MARCH - APRIL 2017



Purim & Passover

A long time ago ...

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PURIM by NUMBERS

times that God's name is mentioned in the Book of Esther

times Haman's name appears in the Book of Esther

is the total number of days Ahasuerus's parties lasted in Shushan

mitzvot to fulfill on Purim:

- reading the Book of Esther
- Matanot L'eyonim (money to the poor)
- Mishloach Manot (gifts of food)
- feasting

of the only two books named for a woman

PASSOVER WHO KNOWS ONE?

plagues were brought upon the Egyptians



years wandering in the desert



the number of questions, cups of wine, and children



items on the seder plate



slaves left Egypt

PASSOVER: REFUSENIK SEDER - LENINGRAD, 1978

A message from the President Honey Kessler Amado



In 1963, the Soviet Jewry movement began, calling on the Soviet Union to allow its Jewish community to leave. Posters at demonstrations outside Soviet embassies and consulate offices said "Let My People Go," echoing the words of Moses to Pharaoh. In those days, assimilated Jews experienced the

same opportunities and limitations of most other Soviet citizens. But if a Jew asked for permission to leave the country, that person would lose his or her job, perhaps lose favorable housing, and definitely be subject to social ostracism. Some Jews were allowed to leave; most were not. Those who were not were called "refuseniks." Refuseniks could languish in the Soviet Union for years.

In 1978, at Passover, my late husband, Ralph (z"l), and I went to the Soviet Union to visit with refuseniks. Our intention was to share information and to assure them that they were not alone, that people outside the Soviet Union knew of their existence and their plight. We carried with us books on the Jewish holidays, Hebrew primers, a Russian-Hebrew haggadah, and a Jewish history textbook used by a dear friend in college, who had asked us to deliver it to a refusenik in Moscow. We brought The L.A. Times, Newsweek, Time Magazine, and U.S. News & World Report, all ostensibly for our reading. We also brought several pairs of jeans, which a family could sell for several months' income, and nail polish to leave as hostess gifts. Upon entering the country, we were stopped for interrogation. Ultimately, we were allowed to keep only the textbook, which was presumably mine; the haggadah, which we promised to take with us when we left the country; and the newspaper and magazines, the unfettered windows to the West. (They never asked about the multiple jeans.)

We arrived at our hotel in Leningrad (now, St. Petersburg) after dark and immediately took a cab to the address of a refusenik family. Miraculously, we found their apartment in a maze of grey, nondescript buildings with haphazard numbering. We knocked on the door, hopeful that we had the correct place. We were greeted by a surprised but welcoming couple, who invited us to return the next night for first seder. The next night, in their crowded living room, tables were set for dinner, with wine bottles and seder plates. There was a collection of haggadahs, in different languages, in different sizes, and with different illustrations, but all with the familiar readings. Together, in Hebrew, we sang of Elijah, the Prophet – *Eliyahu, HaNavi.*

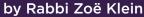
There I met Lev Shapiro, also a guest, whose smuggled-out essays I had been reading for over a year. After the seder, he and I sat together, discussing his position that Jews who left the Soviet Union on the fiction of reunification with family in Israel should not be allowed to "drop-out" to the United States en route. He felt the "drop-outs" threatened the fragile fiction by which the Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union. I told him that I, as the grandchild of immigrants, could not say to other Jews that our doors had closed. For Lev, it was an existential question about an exit from oppression. For me, it was a defining question about being an American Jew, committed to Peoplehood and to America as a place of refuge for my grandparents and for others in times of crisis.

The seder was full circle for me. As a child born soon after World War II, I was haunted by the idea that another Jewish community was at risk; I could not remain silent or inactive. And there I sat, in a country from whence my grandfather had fled on the eve of the Russian Revolution. Our story of deliverance from Egypt rang so true to me as I sat with my Jewish brothers and sisters, all of us yearning for them to leave that modern Mitzrayim. "Next year in Jerusalem!" was a prayer. There I sat, grateful for my grandfather's flight; grateful for America's open door.

I recall that seder every year. That longing for freedom in modern times, the original exodus, and my family's individual history come together as one continuous, unending narrative. So are the narratives of all of our families.

Wishing you all a sweet Passover. This year, and every year, may you and all the generations of your family celebrate in freedom.

OUR IMMIGRANT STORIES





Talmud teaches us that Purim and Passover are connected. It is said that the beginning of Haman's downfall and the redemption from Egypt both took place in the month of Nisan. The first of Nisan, in Judaism, is considered a new year. Purim comes two weeks before the first of Nisan and Pesach

is two weeks after, making Purim the last holiday of the year and Passover the first. The holidays tie the whole year together. Both celebrate how we survived near annihilation, but the two redemptions are very different. On Purim, there are no overt miracles. God works behind the scenes, and it is the creativity and cunning of man that prevails. On Passover, miracles abound as God moves heaven and earth, time and tide, intervening on behalf of the people. Together, the holidays celebrate human activism and divine salvation.

Purim and Passover are both chapters in the long history of strangers in strange lands. In Genesis, the people's slavery in Egypt is prophesied when Abraham is told, "Your offspring shall be strangers in a land, not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years." (Genesis 15:13) In the Book of Esther, the Jewish people are singled out by Haman who tells the king, "There are a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples and their laws are different... therefore it does not profit the king to let them remain." (Esther 3:8)

This strangerness is the core of the Jewish people's psyche. In fact, the answer to the question, "What is the reason for what we do in Judaism?" is most often, "Because we were slaves." The call to social action stems from this strangerness, as it is written, "You must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Deuteronomy 10:19) It is even the reason given for our observance of Shabbat: "Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and Adonai your God freed you from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore Adonai your God commanded you to observe the Sabbath day." (Deuteronomy 5:15)

Our universal human story begins with the exile from the Garden of Eden. Our distinct peoplehood is forged when we are redeemed from Egypt. Our story continues with the exile from Israel. And for most American Jews, our story includes escape from tyrannical lands bent on destroying us.

