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TIKKUN OLAM: An Ancient Concept

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Many of us are drawn to issues of social action and social justice, seeing ourselves as actors in improving the world. In Judaism, such activities are referenced as *"tikkun olam,"* an ancient concept, based on Torah, medieval commentary, and mystical thought.





The term *"tikkun olam"* means *"repairing the world"* and is most often associated with Rabbi Isaac Luria, a Jewish mystic of the 16th Century.

According to the story, in the beginning, when God said "let there be light" (*Gen.* 1:3), God filled ten vessels with light and sent them into the world. But the vessels were fragile and broke, and the Divine sparks floated away. According to the story, had the vessels arrived intact, the world would have been perfect. *Tikkun olam* is to re-create these sparks of light through our conduct, at which time the world will be repaired and finally complete. (The artwork in the entry of our Temple represents these broken vessels.)

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, a modern scholar and author, teaches that Judaism imposes on the Jewish People the **obligation** to bring about *tikkun olam* – the repair or perfection of the world. There are a number of source-texts for this idea. In Torah we are instructed **"Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor"** (*Leviticus* 19:16), the by-line of Jewish World Watch, the community's response to the atrocities in Darfur and the Congo. And in Deuteronomy, Moses directs our People, **"Do what is right and good in the sight of God that it may go well with you"** (*Deut.* 6:18). Rashi and Nachmanides (my favorite medieval commentator) explain that we are expected to

go beyond the letter of the law to act in accordance with the **essence** of the law.

The essence of the law - of the entirety of the Torah - is, as instructed by the prophet Micah, "... to do justice, to love goodness, and to walk modestly with your God" (*Micah* 6:8). His contemporary, the prophet Isaiah, our namesake, summarized the Torah even more succinctly: "Observe what is right and do what is just" (*Isaiah* 56:1). And the great Moses Maimonides, the preeminent Jewish philosopher of the 12th Century, wrote that "the purpose of the laws of the Torah... is to bring mercy, loving-kindness, and peace upon the world" (*Mishneh Torah*, "Laws of the Sabbath," 2:3).

Thus, we see that our tradition values human dignity and deeds of loving kindness as essential to building a just society. A story told of the late Rabbi Israel Salanter, founder of the ethicsbased Musar movement in Eastern Europe, illustrates this point. He sent his students to inspect a local matzah-baking factory to certify that its products were "kosher for Passover." When a student asked what in particular they should look for, Rabbi Salanter responded, **"Look for the poor woman baking the matzah. Make sure the owners are paying her a living wage."**

Tikkun olam is about perfecting this world by recognizing the Divine in each human being. Let us pursue our work of *tikkun olam*, collectively and as we are each moved. And let our work be such that, as envisioned by the Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai (z''), the person is more important than the grand monuments he creates. As Amichai so beautifully wrote, **"You see that arch from the Roman period? It's not important; but next to it, down a bit, there sits a man who's bought fruit and vegetables for his family."**

REFLECTIONS

by Rabbi Zoë Klein

We have decided to dedicate this issue of the Isaian to COMMUNITY



I came to Isaiah in the year 2000, Y2K. The new millennium. I was 28 years old, and I had a 10 month old son.

There came a point when the senior Rabbi, Rabbi Bob Gan announced his retirement, and I knew the board president was soon going to ask me if I was interested in the position. That Friday night, looking out at the congregation at the faces there, I asked myself if at the end of my life, when I looked back at my life's work and realized that I spent my entire life, the majority of my waking days, serving these very people, the people sitting right here, smiling and singing mi camocha, would I feel that that had been a satisfying life...and the answer was immediately YES.

A lot has happened in the last sixteen years. I've learned a lot. The congregation has taught me. Life has taught me. I had two daughters, and experienced seismic shifts.

I grew, and the congregation has grown as well. When I look at the congregation, I see such energy and brilliance. I see in some people so much vision locked up in their hearts that people just tremble and vibrate with it. I see a great love. I see leaders and leadership potential, passion, relational power. This is my eighteenth year in the Rabbinate. It is a joy to partner with you to serve the world around us. To be a conduit connecting you and you and you and you, all of these generative wires, and plugging it all in to Torah, to Tikkun, to God, the living current running through us all.

