

MAY - JUNE 2017

THE ISAIAN



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by Rabbi Dara Frimmer

Israel is a land, a people, a nation, an aspiration, a miracle and a prayer. Israel is the ancient past and the high-tech future.

She is falafel and hummus. She is Kosher KFC and Burger King. She is borders and walls. She is open desert and salty sea. She is environmental engineering and 21st century problem-solving. She is home to Jews, Christians, Muslims, Bahai and Druze.



In a famous speech in 2015 addressing the 15th Annual Herzliya Conference, Israeli's President Reuven Rivlin revealed the future demographics of the country based on the attendance records of first graders in Israel:

*Today, the first-grade classes are composed of about 38% secular Jews, about 15% national religious, about one quarter Arabs, and close to a quarter Haredim. While it is true that numbers and definitions are dynamic, neither identities nor birth-rates remain static over time. But one thing is clear, the demographic processes that are restructuring or redesigning the shape of Israeli society, have, in fact, created a 'new Israeli order'. A reality in which there is no longer a clear majority, nor clear minority groups. A reality in which Israeli society is comprised of **four population sectors**, or, if you will, **four principal 'tribes'**, essentially different from each other, and growing closer in size. Whether we like it or not, the make-up of the 'stakeholders' of Israeli society, and of the State of Israel, is changing before our eyes.*

If, previously, we had understood Israel to be a large "secular" majority kept in check by a vocal minority of Ultra-Orthodox (Haredim), we must now look again. Close to 25% of the Israeli population will be made up of Israeli Arabs: men and women who have full citizenship; who live, work, and raise their families in the state of Israel, but who cannot serve the army. Close to 25% will be Ultra-Orthodox: citizens of the state who derive benefits from the state, though they are deeply conflicted about the re-establishment of Israel by the hands of men and not by the redemptive hand of God; and most do not serve in the army.

How will Israel as a country and a nation bring together diverse population groups, inviting them to live and work in a shared, not segmented society? How do we as Diaspora Jews broaden our understanding of the country and her inhabitants, inviting our children and peers to engage in a more nuanced conversation about her future?

In a season of memorials and celebrations including **Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day**, **Yom Hazikaron - Israeli Memorial Day**, **Yom HaAtzma'ut - Israeli Independence Day**, and **Yom Yerushalayim - Jerusalem Day**, let us all take a closer look at Israel. Let us seek pathways towards understanding and connection, whether through science and technology, art and music, politics and policy, or food and drink. As always, we invite you to connect with your clergy and educators if you'd like to continue the conversation in person or to receive additional resources.

DID YOU KNOW

ABOUT THESE ISRAELI INNOVATIONS?

IN HEALTH

PillCam – The first pill that can be swallowed to record images of the digestive tract.

SpineAssist – A robotic tool for back surgery which guides doctors through spinal cord operations, reducing the time of the surgery and the exposure to radiation.

IN TECHNOLOGY

USB flash drive – It allows you to store all your files in a compact way, making it easier to access and work away from your computer.

Waze – This GPS-based travel app gives you turn-by-turn information and up-to-date traffic statistics. It is now in use in over 100 countries.

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The world's first solar window – A photovoltaic transparent glass unit that can be integrated into conventional building design and construction.

The Wind Tulip – A silent, cost-effective, vibration-free wind turbine designed as an environmental sculpture, that's pleasing to the eye, producing clean energy at high efficiency from any direction while minimizing potential environmental obstacles.

Drinking water out of air – EWA developed the technology to produce drinking water out of thin air. A condenser absorbs the air's humidity, holds it in silica-based gel granules, then condenses it into water.

Drip irrigation – Israel invented modern drip irrigation in the early 1960s. Drip irrigation allows you to save water and fertilizer by allowing water to drip slowly to the roots of plants through a network of plastic pipes, which is highly useful in areas where water is scarce.

FOR THE CONSUMER

Epilady – Originally manufactured by a Kibbutz in Israel in 1986, and has since sold more than 30 million units.

Like-A-Fish – True to its name this company invented air supply systems that extract air from water. It targets scuba divers, leisure and professional ones, from the need to use a water tank.