This Purim and Passover season, we highlight our history as strangers in strange lands, our obligation to befriend the stranger, and our gratitude to have found a place to call home.

We share some of the immigrant stories of our congregants. Please share yours on our Facebook page #myimmigrantfamily

Judy Glickman Lauder:

My mother, Louise Weinstein, came to America from Poland with her mother, brother and sister in 1914. She was only eight years old and they landed in Galveston, Texas. The incredible Rabbi Henry Cohen vouched for them, allowing them to stay. I feel he totally saved their lives as had they returned, they most likely would have been caught up in WWI and then the Hitler years.

Paul Altura:

We managed to flee from Nazi-occupied Vienna, in what seemed to be the last possible fear-filled moment and made our way to London. Relieved to have made it to safety, we then faced the nightly German bombings, sleeping in shelters or Underground stations. Only through the generosity of an anonymous Jewish doctor in New York, did we receive an affidavit to come to the U.S as refugees. The normal five day voyage by sea to America took ten days because of the zig-zag course required to avoid German submarines. It was a rough stormtossed adventure in the winter seas until we finally were greeted by the Statue of Liberty!! God Bless America!!! (On the return voyage, our ship was torpedoed and sank with the loss of all hands) P.S. Because of our country of origin, for the first several years in America, we were classified as "Enemy Aliens."

Navid Yadegar:

Nearly 40 years ago, Iran, my country of birth, was taken over by a group of zealots spreading a populace message. Their politics, ideas and goals lacked tolerance for religious minorities (like my family). We feared for our lives.

Many escaped and fled to other countries like the United States and Israel. My family stayed back. We lived among our Muslim friends and neighbors, grocers, teachers, doctors and engineers. Some of them believed in the ideology of the new regime. Some had hearts filled with hate towards religious minorities. But, most were good people; they were kind and caring people, who like us, were victims of a hijack. I learned that like all other people, each Muslim is unique. I learned their religion did not define them any more than my religion defined me.

We left Iran in 1986. It was a traumatic moment in my life. Iran was the only country I ever knew. My friends (most of whom Muslim), were the only friends I ever had.

After spending nearly one year in Switzerland and Italy "being vetted," we were granted permission to enter the United States. I entered this country filled with my own stereotypes and prejudices.

On one of my first days at school, an African American student (named Germane), saw me eating by myself. He came to my table and sat with me. Over time we became friends. I met many Jews, Christians, Baha'is, Zoroastrians, Buddhists and more. One of my new best friends was a Muslim. I was constantly reminded that one's race, ethnicity, gender, or religion does not define them. I fell in love with this country; it not only tolerated minorities, it promoted it; it welcomed it; it invited it: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

Nearly 10 days ago, United States, my adopted country, was taken over by a group of zealots spreading a populace message. Their politics, ideas and goals were based on an ideology that lacked tolerance for religious minorities (like my Muslim friends). We feared for our lives.

Dotan Saguy:

Immigration is an intricate part of my family's history and I am myself an immigrant twice over: My paternal grandparents immigrated from Poland to France where they struggled to survive the Nazi occupation. My maternal grandparents immigrated from Romania to Israel. My dad immigrated to Israel as well, where I was born between two wars that threatened the very existence of the country. And before the Sabra in me could even take root, I became an immigrant myself at the age of four as my parents moved back to France. Although I love many things about France, as a Jew it never felt to me like my country.

In 1995 I immigrated once again. This time it was to the United States. I was in my twenties and while the US was technically my third country after Israel and France I felt at home for the first time: it's a hard feeling to explain but for the first time in my life I felt free to disclose my Jewish heritage to anyone I met, I enjoyed going to a temple that didn't separate men and women and, even though I was still a green card holder, the border patrol agent at the airport would greet me back with a warm "welcome home". Today I wanted to share my story because I am concerned about what the same border patrol agent is being ordered to do, refusing entry to people on the arbitrary basis of their country of origin and their religion.

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Sandy Jacoby:

I was born into a German-Jewish family. My immediate family members escaped from Germany during the 1930s. But many relatives did not. They wanted to join our family in the United States. But they faced strict antiimmigration quotas enacted in 1924, a time bearing eerie similarities to our own. During those years there were fears that immigrants, especially Jews, were potential subversives and a threat to America's cultural purity. Later, anti-Semites in the White House pressured President Roosevelt to keep out Jewish refugees. So did members of the America First Committee, an isolationist and anti-Semitic organization with broad political support. I have letters from agonized family members who found themselves without escape routes from the Nazis. Most of them were murdered.

But this was hardly the first time. Starting in the 14th century my ancestors repeatedly were expelled from the towns in which they lived. Some perished. Others roamed Europe seeking safe places to live.

Many of us can tell similar stories about our families from Europe, Spain, the Middle East, and the Soviet Union. Our founding story is about the escape from Egypt and settlement in a safe place, the Land of Israel. Our tradition remembers the expulsions from Israel to Babylonia, from England, Spain, and other places.

These events are part of our collective memory. The Torah teaches us "The strangers living among you shall be as natives from among you. You shall love them as yourself for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt."