There is a vision for Isaiah and it comes from on high. In the Torah it is written: "Build me a Sanctuary that I may dwell within them." You are the foundation, you are the sheer walls, you are the beams of this sanctuary, you are the place in which God dwells. You are the ministers of mitzvah. You are what makes this community aware and active, mindful and muscular. By participating in the temple we plug ourselves into the power grid and light one another up.

I have been a rabbi for 18 years. And it is a great blessing and honor to follow in the footsteps of my mentor Rabbi Bob Gan, and the footsteps of our founding rabbi, Rabbi Albert Lewis of blessed memory. It is a great blessing and honor to forge a new path into the future, to carry the treasures of the past as we venture toward vibrant horizons. And it is a great blessing and honor to share that exhilarating journey with you who are new to our sacred community, and with you who have been here all along. I can't wait to begin the next chapter together.



Rabbi Zoë: "Synagogue" is an evolving term, and in recent times has come to include gatherings in coffee shops, Shabbat dinner tables, Tashlich at the beach, ICE in the Home, Men's Group at the races, Night at Tamar's, wilderness hikes. ChaiVillageLA is an extension of that broadening vision of being a temple without walls.

ChaiVillageLA is about expanding the concept of Sacred Community beyond borders of age and brick, weaving private space and public responsibility into a dynamic tapestry.

We talk often of frailty and weakness when we talk about age, but this is about power! It is about bringing together people's skills and passions to make a difference in each other's lives, and once strong enough together, to use that collective power to generate real change. This is the community, if lifted and honored, who will stand on the front lines of environmental change. This is the community, if nourished and valued, will stand up for affordable housing, healthcare, Alzheimer's and cancer research, sensible gun legislation. This is the community, if given voice and recognition, will make a difference, for we have little to lose and everything to gain. This is the community that has the time, means and vision to be the activists of tomorrow on today's critical issues.

Just as we structure our synagogues' schools to meet the needs of children from infancy through confirmation in order to launch them into the world as values-driven mensches, Temple Isaiah in partnership with Temple Emanuel and Congregation Kol Ami, is building a reliable, strong structure to validate, support and organize adults. **Devorah:** Since everyone at ChaiVillageLA has a responsibility to strengthening the community, we are already planning ways for ChaiVillageLA members to volunteer in the Temple Isaiah Preschool, share their life wisdom with younger members, serve on a committee and look after one another. There is a role for everyone, as each person is valued for their unique contribution.

Barbara Joyner, co-chair of our Programs and Services Committee, has an entire line up of fun summer activities for ChaiVillageLA members, including bike rides, walks, film picnics, museum trips, Jewish learning with the clergy, potlucks, and more. ChaiVillageLA also has self-governing interest groups, where volunteer coordinators arrange for informal get-togethers with like-minded members. Been eager to get back to gardening, photography, or cooking?

Don't have a Bubbie or a Zadie nearby? Consider joining and we'll find a place and a Bubbie or Zadie for you! Any temple member is welcome to join, regardless of age.

Rabbi Zoë: The truth is, we are all adults, future adults, and God-willing we should all live long enough to be vibrant older adults sharing joyfully in a community full of friends, support, spirituality and purpose.



Devorah: Already too busy for one more thing? Your volunteer hours at Temple Isaiah "count" as contributing to ChaiVillageLA as we're all in this communal boat together and ChaiVillageLA is grateful for Temple Isaiah's support. Learn more about ChaiVillageLA, and the enrichment of our Temple Isaiah family.



Stop by Rabbi Gan's office and speak with ChaiVillageLA's Director, Devorah Servi. You may call or email Devorah at 310.592.0321, devorah@ChaiVillageLA.org or contact Membership Co-Chair, Janet Hirsch at janethirsch59@gmail.com.



"Na'aseh v'nishmah" (We will DO and we will HEAR)

by Rabbi Aimee Gerace

The holiday of Shavuot is upon us! We remember the Revelation that occurred in the wilderness, where the Israelites accepted the Torah, its commandments and the responsibility of lifelong learning.

Although it begins officially on the evening of June 12, the commemoration of the Israelites receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai can be felt here at Temple Isaiah all year long.