STANDING AGAIN AT SINAI

A message from the President
Honey Kessler Amado



In late May we will celebrate Shavuot, the day tradition says God gave the Ten Commandments and the Torah to the Jewish People. It was dramatic when God announced the Ten Commandments: there was thunder and lightning; Mt. Sinai smoked and quaked violently; the blasts of the shofars grew louder and louder. The people trembled. (Exodus 19:16-19.) But the rabbis say that the real miracle of Sinai was that all the Jewish People stood as one.

I love this image of Sinai, and that we stood as one People. And I love the idea that we can again stand as one People, embracing our different identities, rituals, and insights.

In July 2006, I was in Jerusalem studying at the Hartman Institute, where we spent several days focusing on Jewish pluralism. After my time at Hartman, I remained in Jerusalem for some private study-time. I studied daily on the terrace of my hotel in the center of Jerusalem; and on Shabbat, nothing was sweeter to me than devoting the day to Abraham Joshua Heschel's *The Prophets*. While I was studying- highlighting text and writing notes, I noticed a couple watching me. Finally, the man, wearing the black hat of his Hasidic sect, asked me if I was Jewish. I answered that I was, and asked him if he was. We both laughed as, from his hat and his wife's beautiful sheitel, they were obviously Jewish. He said he asked because I was writing, an act forbidden to observant Jews on Shabbat. He added, "That's okay. I still respect you." I, fresh from my studies at Hartman, answered, "Perhaps in a more pluralistic Judaism, all you would say is "good Shabbas." We briefly discussed that the word "still" is pejorative, suggesting that I was not celebrating Shabbat correctly; and when he asked what should he have said, I responded, "Simply 'good Shabbas.'" We chatted for a few minutes, and thereafter sought each other out to say hello in the hotel dining room. Upon my return to Los Angeles, I received an invitation from them to come to Borough Park in Brooklyn, New York, to celebrate the completion of a Torah they had commissioned in memory of a son. I went. It was a joyful day. We have remained in contact these many years.

When I retell the story, I often say that a dybbuk¹ spoke from within me that Shabbat afternoon; and over these years, I have grown to appreciate that dybbuk. For from that conversation grew a real friendship and understanding of one another. I cannot speak of the Orthodox community in broad generalizations, and my friends in Borough Park cannot speak in stereotypes of our Reform community.

Perhaps that dybbuk brought us one step closer to Sinai. As our Temple Isaiah community goes forward, may we respect our social and political differences, appreciate our diverse experiences, and value our varied points of view. May it be, as we once stood at Sinai, that we again stand as one People. May this be, too, for the entire Jewish People.

I thank you for the honor and privilege of having served as your President. I have delighted in getting to know so many of you, have grown from working with our dedicated Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, and have learned from every meeting with our outstanding and generous clergy. May the Temple continue to go from strength to strength.

¹In Jewish folklore, a "dybbuk" is a spirit of a dead person which temporarily possesses the body of a living person.

SEEING ISRAEL ANEW

by Carla Kopf



This past December I travelled to Israel with thirteen Isaiah teenagers on a “dual narrative” tour. The goal was to experience Israel – her people and places – with two guides, one Jewish and one Palestinian. For teenagers on the precipice of leaving home and entering college, there could be no better time to deepen their relationship with their homeland. The complexity they are soon to encounter demands a nuanced approach to Israel education – an approach which will strengthen and sustain their commitment long after they graduate from Isaiah.

Here are a few examples of how a dual narrative trip played out: After visiting the old city of Jaffa, we had dinner at the home of a Palestinian woman who shared her family’s story and her experiences living as a Palestinian in Israel. We learned that life for her in Israel is not easy but she appreciates the health system, as well as easy access to food and education for her children.

We learned about life in and around Sderot, a city of about 23,000 people in the Negev/southern Israel. Sderot is less than a mile away from Gaza and it has been a target for Qassam rockets launched at them by Hamas militants since 2001. We walked into one of the bomb shelters and learned what it was like for Sderot residents to have to run into those shelters, often several times a day, sometimes spending the night in there. Across the highway from Sderot is Kibbutz Nir David which sits less than half a mile from Gaza. As we looked out over Gaza, we learned about the 2 million Palestinians living there, and tried to separate out the stories of day to day life from the media headlines. Students were struck by the harsh realities of closed borders, scarcity of jobs and concerns for the future.