If only America had heeded these words more than sixty members of my extended family would have survived. Even today, Jews from Iraq and Iran are among those being excluded with the closing of the Lautenberg Route. We should protect them as well as the Muslim strangers who are feared, despised, and unable to join their families.

David Chiu:

When I went off to college, my father gave me this advice: find the Chinese Student Association. He remembered his own university experience: coming to the United States from Hong Kong in 1970s, a stranger in the strange land of Carbondale, Illinois. It was the local Chinese community that helped him get set up, got him a job washing dishes at a restaurant, and gave him a sense that this place, too, could be home. Years later, he was earning his Masters in Richmond, Virginia - and there he met my mom. As a Jewish girl from working class Queens suddenly transposed into the old Confederate capital, she felt like an outsider, too. And so they decided to be outsiders together, and decades later they're still married, and he's a citizen of the United States of America.

Please share your story on our FB page #myimmigrantfamily

SOCIAL ACTION AT ISAIAH

TEMPLE ISAIAH OFFERS YOU THESE SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES!

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

PARTNER WITH AM TZEDEK: ISAIANS PURSUING JUSTICE FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH LOCAL, STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

The hub of Jewish social justice and legislative activity in Washington, D.C.

Reform California

An effort to act powerfully together across lines of race, class, and faith for a more just and compassionate California.

One LA-IAF

A city-wide effort to strengthen communities and bring about a more just society.

For more information contact: Debra Silverman (debra.silverman@gmail.com) and Janet Hirsch (janethirsch59@gmail.com) co-chairs, Am Tzedek

UPCOMING EVENTS

PATH Lunch Drive (People Assisting The Homeless) Thursday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Temple Isaiah Lobby

(Children and Parents pack and bring extra lunches to school)

Family Philanthropy Club (FPC)—A Place Called Home Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A Place Called Home 2830 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90011 *RSVP: Jessica Dabney at jdabney@northamericanrealty.net*

GLAC's 'Art As Activism' program March 14, March 21 and March 28, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Temple Isaiah Social Hall A program for the 7th Grade Religious School students.

CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking) Cooking Event Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. Temple Isaiah Social Hall

CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking) Become a Modern-Day Moses Sunday, April 2, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. NCJW/LA Council House 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036



"Amongst Pharaoh's advisers or counsellors were Balaam, Job, and Jethro. Balaam advocated the persecution of the Israelites; as a retribution, he fell by the sword. Job was silent, and would not advise either way, and he had his punishment for this act of unfriendliness. Jethro would not countenance any suggestion of persecution, and was rewarded by having his family raised to greatness." - Exodus Rabbah 1

This teaching warns us that it is not enough to be a public official who merely does no harm. God demands more than simply not being as bad as Balaam. One must be like Jethro, who used his position to defend the innocent.

In the California state legislature, there are many elected officials who agree with 97% of climate scientists, thus promising to do no harm. But no one has taken action like Fran Pavley, who will be coming to speak at Temple Isaiah following a Jazz Shabbat service on Friday, April 14.

Within her first two years as a state legislator, Fran wrote and passed legislation to reduce tailpipe emissions. This pioneering bill, widely known as the "Pavley law," transformed more than just California. President Obama used it to set a new standard for states to follow across the nation. Senator Pavley then went on to author legislation to reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions down to 1990 levels by 2020.

This law turned out to be so successful that California is now set to beat that deadline ahead of schedule. But Fran didn't rest on her laurels. She wrote a new bill, SB 32, which set an even more ambitious goal: reduce our state's emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. Last year, the Green Team joined forces with Fran and traveled up to Sacramento to help lobby her fellow elected officials. The bill passed, affirming California leadership in the global movement against climate change. Fran Pavley understands this movement is about more than safeguarding nature. It's about protecting the innocent: children breathing in the air of oil fields, farmers whose lands are drying up, and families driven from their homes by gas leaks.

This commitment reflects a lifetime of service. Before she served in government, Fran spent 29 years teaching middle school kids. It's this dedication to the most innocent among us that makes her such an inspiring figure.

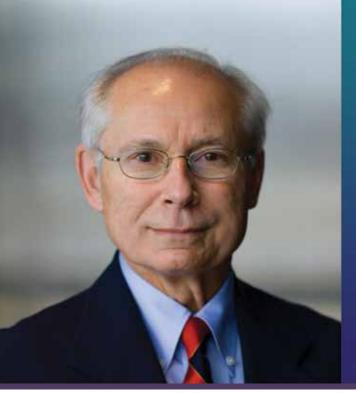
Therefore, we are honored to celebrate Earth Day a week early when we welcome Fran Pavley to Temple Isaiah. She will share wisdom gleaned from decades of making politics work for the people.

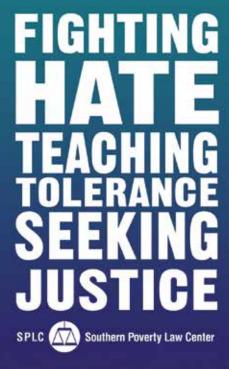


We look fo	orward to seeing you on April 14!
6:15 p.m.	Jazz Service
7:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Discussion
There will be	a free dinner as well, so please RSVP t

There will be a free dinner as well, so please RSVP to jennifer@templeisaiah.com.

A CALL TO ACTION - Tikkun Olam







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CAMP REGISTRATION - Opens March 1



ISAIAH WOMEN - March / April Calendar Of Events

Isaiah Women thanks you for your participation in our January and February events which included: our Winter Mah Jongg Tournament that raises funds for our Social Action projects, our fun-filled evening watching some of our spouses belly-dance at Papa Cristo's, and our second annual Super Bowl and Chili Cook-Off Party.