When asked if the Israelites will accept the yoke of the Torah, they respond, "Na'aseh v'nishmah" (We will do and we will hear.) B'yachad (Together), our innovative approach to Jewish education, engages children and



their parents in an experiential environment. The members of *B'yachad* embody the message of the Israelites by answering their own call to Jewish education with *"Na'aseh v'nishmah."* The *B'yachad* families **DO** by celebrating Shabbat together, eating delicious lunches and dinners as a community, and immersing themselves in various social action projects around Los Angeles. The *B'yachad* families **HEAR** by engaging the adults in intellectually stimulating Jewish conversations while their children engage in grade-level learning.

As we get ready to celebrate the Israelites answering God's call to accept Torah and you are inspired by *B'yachad* and would like to learn more, we will answer **YOUR** call.

Chag Sameach!

For questions and more information, please call Stephanie Schwartz, Assistant Director of Educational Engagement or Rabbi Aimee Gerace, Director of Educational Engagemen at 310.277.2661.

A PROGRESS REPORT ON TEMPLE ISAIAH'S 2016-17 BUDGET

by Michael Diamond, Temple Isaiah Treasurer

As spring begins to take hold, so does the Temple Isaiah budget process for the fiscal year 2016-17. The Budget Committee is now working with our Executive Director, the clergy and the various program directors to develop a budget for FY 2016-17 that is realistic, balanced and reflects Temple Isaiah's vision and mission.

Our annual budget is over \$7.5 million and will soon approach \$8 million. As a congregation at the forefront of Reform Judaism, we have many top programs including our preschool, religious school and camp, among others. Our hard working and committed staff of over 120 individuals supports our outstanding and innovative clergy. As Temple Isaiah continues to grow and prosper, the Board of Trustees has an obligation to make sure that our financial position continues to be strong and sustainable well into the future, and that we make programmatic and financial decisions that support and enhance our vision "to create a spiritual and vibrant community where we can deepen our relationship with God and each other." The programmatic and financial decisions that support this vision are best made when all of us fully understand the entire budget process as we work together to support our synagogue and its many programs and activities. As Treasurer my goal in this report is to keep the congregation informed about the budget process as we work through the FY 2016-17 budget cycle. I hope that this will better inform our budget discussion at the congregational meeting on June 5, 2016.

What is a Budget?

While this seems like an obvious question, it is important to recognize that a budget is more than a collection of numbers where the bottom line shows a zero balance, or where our revenues exceed our expenses by an appropriate amount that gives us the flexibility to deal with unpredictable events. Most importantly, a budget is a reflection of our collective vision and mission as a congregation. The Union of Reform Judaism suggests that we look at a budget through the following lenses:

• Who are we as a congregation? What do we want to achieve? What will it cost us to implement our vision?

• How much money do we have? What can we do with it to achieve our vision?

We also know another important fact – that budgets motivate behavior. One of our challenges is to make sure that the budget process and the resulting budget encourages all our executive leadership to make decisions in the best interests of the entire synagogue. And, most importantly, to ensure that there is a close alignment between the goals of those in charge of our programs and the overall vision and goals of Temple Isaiah.

Budget Parameters

Like many other religious organizations, our synagogue is faced with the certainty of increased costs to support our staff as well as current and new programs, but has less certainty concerning our revenues: What will be our future membership level? How many students will enroll in our preschool, our religious school, our camps and other activities? While we generally have good data on which to make estimates, future budgets are subject to uncertainty. Thus, once our new fiscal year starts on July 1, 2016, I will closely monitor our monthly and year-to-date performance against our budget, and work with our program directors to make necessary changes in their program spending as needed to insure that they are achieving their net revenue goals. The budget process for the FY 2016-17 described next is meant to provide us with the best possible starting point and allow for the flexibility to meet changing conditions throughout the upcoming year.

An Overview of the Budget Process

This is my first year as Treasurer and I am fortunate to be able to build on the budget work of my predecessors. I have taken the process that has been used in previous years and tweaked it in several ways. This year we have focused on developing a budget that supports our vision and mission and on key revenue and expense items that extend beyond one year, so that we are able to respond to new challenges and opportunities we face as we move into the next fiscal year and beyond. Thus, I have asked each person who has budget authority, whether clergy or staff to prepare a concise narrative that provides a short overview of their vision and goals for their programs and how those goals are reflected in their proposed budget.

