Betty Wallis  
Morris Fishman  
by Ronnie Fishman  
Norman Teeter  
by Louise Teeter  
Doris Kalkstein  
by Douglas and Jodi Galen  
Helen Reisman  
by Judie Rice  
Joseph Elman  
by Anne Elman  
Louis Laser  
by David and Laura Galperson  
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by Terry and Andrea Pullan  
Max Schloss  
by Stanley and Yona Schloss  
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by Honey Amado  
Henry Fendell  
by Honey Amado  
Jacob (Jack) Banoff  
by Frances Lash  
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by Judith Zimmeroff  
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by Judith Zimmeroff  
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by Paul and Sherry Altura  
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by Judith Zimmeroff  
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by Arthur and Ronda Frumkin  
Morris Miller  
by Ruth Miller  
Morton Rogo  
by Mark and Lynn Rogo  
Mrs. Enriqueta Portela De Castellanos  
by Christine Safer  
Norman Teeter  
by Louise Teeter  
Ralph A. Amado  
by Honey Amado  
Raphael Amado  
by Honey Amado  
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by Anne Elman  
Samuel Bocarsky  
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by Farrell and Janet Hirsch  
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by Steven Tulkin  
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by Matthew and Katherine Friedman  
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by Temple Isaiah-Isaiah Women  
The beautiful High Holy Day Services  
by Steven Tulkin

### *thinking of you*

We Miss You, Rabbi Frimmer  
by Roberta Gillerman

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### *in memory of*

Basil Clyman  
by Melvin and Stephanie Kay  
Helen Gross  
by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel  
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Ralph D. Leibowitz  
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### *in honor of*

Martin Barash becoming a Federal Judge  
by Shayne & Joel Marine

### *in memory of*

Frank Martinelli  
by Manuel and Cheri Katz

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### *in memory of*

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by Judie Rice

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by Stuart Chin  
Gail Solo  
by Bonnie Davis & Angel Gomez

### *in memory of*

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by Gail Solo  
Lucille Garfield  
by Bert Rhine  
Lucille Garfield  
by Gail Solo

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### *in memory of*

Edna and Toby Keller  
by Aline Leo

## GINNIE FOX

## MEMORIAL FUND

### *in honor of*

Steve & Tina Fox's Anniversary  
by Jeffrey and Lisa Wolfe

*in memory of*

Bessie Feldman  
by Sumner and Sherilee Feldman  
Jerry Berlin  
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Stasya Furer  
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STEWARDSHIP FUND**

*in memory of*

Frederica Yamim  
by Jeffrey and Lisa Wolfe  
Sam Roder  
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by Anne Elman

**HASHARIM**

*in celebration of*

Ann Weinman's Birthday  
by Marcia Oshman  
Martha Sklar's Special Birthday  
by Anne Elman

*in honor of*

Cantor Coyot and Cantor Lembeck  
by HaSharim

*in memory*

Millie Lieberman  
by Judie Rice  
Rosalie Cohn  
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MEM-LIBRARY FUND**

*in memory of*

Lillian Hurewitz  
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*in honor of*

Terry Peters & Craig Lawson's  
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by Jonathan and Leslie Davidson

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by Shirley Kern  
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*in honor of*

Gloria Ilan's 90th Birthday  
by Martha Sklar

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by Arthur and Ronda Frumkin  
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by Karol Wells  
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by Karol Wells  
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*in honor of*

the 2015/5775 Confirmation Class  
by Scott and Barbara Kaye  
the birth of Carson Gerace  
by Marshall and Ellen Cole

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by Carla and Philippe Kopf  
Blanche Irshay  
by Stephen and Abbe Irshay  
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Sylvia Schapiro  
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*in celebration of*

Martha Sklar's 75th Birthday  
by Manuel and Cheri Katz  
Martha Sklar's 75th Birthday  
by Barbara Parker  
Martha Sklar's Special Birthday  
by Bridget Hoffman

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Barbara and Dale Joyner's generosity  
by Martha Sklar  
Honey Amado's generosity  
by Martha Sklar  
Martha Sklar's 75th Birthday  
by June Wynbrandt  
Martha Sklar's Birthday  
by Harriet Borson  
Martha Sklar's Birthday  
by Gloria Ilan  
Martha Sklar's Birthday  
by Marcia Oshman  
Martha Sklar's Birthday  
by Sara Jane & Norm Sherman  
Martha Sklar's Birthday  
by Ann Weinman

Sara & Izzy LeBeau  
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by Martha Sklar  
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*in memory of*

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*in memory of*

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## DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

### Shabbat Service Schedule

**Friday, December 4**  
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg  
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Rising Services  
7:15 p.m. Oneg

**Friday, December 18**  
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg  
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Nigun Services  
7:15 p.m. Oneg

**Friday, December 11**  
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg  
6:15 p.m. Hanukkah Shabbat Services  
7:15 p.m. Oneg

**Friday, December 25**  
5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg  
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services  
7:15 p.m. Oneg

**Mon**

**Center for the Widowed**  
Every Monday

**Thur**

**Café Isaiah**  
Every Thursday | 9:15 a.m.

**Wed**

**Daughters of Torah ~ Learning Circle**  
Every Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 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.

#### Saturday, December 5

4:00 p.m.  
Life Quest: Shema -  
All About Hearing

#### Wednesday, December 9

7:00 p.m.  
First A.M.E. / Isaiah Text Study

#### Thursday, December 10

6:00 p.m.  
ICE House Calls

#### Sunday, December 13

12:15 p.m.  
Rock The Lights  
Hanukkah Celebration  
Lunch and Concert  
(featuring world famous Six13)

4:00 p.m.  
Shalom Hartman Institute -  
Westside Collaborative  
With Tal Becker at Mishkon Tephilo

#### Tuesday, December 15

7:00 p.m.  
Life Quest: What Matters Most

#### Thursday, December 17

7:00 p.m.  
Green Team Meeting

7:00 p.m.  
Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing  
Justice Meeting

The temple office will be closed Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. Services will be taking place on these dates.