Isaiah Women invite women of all ages to join our very active women's group. We would like to mention that many of our events include spouses or male guests. For further information about joining Isaiah Women, please contact our Membership Chair, Laurie Gantz. Laurie can be contacted by email at lbgantz@sbcglobal.net

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

College Seminar Night - Temple Library

Learn some of the ins and outs of what colleges are looking for when applying. Teens encouraged to attend.

\$5.00 donation to IW Social Action

RSVP to Ginny Solomon at iginski@yahoo.com

Tuesday, March 14, 11:00 a.m.

Descanso Gardens Tulip Tour

Tour these beautiful flowering gardens and have lunch at the restaurant on site, Descanso Cafe. Those who wish to carpool - meet at 10:00 a.m. at Rancho Park (Motor Ave. lot, near baseball field restrooms).

\$9.00 general admission / \$6.00 for seniors

RSVP to Sari Spiro at spirojjs@gmail.com

APRIL

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Women's Seder - Temple Social Hall

Bring your daughters, female family or friends to this special women's Seder led by one of our clergy.

Social Action Project - please bring new or gently worn clothing and shoes for women and children.

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No charge for members / \$18.00 for guests

RSVP to Ellen Canter at ellenjcanter@aol.com

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Lilith Salon - at the home of Loretta Siciliano

RSVP to Elaine Diamond at ediamond27@hotmail.comm

Monday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Speaker Jan Berlfein Burns - at the home of Bobbie Allen

(address provided upon RSVP)

The Summer of 1940 ~ through the eyes of three young Jewish girls from Warsaw, Antwerp and Los Angeles

In observance of Holocaust Memorial Day, Jan Berlfein Burns, genealogist, writer, and photographer, brings together her interests to explore the lives of three young Jewish girls from distant cities, across continents, as they were caught in a moment of history. Ms. Burns' most recent book *March of the Living ~ Our Stories*, a collection of stories from twelve Holocaust survivors, will be available for sale following the program. Men invited.

\$5.00 donation to IW Social Action.

RSVP to Bobbie Allen at bobbie@bobbieallendesigns.com

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ISAIAH WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, March 21, 1:00 p.m.

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

RSVP to Tina at tinafeiger@hotmail.com

Tuesday, April 18, 1:00 p.m.

IW book group will be discussing *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi at the home of Sandy Milden.

RSVP to Sandy at sandymilden@gmail.com

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 7, 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Spring Mah Jongg Tournament

Three rounds of Mah Jongg, light lunch, raffle prizes and Split-the-Pot.

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

RSVP to Suzanne Solig at slsolig@gmail.com

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

CVLA – Update





by Susan Levine and Barbara Joyner

Celebrate Passover this year with your neighbors from ChaiVillageLA at our first annual Passover Seder. We will end the Passover season with a last day Seder, on April 17 at Temple Isaiah. It will be a very special evening, including a brief Seder filled with meaningful readings, as well as the combined voices of our amazing cantors, Lizzie Weiss and Tifani Coyot. And if that isn't enough, there will be delicious food, too. This Seder is open to current ChaiVillageLA members and anyone interested in joining the Village.

This will NOT be like your "Grandmother's Seder," or any other Seder you've been to before. Please mark your calendar right now, so you can be included in this memorable evening. Further information will soon be available in the ChaiVillageLA newsletter and our website, www.ChaiVillageLA.org. This will be an unforgettable experience, as we come together to celebrate Passover with our groundbreaking ChaiVillageLA community. Don't be left out!

To R.S.V.P, email Arielle Nissenblatt, ChaiVillageLA's Communications Coordinator, at Arielle@ChaiVillageLA.org and use the subject line: ChaiVillageLA Seder.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & COMMUNITY - Upcoming Events





CELEBRATE TOGETHER - PASSOVER

MARCH 26, 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

Leo Baeck Temple (1300 N Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90049)

Learn with clergy and educators from all three congregations. Get a better understanding of the holiday with ways to hopefully incorporate new and exciting pieces into your own family's Passover celebration.

Learning opportunities include: art, text study, haggadah making.

This is in place of the religious school session for that day.

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE - SINGER/MUSICIAN DAN NICHOLS

APRIL 28-30

Dan is a product of the URJ Jewish camping movement. He has toured Jewish summer camps across North America for the last 15 years. Dan's music and lyrics have become Jewish communal anthems.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 28 SUNDAY, APRII

SHABBAT SERVICES dinner and concert SATURDAY, APRIL 29

SHABBAT"TUNE"

explore our Jewish tradition through study and song **SUNDAY, APRIL 30** CONCERT for religious school kids and parents

For more information contact Cantor Coyot at tifani@templeisaiah.com

PURIM AT ISAIAH - PURIM SHPIEL and PURIM FESTIVAL





SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIVE TAPING OF THE LATE LATE SHOW WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:

VASHTI, ESTHER, MORDECHAI, KING AHASUERUS AND THE TOWN VILLAIN HAMAN!

COME IN COSTUME!

DINNER AND CONCESSIONS: 5:00 P.M. LIVE TAPING OF THE LATE LATE SHOW: 6:30 P.M. AFTER PARTY: 7:45 P.M. WHERE: TEMPLE ISAIAH GET VIP ACCESS AND SIGN UP NOW!