In December and early January, I met with budget directors individually to review their narratives, followed by another set of meetings to discuss their units' preliminary budgets. After another round of revisions, these became the budgets that were presented to the Budget Committee for analysis, feedback and suggested revisions. After the committee reviewed all the individual budgets, we combined them into an overall Temple Isaiah budget for fiscal year 2016-17, and made any necessary adjustments to ensure we have a realistic budget that is fiscally responsible and supports our vision and mission. The budget will then be presented to the Board of Trustees for their discussion and approval prior to discussing the budget with the congregation at the June 5th meeting and asking for its approval. I look forward to reviewing last year's financial performance and presenting the FY 2016-17 budget to you at that meeting. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at: mdiamond@marshall.usc.edu.

CHEERS AND CONFETTI READERS ARE LEADERS ARE WINNERS!

Librarian Ellen Cole proudly announces the winners of the 2015-16 Levine Library Reading Contest. In five months, contestants read and reported on hundreds of books, many for bonus points, in the Election Connection Read. This year's competition connected to the presidential election primaries and rights of our free society. Cole presented the 19 finalists who received their prizes at the Library Awards Assemblies on Sunday, March 27th.





Grades 1 to 3 Division

These grades read picture books and chapter books. New reader, Annie Loeb, grade one, storms first place in her first contest with 57 points. Returning winner, Chloe Nejad, grade three, graces second place with 42 points. First grader, new reader Audrey Posner gains third place with 36 points. In a tight finish, two first graders and new readers vie for the next places. Zachary Grossman's 23 points and Madison Nejad's 20 points secure fourth and fifth place respectively. Sixth place is a tie between newcomer, first grader Maya George and returning winner, third grader Ella Mathalon each with 18 points. Four fine new readers achieve honorable mention: Aiden Vojdani, grade three, 17 points; Asher Bartfeld, grade three, 16 points; Adrian Grafstein, grade one, 16 points and Ben Kirschbaum, grade two, 14 points.

"Winners of the Election Connection Reading Contest younger division, Grades 1 to 3, enjoy recognition at the award assembly on March 27th."



Grades 4 to 6 Division

These grades read chapter books. Many winners return from past victories in the lower division. Last year's picture book champion Gabe Evers, grade four, is victor here by a landslide: he sweeps first place with a grand total of 91 points. Returning winner, Mateen Markzar, a sixth grader, captures second place with 66 points. Sydnie Loeb, fourth grader and returning winner, celebrates third place with 63 points. Returning winner Ava Friedman, a fourth grader wins fourth place with 44 points. Returning winner Alexis Weiss, grade four, grabs the fifth spot with 35 points. New reader Julia Tabor ranks sixth with 30 points. Two grade four readers achieve honorable mention: new reader, Ryan Karni, 26 points and returning winner Violet Bilgihan, 22 points.

"Winners of the Election Connection Reading Contest older division, Grades 4 to 6, beam over prizes at the award assembly."

At the March 27 assemblies, clergy, principal, teachers, fellow students, and parents applauded the winners. These 19 victorious readers received books about the Jewish American experience, inscribed with their winning rank and contest theme prizes including, patriotic games, jewelry, tzedakah boxes and keepsake early primary state quarters.

The reading contest is a voluntary library program open to Religious School students starting during Jewish Book Month in the fall. Children read Jewish books at their grade level and discuss each book with the Librarian. In addition to open reading, this year students receive bonus points for books about our Jewish American experience. Five points entitles readers to a yogurt treat at the Bigg Chill; ten points or more qualifies contestants for prizes. Children practice voting in the spirit of this year's contest theme, by voting on secret ballots placed into a ballot box asking for their favorite Jewish books. Second place goes to the All-of-A-Kind Family series. The winner is American Girl's Jewish girl series, Rebecca.

Ellen thanks Rochelle Neuburger in the Temple gift shop for her helpful advice selecting prizes. She thanks the kind donors to the Hurewitz and Levine Library Funds whose support finances this popular program which promotes Jewish literacy. Ellen congratulates the winners of the Election Connection Reading Contest and encourages them to defend their titles next year. She invites all students to compete in the new contest for new prizes.

Library Hours:

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



Sunday, May 8 9:00 a.m to noon Foster Care Counts.

For the last seven years, Foster Care Counts and dedicated volunteers have celebrated and hosted foster families with a day of food, games, family, and celebration, and each year is more fun than the last! This year the FPC will share a memorable Foster Mother's Day with more than 2,000 foster parents and children. Together we will make Foster Mother's Day an incredible event for all.

RSVP online, visit the FPC of the Isaiah website

Sunday, June 12 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PATH Cooking Sunday.