The teenagers enjoyed walking around the Florentine neighborhood of Tel Aviv seeing the graffiti on the walls of the neighborhood and learning how the artists express themselves.

We visited an organization of Bedouin women in the town of Lakiya, and learned about the work they do in their community, providing jobs for the women and teaching them skills.

As we returned from Israel, our students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn about Israelis and Palestinians “on the ground” in Israel. Now, they have a much deeper understanding of the security concerns that must be considered when negotiating for peace and for day-to-day travel across the borders. They also understand the human rights concerns that must remain in focus. Kol HaKavod to these intrepid travelers who spent 10 days renewing their relationship with Israel, with one another, and with our community.



A graffiti tour in Tel-Aviv’s Florentine Neighborhood.



Visiting the Temple Mount in Jerusalem with one of the Imams of the Dome of the Rock mosque.



Hanging out after a friendly game of soccer with children from Lakiya in the Negev.

TURNING SALT INTO WATER

When I moved to Southern California, I expected sunshine every day as well as a historic drought. “Don’t worry,” native Californians told me, “El Niño will come next year.” Except the cyclical rains of El Niño were late.

In a world with rising temperatures, drought, and deforestation, it is careless to hope a damaged environment will take care of us when we’ve shown it little or no care. Enter Israel.

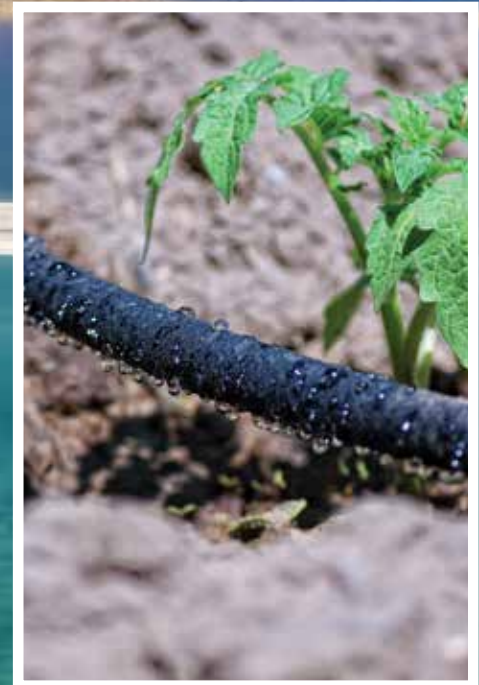
In the 2000’s, Israel put faith in the rains that never came. Then their crops failed as well as those of neighboring countries. Knowing they had to do something, Israel invested in desalination, the process of converting salt water into fresh water. The process, though often not competitive with other strategies, was judged the right choice in this case, and now supplies the country with more than half of its water sources. And now California has its own desalination plant outside of San Diego thanks to Israel Desalination Enterprises.

Another tool they pioneered and implemented is drip irrigation, where plastic nozzles on pipes or hoses meticulously supply water to crops precisely where needed, minimizing waste. Not only that, but Israel reclaims 86% of the water that used to flow down the drain and uses it for irrigation. Accompanying these technical achievements were national campaigns to conserve and reuse Israel’s meager water resources. The government created authorities to regulate water usage and worked with companies to conserve. Conversely, in the United States, there is no central power on water. Thus, farmers can use flood irrigation on water intensive crops planted in desert areas, a highly inefficient use of a very limited resource.

Israel, on the brink of disaster, recognized it, took it seriously, and averted it. Our climate crisis desperately needs the same approach, but it is made so much more difficult by the federal administration’s attempt to restrict even the use of the terms “climate change” and “the Paris Climate Agreement.” Now it is up to us at the local level to explore the most effective ways of making our voices heard. The Green Team will keep you informed of how to do this, and we really hope you will join us in our efforts. It’s no longer just for the sake of future generations, but for our own.