VIP TICKETS

ADULTS: \$10 CHILDREN (AGES 3 TO 14): \$5 CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER: FREE

AT THE DOOR \$15 FOR ADULTS AND \$10 FOR CHILDREN

RSVP @ TEMPLEISAIAH.COM

Sunday, March 12 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Carnival rides & games • Go Karts • Gyroscope • Pony Rides Food Trucks • Prize Room • Rock Climbing Walls Arts & Crafts • Bake Sale • Purim Storytelling

Tickets available for sale on-site

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MARCH / APRIL SHABBAT 2017 / 5777



Friday, March 10 **TGIS: PURIM SHABBAT**

5:45 p.m. Pre-Onea 6:15 p.m. **Purim Shabbat Services** Oneg to follow



Fridav. March 17 SHABBAT NIGGUN 5:45 p.m. **Pre-Oneg** Service 6:15 p.m. Oneg to follow



Friday, March 24 SHARE SHABBAT

5:30 p.m.

Share Shabbat Family Services Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. **Share Shabbat Services** 7:15 p.m. With Permanent Players



Friday, April 14 JAZZ / PASSOVER SHABBAT AND DISCUSSION 5:45 p.m. **Pre-Oneg** 6:15 p.m. Service

Friday, March 31 SHARE SHABBAT HOME EDITION

Join us for another Share Shabbat: Home Edition, where you and your loved ones join together with members of Isaiah to celebrate Shabbat. Home Edition takes place in people's homes where we can create warm, focused, meaningful moments for people to connect with one other and with our synagogue leadership. This is open to all of our congregants. Sign up on our website. For more information, please contact Rabbi Joel.

Note: We will not be holding Shabbat services at the Temple. Kaddish will be recited at people's homes.





SHABBAT AT ISAIAH

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

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

JOIN OUR CHOIRS: HaSharim (Adult Choir) Permanent Players (Children's Choir) **Pop-Up Choir (Children's Choir)**

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



Friday, April 7 **TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT**

5:30 p.m. **Passover Yizkor** 5:45 p.m. Pre-Onea 6:15 p.m. Service **Oneg to follow**





Friday, April 21 SHABBAT NIGGUN 5:45 p.m. **Pre-Oneq** 6:15 p.m. Service **Oneg to follow**



Friday, April 28 SHARE SHABBAT WITH DAN NICHOLS 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Services Dinner and concert to follow



Your Link To Jewish Adult Enrichment

Israel

HARTMAN

Speaker, Elana Stein Hain at Temple Beth Am

Sunday, March 5

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by a communal dinner

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

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

For more information visit templeisaiah.com/iLEARN.php

Reservations required for lectures!

ISRAEL CONNECTION

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

SPINE TINGLES BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 7 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Library *All Who Go Do Not Return* by Shulem Deen

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

Tuesday, April 4 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Library *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

A new twist on ever-engrossing war-time fictions arrives via two French sisters, each with their own take on the Nazi occupation. Join us for this award-winning look at the women's war.

Tuesday, May 2 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Library *The Two-Family House* by Lynda Loigman

An engrossing generational saga swirls around a long simmering secret. Join us to ponder Who is Your family: immediate or extended? And what should they know?

LifeQuest

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

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

OPENING DOORS

Tuesday, March 14, 21 and 28 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

LifeQuest members only

Last year's series on Opening Doors: Talking to Your Adult Children about Things that Matter Most was so successful that we decided to create a part two and expand it to talking to anyone. In order to have meaningful conversation, we need techniques to manage reactivity, create space for respectful dialogue, and advance our communication skills.

RSVP ONLINE at http://www.templeisaiah.com/LifeQuest.php

DEATH AND DYING DINNER PARTY

Friday, March 31 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sound strange? Well, Death and Dying Dinner Parties started in Europe and have been trending recently all over America, becoming something of a movement. It is a unique experience to sit together and talk about such a personal topic. This is our second D&D dinner at Isaiah, and our first was a great success. Join us for a meal of thanksgiving (literally, a Thanksgiving meal: turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad) over which we will share ideas, concerns, and questions in an environment of support, creativity, and openness about the topic of mortality. This conversation about trust and expansion will be facilitated by people trained in this topic. Participation is limited to 60 people. Group will be divided into tables of ten.

\$20 for LifeQuest Members \$30 for Non-LifeQuest Members

RSVP ONLINE at http://www.templeisaiah.com/LifeQuest.php

BORN AGAIN BRUNCH - Teacher TBD

Saturday, April 1 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Together we will explore views of the Afterlife from religious traditions around the world.

\$10 for Non-LifeQuest Members

RSVP ONLINE at http://www.templeisaiah.com/LifeQuest.php

Musical Artist in Residence

Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30

Dan Nichols is a singular talent in the world of Jewish music. He is one of the most dynamic, influential and beloved Jewish musicians in North America. Dan's melodies have become an integral part of the spiritual and liturgical experience of countless individuals and Jewish communities. Dan's anthology includes a wide range of sounds and styles, from energetic Jewish rock anthems to moving interpretations of traditional Jewish liturgy. Jewish youth and adults from around the world draw inspiration from Dan's music and its positive message of Jewish values, identity and pride. Dan's live performances are legendary for their unrestrained energy and infectious spirit.