The FPC will cook meals for residents of the West LA PATH facility and share a meal while learning more about their lives and experiences. If cooking, please come with all the ingredients necessary to create a wonderful home-cooked meal for the PATH residents.

Visit the FPC page on the Isaiah website for more details.

ISAIAH WOMEN May / June calendar of events

Isaiah Women thanks you for your participation in our March and April events, including our first College Night for Religious School parents. It was particularly nice to have the participation of the Confirmation Class! We had a terrific Spring Mah Jongg Tournament in our newly refurbished social hall, simultaneously raising funds for our social action work. We also thank Rabbi Frimmer for leading us in a meaningful Seder as well as all of you who spent your afternoon with us and generously donated to the Jewish Family Services Family Violence Project.

We continue to work on new programming ideas that will appeal to women of all ages. If you have an idea for a speaker, social action project, Jewish rituals, or a fund raising event, please email me and I will put you in touch with the right people so that your idea is implemented. Suzanne Solig: slsolig@gmail.com

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Sunday, May 1 10:30 a.m. Brunch and Descanso Gardens

Enjoy brunch at The Black Cow Café in Montrose, followed by a relaxing walk in the Descanso Gardens.

RSVP to Sari Spiro: spirojjs@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 17 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Book Group

Come to the home of Ginny Solomon, where we will discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield.

RSVP to Ginny: iginski@aol.com

Sunday, May 22 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. An Afternoon of Games

Who doesn't enjoy a lazy afternoon of their favorite game? We will have tables set up for mah jongg, bridge, poker and scrabble with sweets and fruit to nibble on. PRIZES for the winners! Cost is \$10.

RSVP to Bobbie Allen: bobbie@ bobbieallendesigns.com.

(let her know what game you will play)

Sunday, June 12 10:00 a.m. to noon Hike and Picnic

Difficulty: (2 options) easy and difficult. 2 1/2 miles

Celebrate Shavuot, the holiday of greenery, by hiking in Franklin Canyon. Men are welcome to join.

RSVP to Sari Spiro: spirojjs@gmail.com

Friday, June 17 noon Lunch Bunch

Lunch this month is at a favorite restaurant, The Tin Roof in the Manhattan Village Shopping Center. RSVP to Laurie Gantz: lbgantz@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, June 21 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Book Group

We will discuss *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler at the home of Fern Karp: RSVP to Fern: fernkarp@aol.com

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



ISAIAH CONTINUING ENRICHMENT

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Shabbat Shorts

Erica Jamieson

Saturday, May 7, 11:00 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/continuing-education

Spine Tingles Book Club

Join Librarian Ellen Cole to discuss:

Safekeeping by Jessamyn Hope

Tuesday, May 24

10:30 a.m. in the Library

Turmoil envelopes a Kibbutz when three strange volunteers arrive bent on changing their fates.

The meeting includes a live session with the author.

House Calls

Thursday, May 19

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

We are thrilled to continue ICE House Calls. Again this month you will have the opportunity to learn with one of our clergy in the intimate setting of an Isaiah member's home.

Additional questions, please contact Rabbi Aimee Gerace at rabbiaimee@templeisaiah.com.

Scholar-in-Residence

Rachel Korazim

Friday, May 6

8:00 p.m.

Learning with Rachel Korazim following Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We have had the pleasure of learning with Dr. Korazim both in Israel and at Temple Isaiah, and we are looking forward to spending a weekend with this inspiring educator. Dr. Korazim will lead us through the complex and challenging narratives of Israeli society, guiding us to explore, critique, laugh and sometimes shed a tear through politics and poetics, Biblical motifs, ideology and identity.

To register for the lecture series, go to www.Templeisaiah.com/continuing-education

CONNECTING AT TEMPLE ISAIAH

Life at Temple Isaiah is rich in connections that provide opportunities for enriching your life, your community and the wider world. Connected by our individual passions, goals or life stage, we offer numerous ways to create community. We welcome and encourage your participation and offer a rich and diverse array of groups, activities and travel experiences for all ages and all interests.

Below you will find a listing of the various groups on our Temple website.