Desalination Plant



Drip Irrigation System

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)

Abolition of Human Trafficking Initiative (Fighting human trafficking in all its forms through legislation and relationship building)

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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:
Janet Hirsch at janethirsch59@gmail.com, chair, Am Tzedek



UPCOMING EVENT

From Dialogue to Action: Enacting Change on the Streets of Jerusalem

Friday, May 12

Speaker: Yakir Englander

Dinner and Discussion following Shabbat services

RSVP to jennifer@templeisaiah.com

Dr. Yakir Englander is a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Divinity School. He served as the Director of Kids4Peace Israel and Palestine from 2007, and in 2012 became Vice President of Kids4Peace International. Kids4Peace is a grassroots interfaith youth movement dedicated to ending conflict and inspiring hope among Jewish and Arab families in the Jerusalem region and in multi-cultural Kids4Peace chapters in America.

Isaiah Women thanks you for your participation in our March and April events, including our second 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 social hall, simultaneously raising funds for our social action work. We also thank Rabbi Frimmer and Rabbi Klein for leading us in a meaningful Seder as well as all of you who spent your afternoon with us and generously donated clothing for the National Council for Jewish Women. We would also like to thank you for all the gift cards donated for the Krief family.

Our membership drive begins in May and we hope that you will either become a first-time member or renew your membership. Please look at our page on the temple website where you may download an application.

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. This month we plan our programming for the upcoming calendar year.

President of Isaiah Women
Ginny Solomon

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

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

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Rosh Hodesh Dinner

Enjoy dinner and stimulating conversation with Rabbi Dara at the home of Simonne Yaroslow.

Address provided upon RSVP.

\$5.00 donation to IW Social Action

RSVP to Bobbie at bobbie@bobbieallendesigns.com

JUNE

Sunday, June 11, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

IW Installation of Officers 2107-2018

(Cheese, Desserts and Wine)

We are honored to have Edina Lekovic as our speaker at our Installation:



Edina Lekovic is MPAC's Public Affairs Consultant. Previously, as Director of Policy and Programming, she oversaw strategic initiatives in government and policy, media and communications,

and leadership development. From 2004-2010, Edina served as MPAC's Communications Director, and has appeared regularly in major media outlets, including CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, CBS Television, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Associated Press, Chicago Tribune, and Los Angeles Times.

ISAIAH WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 16, 1:00 p.m.

Poet Carol V. Davis will lead our book group at this special event. Davis weaves together observations of life in contemporary Russia, history, folktales, and the natural world. Her work explores the estrangement of life in a foreign country as well as the heritage of her grandparents, Jewish immigrants from Russia. Davis is an author of poetry collections and a winner of the T.S. Eliot Prize for her work.

RSVP to Tina at tinafeiger@hotmail.com

Tuesday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.

IW book group will be discussing *Before the Fall*, by Noah Hawley at the home of Rochelle Neuburger, facilitated by Iris Chayet.

RSVP to Rochelle at rochelleneuburger@hotmail.com

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

READERS ARE WINNERS! WHEN THEY IMMIGRATE TO BOOKS

Librarian Ellen Cole proudly announces the winners of the 2016-17 Levine Library Reading Contest. In five months, contestants read and reported on hundreds of books, many for bonus points, in the Ellis Island Read. This year's competition connected to the hot topic of immigration and our Jewish history as proud immigrants, now proud Jewish-Americans. Ellen presented the 14 finalists who received their prizes at the Library Awards Assemblies on Sunday, April 2.



The Grades 1 to 3 Division reads picture books and chapter books. Returning winner, Annie Loeb, grade two, storms first place again, beating her last year's record with a 71 point finish. In a tight race, a first grader, new reader, Zoe Friedman, graces second place with 59 points while first grader, new reader, Saffron Bilgihan nails third place with 57 points. Audrey Posner's 32 points secures fourth place for this returning winner in second grade. Fifth place goes to returning winner, a third grader, Desmond Bilgihan who amassed 26 points. Sixth place belongs to a newcomer, second-grader Samantha Weiss for her 21 points. Three fine readers achieve honorable mention: Madison Nejad, returning winner, grade two, 20 points; Ben Kirschbaum, returning winner, grade three, 17 points; and Shana Morrison, new reader, grade one, 10 points.



The Grades 4 to 6 Division reads chapter books. Many winners return from past victories in this division. Leaping ahead of her own finish from last year, Violet Bilgihan, grade five, is the victor here by a landslide: she sweeps first place with a total of 70 points. Returning winner, Alexis Weiss, a fifth grader, celebrates second place with 34 points. In another tight race, returning winner, a fifth grader, Ava Friedman holds third place with 28 points as returning winner, a fifth grader, Sydnie Loeb gains fourth place with 27 points. New reader, a sixth grader, Josh Epstein's 25 points wins fifth place.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY?