MARCH-APRIL



Rachael Shabanian Daughter of **Azita and Jack Shabanian** Saturday, March 4, 2017



Zachary Revel Son of Dawn and Aaron Revel Saturday, March 18, 2017



Sydney Egemo Daughter of Marci Levine and Greg Egemo Saturday, March 4, 2017



Aidan Owen Son of Maggie and Scott Owen Saturday, March 25, 2017



Owen Worchell Son of Hilary and Gregory Worchell Saturday, March 11, 2017



Riley Rosenthal Daughter of Lauren and Jeffrey Rosenthal Saturday, March 25, 2017



Anya Ruvelson Daughter of **Reeba and Mark Ruvelson** Saturday, March 18, 2017



Hallie Messinger Daughter of Jami Messinger and Josh Messinger Saturday, April 1, 2017



Shane Revel

Son of

Dawn and Aaron Revel

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Eli Motzkin Son of Saturday, April 1, 2017



Samuel Motzkin Son of Randee and Richard Motzkin Randee and Richard Motzkin Lisa and Martin Barash Saturday, April 1, 2017



William Barash Son of Saturday, April 8, 2017



Maxim Liker Son of Celina Nadelman and Eugene Liker Toba Khedoori and Eric Allaway Saturday, April 8, 2017 (away)



Karim Allawav Son of Saturday, April 8, 2017



Melina Rosen Daughter of **Donald Rosen & April Jergens** and Tamara Grace Saturday, April 29, 2017



Nathaniel Drebin Son of Jennifer and Gregory Drebin Saturday, April 29, 2017

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES

Mazel Tov to: Lisa de Moraes and Thomas Britt on their wedding; Katherine and Moris Aynechi on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte; Neda and Cyrus Harouni on the birth of their son, Levi; Sherry and Bobby Farshadi on the birth of their daughter, Olivia; Alison and Alex Ornstein on the birth of their son, Jackson Wyatt; Ellen and Ronald Canter, on the birth of their granddaughter, Marni Reut; Lila and Robert Hanasab, on the birth of their son, Liam; Erica and Michael Siegel, on the birth of their daughter, Zoë and Idelle and Peter Davidson on the birth of her granddaughter, Elise Marie Davidson.

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Rabbi Robert Gan, on the loss of his brother, Norman Gan; Glenna Baron, on the loss of her mother, Lilly Sylvia Seltzer; Jerry Witkow, on the loss of his father, Joseph Witkow; Andrea Tabor, on the loss of her father, Vincent Nelson; Tamar Andrews, on the loss of her father, Karol Chaim Fiber: Theodore Evans, on the loss of his father, Fred Evans; Donna Frand, on the loss of her father, Yakov Rogel; Erica Fiedler, on the loss of her father, Robert Lagunoff; Carla Kopf, on the loss of her uncle, George Chazan; Edward Chayet, on the loss of his sister, Sandy Scalfari; Michelle Stuffman, on the loss of her grandmother, Sylvia Goldsmith; Julie Gilberg, on the loss of her grandfather, Richard Beckerman; Melissa Lustgarten on the loss of her father, Barry T. Harlan and Ilene Knebel, on the loss of her father, Albert Singer.

MARCH MEMORIAL PLAQUES

March 3

Robert Braun Gary Brodsky **Fannie Feiles** Samuel Fink Ruth Ginsburg Samuel Goldstein Harry Gordon Sidney Kern **Charles Kimmel** Henry Kolb David Levich Louis Levitz **Florence Mindlin** Sara Mishne Abraham Pinchasi **Boris Posner** Samuel Sax Jerome Spatz Betty Stack Sol Ziskind

March 10

Bud Blitzer Minnie Freeman Anna Goodman Isaac Harris Lawrence Joseph Samuel Kaminker Charne Kodimer Michael Marshall Hyman Miller Boudewijn Mulder Jacob Sands Morris Silverstone Howard Spector Charles Sperber Tillie Walter

March 17

Herman Bayless Morris Brounstein Irene Elizabeth Davidson Lilliam Goldman Harriet Jacobs Rose Jacobs Abraham Jaloff Zerlina Katz Morris Leinow Abe Levatter Adele Levine Augusta Miller Herman Peskay Herbert Edward Polinsky Fanny Roth Louis Shapiro Fred Strozer Ronald Zsupnik

March 24

Morris Avidon Rita Clavman Morris Fabrick Anna Freidson Jean Gerber Hannah Glassman Dina Goldfarb Helen Gootkin Harold Kreisberg Arthur Maschkowski Lillian Needelman Muriel Pines Ida Sands Isaac Slott Betty Soskin Bess Yettra

March 31

Dorian Anderson Kala Biales Harry Brownstein Morris Davidson Lottie Firestone Paul Freedberg Ellen Goldberg Nancy Klein Chil Pick David Rector Leah Rector Gavle Sadofskv Harry Schechter Flora Siegel Rose Subotnick Joe Terrence

APRIL MEMORIAL PLAQUES

April 7

Herman Birken Jacob Freidson Rose Goldberg Ayn Gottlieb Harry Lewis Celia Radoff Deborah Rolfe Nathan Sidlow Edmond Somekh William Weill Ann Winogura Betty Zsupnik

April 14

Harry Arnold Max Bretzfelder Lillian Crafton Joseph Dlugofsky **Phamie Fabrick** George Feigenbaum Alan Freeman Celia Hochman Arie Huss Abraham Liebman Anne Lutz Leila Newman Rebecca Offer **Emanuel Piller** Jacob Pollak Lionel Riave Alfred Seal Babe Smardan Morris Stein Diana Stell Louis Wallace Ronald Wynbrandt

April 21

Ruth Barskv Leon Bayard Jennie Cohen Sydney Cross Rose Dolivik Samuel Freedberg Arthur Friedman Baruch Katz Rose Kerson Mae Korman Albert Lewis Charlie Marks **Benjamin Miller** Harry Orkin Eliazar Rynveld Jack Silverberg David Studner Parvin Younessi