INTEREST GROUPS

ChaiVillageLA Chavurot Fair Food Committee Isaiah Men's Group (IMG) Isaiah Women Preschool Parent Association (PPA) REC The Religious School Parent Association (RSPA) Temple Isaiah Networking Group (TING)

TIKKUN OLAM / SOCIAL ACTION GROUPS

Am Tzedek Coalition To Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) PATH Beyond Shelter The Caring Community The Gun Legislation Advocacy Committee (GLAC) Green Team Family Philanthropy Club (FPC) Jewish World Watch Roots And Wings SOVA

MUSIC RELATED GROUPS

HaSharim - Adult Choir Permenent Players - Kids Choir PopUp Choir - Kids Choir If you are interested in finding out more about these special interest groups, please visit our connect pages on our temple website.



Temple Isaiah's Leadership Circle includes members who make contributions of \$1,800 or more, with the intention of renewing on an annual basis, to support our community.

Leadership Circle commitments 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.

Thank you to our 2015 – 2016 Leadership Circle members for their generosity, leadership, and partnership in Torah, Tzedakah, and Tikkun Olam.

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MAY



Charlotte Feit-Leichman Daughter of **Rachel Feit-Leichman** and Joshua Leichman Saturday, May 7



Ryan Finkelstein Son of Stephanie Finkelstein and **Robert Finkelstein** Saturday, May 7



Austin Cogan Son of **Jill and Gary Cogan** Saturday, May 21



Hannah-Karen Cogan Daughter of Jill and Gary Cogan Saturday, May 21



Eva Dembo Daughter of Lauren and Bruce Dembo Saturday, May 21



Emily Gross Daughter of Diane and Mitchell Gross Saturday, May 28



JUNE



Elise Knebel Daughter of **Ilene and Kyle Knebel** Saturday, June 11



Lauren Kahn Daughter of **Celine and Robert Kahn** Saturday, June 11



Sydney Goodman Nathan Akiba Daughter of Samantha and Andrew Goodman Saturday, June 18



Son of Saturday, June 18



Max Fattal Son of Carol and Joey Akiba Ilene Claudius & Oved Fattal Saturday, June 25

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES

Mazal Tov to: Parastoo and Glenn Seidenfeld on the birth of their son. Adrian David: Tara and Michael Goldberg on the birth of their daughter, Mia Danielle; Andrea and Terry Pullan on the birth of their grandson, Noah; Shana & Jeremy Lutsky on the birth of their son, Andrew Gideon.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Honey Amado. Alan Grass and Roberta Gillerman.

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Joshua Beckett on the loss of his mother, Gogi Grant; Lynda and Herb Belinky on the loss of their daughter, Sandra; Michael Goldberg on the loss of his wife, Ellen Goldberg; Rachel Young and Dan Uslan on the loss of their grandfather, Julius L. Zelman.

MAY MEMORIAL PLAQUES

May 6

Anna Adams Robert Brown Sarah Golenternek B. Guttenplan David Hallner Susan Jacobs Louis Joseph Miriam Markman Lester Moss Philip Nalibotsky Henry Nirenberg Jean Piller Louis Rokaw Anne Schechter Sidney Wasserman Mildred Weger Charlene Weisbaum Joseph Weiss

May 13

Eleanor Bookman Dorothy Didak Saul Gan Jack Horwitz William Katz Kenneth Kaufman Gertrude Krasnow Annette Lazare Fanny Levitz Jack Plotkin Howard Ross Morris Roth Margaret Rothman Joe Sherman Julia Waldner Ida Warmbrun

May 20

Maurice Baumer Morris Berman Saralyn Blatt David Fraizes David Koskoff Joseph Lasky **Irving Marmer** Rhonda Sue Nadell Fred Pobris Fay Rapp Anna Riave Flora Romain Miriam Rosenwasser Jerrv Sacks Maurice Stern Max Wolfson

May 27

Mary Ascheim Donald Bernstein Harry Bookman Sarah Dlugofsky Hyman Goldberg Hermon Moss Charles Okonowsky Ceyle Osaw Morris Rohrlick Harold Romain Molly Rosenbloom Rose Segal Livingston Smith Evelyn Stevens

JUNE MEMORIAL PLAQUES

June 3

Bessie Ames Jack Berniker Harry Cohen Benjamin Elswit Melvin Gross Nathan Horenstein Harry Indictor Ike Jacobs Bruce Kimmel Sara Krom Pauline Landau Jack Miller Henry Milner Naoum Norman **Elaine Saunders** Abraham Segal Adolph Stein

June 10

David Andrens Betty Borden Jack Cohen Bruce Deerson Sarah Gifis Regina Heller Samuel Hurewitz Ronald Levin Morris Leytus Milton Rosner Jonathan Smith Sarah Wagner

June 17

Mary Bass George Beidner Svlvia Bennett Sophia Dash Daniel Dosik Jennie Flaxman James Freeman Hannah Harris Ethel Hendler Mary Hershkowitz Belle Kopald Jared Scott Mandel-Becker Henry Moghtader Anton Papilion Victor Reskin Rose Schwartz Samuel Shannahoff Abner Waxman Jake Weinstein **Beatrice Weltman**

June 24

Lewis Barnes Dora Berk Carl Green Lillian Grodin Samuel Hoffman Rose Lapidus Sarah Lewis Charles Roth Selma Sax Alex Walter

CAHN ULPAN FUND in memory of Paula Goode by Hannah Cahn CARING COMMUNITY FUND in honor of Sydney Cetner's successful surgery by Helene Cetner in memory of Dalyce Tarnove by Ivin and Gladys Tarnove Daniel Brenner by Mrs. Marilyn Wolff-Hall Dorian Anderson by Stelle Strozer Fred Strozer by Stelle Strozer Pearle Kerstein by Stelle Strozer **CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND** in appreciation of Cantor Coyot's participation in Rosa Schorr's Bat Mitzvah by Leonard and Stella Kleinrock Rabbi Klein by Ronald Losch and Elise Ungerleider Rabbi Klein speaking to Chavurah S'dinim by Wendy Plottel Rabbi Klein's kindness following Daniel Brenner's untimely death by Robert Brenner Rabbi Klein's participation in Rosa Schorr's Bat Mitzvah by Leonard and Stella Kleinrock in celebration of Cantor Coyot's participation in Eli Ludden's Bar Mitzvah by John Ludden and Julie Sandor Rabbi Klein's participation in Eli Ludden's Bar Mitzvah by John Ludden and Julie Sandor Rabbi Dara and Michael's two wonderful daughters by Elliott Ribeiro and Marcia Albert in honor of Rabbi Klein's participation in Alex's Bar Mitzvah by Scott and Jill Seidel Cantor Coyot's participation in Alex's Bar Mitzvah by Scott and Jill Seidel Cantor Coyot's participation in Elijah Labb's Bar Mitzvah by Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Rutkin Rabbi Gerace's participation in Elijah Labb's Bar Mitzvah by Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Rutkin in memory of Harry Greene by Marty and Sherri Zigman Morris Miller by June-Ellen Miller Rebecca Fishman by Ronnie Fishman Donald Nadler by Ronald Schneeberger and Stacey Nadler Gerson Brener by Barbara Parker Harold Lank by Gerald Lank Rabbi Leo Stillpass by Anne Elman **Richard Mednick** by Steve and Lisa Owen I. A. (Dick) Berman by Michael and Maryann Sanders Morris Brounstein by Betty Wallis Moe Kofsky by Betty Wallis Robie Leibman (Rachel bat Asher) by Marcia Oshman Ethel August

Augusta Miller by Alan and Arlene Karpel Harry Greene by Marty and Sherri Zigman Herman Lichtenstein by Roberta Gillerman Lucy Bretzfelder by Anne Elman Nan Allen Lipstein by Irwin and Joan Allen Ted Seidman by Steven and Luz Seidman Anna Miller by Ruth Miller Abraham Frazin by Ruth Miller Arnold Shulman by Jay and Jean Abarbanel Bourse C. Allen by Irwin and Joan Allen Donald Jacoby by Laurie Jacoby Fred Losch by Ronald Losch and Elise Ungerleider Gayle Sadofsky by Shirley Greene Gilbert Park by Terry and Andrea Pullan Hyman Miller by Ruth Miller Jack Colman by Muriel Colman Lillian Banoff by Frances Lash Mildred Fendell Kessler by Honey Amado Phil Feiger by Andrew Moss and Helen Feiger Regina Tarica by Honey Amado Tillie Thalmessinger by Anne Elman Wolf Sales by Ephraim and Joan Sales Ronald Zsupnik by Ephraim and Joan Sales thank you Mike Diamond for organizing a splendid Israel Trip by Ann Weinman **DONNA GROSS FUND** in memory of **Ruth Shuman** by Laurence and Paula Shuman Sara Mishne by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel Ida Weinberg by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel **ELLEN GOLDBERG RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** AND CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND in appreciation of Ellen and David Braun by Ellen and Jeff Brown Rabbi Aimee Gerace by Ellen and Jeff Brown in memory of Catherine Boatwright by Manuel and Cheri Katz Isidore Beierfeld by Roberta Gillerman Jennie Kwawer by Allen and Evelyn Kwawer

by Stephen and Abbe Irshay

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Rosalee Lipman by Donald Lipman