April 28

Jack Bieber Frwin Chessen Leon Davidson Edward Frumhoff Michael Gussman Pauline Hirsh Maurice Kopald Paul Kramer Thelma Neworth Harry Pines Jack Plotkin Harry Rosen Margaret Rothman Samuel Schechter Eugene Schwartz Joe Sherman Harry Shoor Ida Shoor Charlotte Stern

CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND

in appreciation of Cantor Tifani Coyot by Harriet and Roy Shaham Rabbi Dara Frimmer by Harriet and Roy Shaham Rabbi Dara helping us choose Anya's Hebrew name by Reeba and Mark Ruvelson Rabbi Frimmer officiating at our wedding by Susan and Kenneth Williams Rabbi Frimmer's participation in Samantha's wedding by Sherry Gold Rabbi Frimmer's participation in our wedding by Robyn Weisman and Ida Gwin Spencer Everything Rabbi Joel does for the community by Jolie and Gabriel Loeb Rabbi Joel for his continuing support and officiating at Jacob's Bar Mitzvah by Judith and Barry Posner Rabbi Nickerson by Lynne and Ron Kaufman Elaine Diamond, outstanding teacher of "Daughters of Torah" by Barbara Ravitz Rabbi Klein by Lynne and Ron Kaufman

in honor of

Brandon's Bar Mitzvah by Laura and Dean Davidov Benjamin Ziv's Bris by Adam Siegel Leo Segal's Bar Mitzvah by Diana Kramer Rabbi Joel Nickerson by Eden and Shawn Ghatan Rabbi Klein by Daisy Barkow and Robert Schroede Rabbi Klein's participation in the unveiling of Daniel Brenner by Dr. Richard Brenner the Pullan's by Tina and Stephen Fox the Joyner's by Tina and Stephen Fox

in memory of

Dr. Edward A. Massey, M. D. by Deborah and Joshua Heald Isaiah Moore by Roberta and Benjamin Allen Laurie Cohen by Steffanie Cohen Ellen Hochman by Deborah and Robert Pitt Ethel Lewis by Eileen Lewis Leonard Epstein by Roberta Epstein Leslie Bleeden by Janet and Farrell Hirsch Louis Schlachter by Gerald Lank

Marcelle Bullock by Ellen and Ronald Canter Paul Kahn by Shirley Greene Rose Goldstein by Judith Siegel and Michael Goldstein Ces Berman by Maryann and Michael Sanders Ed Sanders by Maryann and Michael Sanders Norman Gan by Sherilee and Sumner Feldman Norman Gan by Elizabeth and Glen Friedman Norman Gan by Roberta Gillerman Norman Gan by Suzanne and Martin Solig Rose Eisen Sanders by Maryann and Michael Sanders Walter Beitman by Ellie and Fred Rosen Carl Irshay by Abbe and Stephen Irshay Marty August by Abbe and Stephen Irshay Robert Karney by Ellen Pressman Daniel L. Brenner by Robert Kunst Frank Englander by Eva Englander and Edgar Ardon Henry Klein by Honey Amado Lillian Douglas by Judith Zimberoff Micah Schwartz by Carol and Leon Schwartz Mildred Fendell Kessler by Honey Amado Morris Schwartz by Carol and Leon Schwartz Sandra Elliott by Eva Englander and Edgar Ardon Serenity for Serenity by Barbara and Dale Joyner Seymour Fabrick by Carolyn Saltsman

in support of

Rabbi Gerace by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Aymes

thank you Rabbi Frimmer for your counsel by Ann Weinman Rabbi Frimmer for facilitating our Sukkot event by Isaiah Women

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

in memory of

Mabel Goyhman by Judie Rice Mildred Kern by Shirley Kern Ralph Miller by Judie Rice

Sylvia Cohen by Diane and James Berliner Sylvia Roder by Rosalie and Fredrick Roder **DONNA GROSS FUND** in memory of Donna Gross by Marilyn and S. William Alper Donna Michelle Gross by Gail and Terry Feigenbaum Donna Michelle Gross by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel Josiah Mishne by Adelle Gross and Robert Finkel Harold Shuman by Paula and Laurence Shuman ELLEN GOLDBERG RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

in memory of Robert John Boatwright by Cheri and Manuel Katz

GAIL SOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND

in honor of

Cantor Lembeck's seven glorious years' service to Temple Isaiah by Gail Solo

in memory of

Dr. Jason Fenton by Gail Solo Karol Chaim Fiber by Gail Solo Norman Gan by Susan and Joel Needelman Rabbi Regina Jonas by Gail Solo Rachel Brinberg by Hadas Grinfeld Hilma by Susan and Joel Needelman

GENERAL FUND

in celebration of: First A.M.E. joining us for Shabbat by Ann Weinman

thank you: for sharing your prayerbooks by Deborah Chanen

GREEN TEAM EARTH STEWARDSHIP FUND

in honor of:

Suzanne Solig's Special Birthday by Kathy and Don Checchi Suzanne Solig's Special Birthday by Marion Joy

speedy recovery to Steve Fox by Suzanne and Martin Solig 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!