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in memory of Hildegarde Burgheim by Phalen and Renee Hurewitz Jack Pivko by Adam and Barrie Pivko **SKLAR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND** in memory of **Bud Blitzer** by Leonard and Susan Milner Daniel Brenner by Martha Sklar SOCIAL ACTION FUND speedy recovery to Honey Amado by Ann Weinman in memory of Kevy Greenwald by Denton and Stacy Fisch Sid Levine by Irv and Dena Schechter Sidney Kern by Shirley Kern **STAFF APPRECIATION FUND** in memory of Hugo Kanter by Sanford Jacoby and Susan Bartholomew Yvonne Patt by Gloria Ilan YAHRZEIT FUND in memory of Alan Minter by Scott and Diane Lewis Carl Reitzenstein by Lawrence and Anne Hopp Cecile Hood by Ronald and Barbara Hood David Bonchefsky by Seymour and Harriet Bond **Florence Clare** by Andrew Clare and Deborah Reamer **Florence Slotkin** by Milton Slotkin Galina Sinitcina by Parham and Maryna Partielli Harold Berger by James and Sherrie Berger Harry Elman by Honey De Roy Herbert Burstein by Vincent and Cynthia Waldman Herbert Hoffman by Glenn Weisbord and Nancy Hoffman-Weisbord Hyman Cohen by David Cohen and Marsha Miller Irene Elizabeth Davidson by Jonathan and Leslie Davidson James Loeb by Glen and Elizabeth Friedman Martin Ross by Lorraine Trogman Sidney Kern by Jonathan and Leslie Davidson



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DATED MATERIAL

MAY/JUNE 2016 CALENDAR

Friday, May 6

5:45 p.m.	Pre-Oneg
6:00 p.m.	ITY Bean Bag Shabbat
6:15 p.m.	Scholar-in-Residence
	Shabbat Ri <i>sing</i>
7:15 p.m.	Oneg

Friday, May 13

Pre-Oneg
Yom HaAtzmaut Shabbat
& Kumsitz
Oneg

Friday, May 20

5:45 p.m.	Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m.	Shabbat Nigun/Confirmation
7:15 p.m.	Oneg

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, May 27

5:30 p.m. 4th Friday Family Shabbat5:45 p.m. Pre Oneg6:00 p.m. 4th Friday Shabbat Dinner6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday, June 3

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:00 p.m. Shabbat B'yachad
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Rising Services (away beach)
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday, June 10

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

Friday, June 17

5:30.p.m. PreK/DK Graduate Shabbat5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services7:15 p.m. Oneg

Friday, June 24

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

EVENTS/MEETINGS

May Events

Shabbat Shorts
May 7 - 11:00 a.m.
Family Camp
May 13-15
Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable
May 14 - 9:00 a.m.
T.I.N.G.
May 17 - 8:00 a.m.
Green Team Meeting
May 17 - 7:00 p.m.
Am Tzedek:
Isaians Pursuing Justice
May 17 - 7:00 p.m.

ICE House Calls May 19 - 6:00 p.m. TOT Shabbat May 21 - 9:30 a.m. Spine Tingles Book Group May 24- 10:30 a.m. Isaiah Men's Group Happy Hour May 26 - 7:00 p.m.

June Events Isaiah Women Installation and Boutique June 5 - 2:00 p.m. Back-to-Camp Isaiah Night June 7 - 6:00 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavout June 11 - 5:00 p.m. Family Philanthropy Club PATH - Cooking Event June 12 - 4:30 p.m. Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing Justice June 16 - 7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting June 16 - 7:00 p.m. Camp Isaiah Starts June 20 - 8:30 a.m. Camp Katan Starts June 27 - 9:00 a.m. TING June 21 - 8:00 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.

CAFÉ ISAIAH: Every Thursday 9:15 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.