HASHARIM

in honor of:

Lorna Lembeck's retirement by Martha Sklar the cantorate of Cantor Lorna Lembeck by Wendy Plottel

in memory of

Alice Chikamori by HaSharim Emily Ryder by Helene and Barry Korn Leo Lazar by Helene and Barry Korn Malvina Berry by Helene and Barry Korn

HUREWITZ FAMILY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

in memory of

Harold Gilbert by Ellen and Marshall Cole Rose Cohen by Ellen and Marshall Cole

ISRAEL ACTION FUND

in memory of Bernice Naiman by Suzanne and Martin Solig

JEAN BRIN MEMORIAL FUND

in honor of: Tamar Andrews by Tina and Stephen Fox

in memory of

Karol Chaim Fiber by Honey Amado Karol Chaim Fiber by Deborah and Joshua Heald

LEVINE LIBRARY FUND

in honor of the naming of Levi Cridelich by Ann Weinman the naming of Levi Cridelich by Wendy Plottel

in memory of

Gloria Plottel by Wendy Plottel Lillian Gilbert by Ellen and Marshall Cole Mollie Beierfeld by Roberta Gillerman Rosland Verbelun by Karol Wells

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in memory of Betty Lipman by Donald Lipman

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Jennie Smith by Janice Smith

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in memory of

E. Buddy Blan by Judie Rice Karol Chaim Fiber by Andrea and Michael Daniels Karol Chaim Fiber by Peggy and Jim Engman Karol Chaim Fiber by The Wolkstein Family - Polly, Mark, Sammy and Miles Reba Martin by Judie Rice

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in memory of

Bert Freeman by Stuart Freeman Minnie & Philip Yudovin by Sanford Yudovin Tootsie Goldie by Sanford Yudovin Aaron Goldie by Sanford Yudovin Noah Rachofsky by Donald Lipman

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in honor of Abe Ezra's B

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Bernard Shupack by Judie Rice Jonathan Frid by Carla and Philippe Kopf Lilly Seltzer by Evelyn and Allen Kwawer

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in memory of Peter K. Studner by Rhonda Studner

SKLAR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

speedy recovery to: Sylvia Fox by Martha Sklar

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

in celebration of Suzanne Solig's Special Birthday by Sue Urfrig

in honor of: Mike & Elaine Diamond's Anniversary by Virginia and Norman Solomon Suzanne Solig's Special Birthday by Jane Wiedlea Koehler Suzanne Solig's Special Birthday by Cheri and Manuel Katz

in memory of

Abraham Goldstein by Judith Siegel and Michael Goldstein Esther Schechter by Dena and Irv Schechter Louis Rosenberg by Phyllis Rosenberg and Patricia Wile Palvi Mohammed's Aunt Joy by Oreet and Steven Smith Roberta Tybee Jacobs by Idelle and Peter Davidson Stuart Solig by Suzanne and Martin Solig

YAHRZEIT FUND

in memory of Anna Pitt by Erica Bose and Michael Stevens Norma Carlton by Erica Bose and Michael Stevens Cecelia DeRoy by Honey De Roy Ethel Rosenblatt by June Rohrlick-Miller Helen T. Jamieson by Erica and Stephen Jamieson by Lois Rosen Hilda Joseph by Susan Bartholomew and Sanford Jacoby Robert V. Joseph by Susan Bartholomew and Sanford Jacoby Jay Cohen by Martha and Larry Cohen Jim Bercey by Kim Perry and Larry Zucker Lillian Marmer by Leslie and Jonathan Davidson Lucille Meyers by Honey De Roy Martin Zacharius by Sherrie Zacharius and David Levine Norman Gan by Stephanie and Melvin Kay Rebecca Zacharius by Sherrie Zacharius and David Levine Robert Lynn Colman by Janet Colman Sarah Shulman Horwitz by Janet Colman Sara Eilfort Goz by Claire Tucker Sam Zetzel by Kent Ugoretz Zelda Ross by Eldrie and Harold Lubick



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DATED MATERIAL

MARCH/APRIL 2017 CALENDAR

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, March 10

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

Friday, March 17

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

Friday, March 24

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

March Events

Spine Tingles Tuesday, March 7 – 10:30 a.m.

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable Saturday, March 11 – 9:00 a.m.

Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing Justice Thursday, March 16 – 7:00 p.m

Green Team Meeting Thursday, March 16 – 7:00 p.m

Tot Shabbat Saturday, March 18 – 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Shorts Saturday, March 18 – 11:00 a.m.

Friday, March 31

SHARE SHABBAT HOME EDITION Note: We will not be holding Shabbat services at the Temple. Kaddish will be recited at people's homes.

Friday, April 7

5:30 p.m.	Passover Yizkor	
5:45 p.m.	Pre-Oneg	
6:15 p.m.	Thank God It's Shabbat	
	(TGIS) Services	
(Oneg to follow)		

Friday, April 14

5:45 p.m.	Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m.	Jazz Shabbat Services
7:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Discussion with Senator Fran Pavley
	(RSVP required)

EVENTS and MEETINGS

T.I.N.G

Tuesday, March 21 – 8:00 a.m

Isaiah Women College Seminar Tuesday, March 21 – 6:30 p.m.

April Events

Spine Tingles Tuesday, April 4 - 10:30 a.m.

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable Saturday, April 8 – 9:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat At The Park Saturday, April 8 – 9:30 a.m

Friday, April 21

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

Friday, April 28

SHARE SHABBAT WITH DAN NICHOLS 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Services (Dinner and concert to follow)

View our Shabbat schedule online at templeisaiah.com/rituals

Isaiah Women Passover Seder Sunday, April 2 – 4:00 p.m.

Shabbat Shorts Saturday, April 15 – 11:00 a.m.

Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing Justice Thursday, April 20 - 7:00 p.m

Green Team Meeting Thursday, April 20 – 7:00 p.m

Save The Date Spine Tingles May 2 - 10:30 a.m.

ONGOING

CENTER FOR THE WIDOWED: Every Monday DAUGHTERS OF TORAH ~ LEARNING CIRCLE: Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY: Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Study with Rabbi Zoë Klein every Shabbat morning, exploring Torah verse by verse.