At the April 2 assemblies, clergy, principal, teachers, fellow students, and parents applauded the winners. These 14 victorious readers received books about the Jewish immigration experience inscribed with their winning rank. Readers above the rank of honorable mention received contest theme prizes including, musical dolls, keepsake boxes, mezuzahs, jewelry, and tzedakah boxes.

WHAT IS THE READING CONTEST?

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 Ellis Island immigration experience. Five points entitle readers to a yogurt treat at the Bigg Chill; ten points or more qualifies contestants for prizes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A special thanks to Rochelle Neuburger in the Temple gift shop for her helpful advice selecting prizes, and to the kind donors of the Hurewitz and Levine Library Funds whose support finances this popular program which promotes Jewish literacy. Congratulation to all the winners of the Ellis Island Reading Contest! You are encouraged to participate and defend your titles next year.

MAY / JUNE

SHABBAT 2017 / 5777



Friday, May 5

TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Services

Oneg to follow



Friday, May 12

**TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT
AND DISCUSSION**

*From Dialogue to Action: Enacting Change
on the Streets of Jerusalem*

Guest speaker: Yakir Englander

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Services

Dinner and Discussion to follow

RSVP required



Friday, May 19

**TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CONFIRMATION**

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Services/Confirmation

Oneg to follow



Friday, May 26

TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT

5:30 p.m. Shavuot Yizkor
(in the library)

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Services/Confirmation

Oneg to follow

SHABBAT RISING RETURNS THIS SUMMER



Friday, June 2

(Services at the Beach)

5:00 p.m. Beach Services

Santa Monica Beach

(Lifeguard Station 22)

(Services at Isaiah)

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Services

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, June 9

**TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT
CELEBRATING RABBI GERACE**

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Service

Oneg to follow



Friday, June 16

SHABBAT NIGGUN

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Service

Oneg to follow



Friday, June 23

SHARE SHABBAT

5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Services
(for young families)

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Dinner
(for young families)

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Services
Oneg to follow



Friday, June 30

TGIS: THANK GOD IT'S SHABBAT

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg

6:15 p.m. Services

Oneg to follow

Look for our new Shabbat schedule
starting in July.

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ITY (Isaiah Temple Youth) party bused our fun through Santa Monica on our Super Sleepover Scavenger Hunt Supreme with Bean Bag Shabbat!



To find out more about our teen youth groups visit our web page at templeisaiah.com



TEMPLE ISAIAH

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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.

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MAY-JUNE



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Saturday, May 13, 2017



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Saturday, May 20, 2017



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Saturday, May 20, 2017



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Saturday, May 27, 2017



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Son of
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Saturday, June 3, 2017



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Saturday, June 3, 2017



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Son of
Abigail and Dotan Saguy
Saturday, June 10, 2017



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Son of
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Saturday, June 10, 2017



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Saturday, June 17, 2017



Brandon Halimi
Son of
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Saturday, June 24, 2017



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Daughter of
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Saturday, June 24, 2017

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May 12

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Annette Lazare
Fanny Levitz
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May 19

Maurice Baumer
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Saralyn Blatt
Eleanor Bookman
Harry Bookman
Saul Gan
Joseph Lasky
Freda Pobris
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Anna Riave
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May 26

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Hermon Moss
Charles Okonowsky
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June 2

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Jack Berniker
Benjamin Elswit
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Sara Krom
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June 9

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June 16

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MAY/JUNE 2017 CALENDAR

Friday, May 5

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

Friday, May 12

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m. Thank God It's Shabbat
(TGIS) - Services with guest
speaker Yakir Englander
(Dinner and Discussion to follow)

Friday, May 19

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

Friday, May 26

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

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday, June 2

SHABBAT RIS/NG AT THE BEACH
5:00 p.m. Services at the beach
(Santa Monica, Lifeguard Station 22)

SERVICES AT ISAIAH

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

Friday, June 9

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

Friday, June 16

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

Friday, June 23

5:30 p.m. Share Shabbat Family Service
6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Dinner
6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service
(Oneg to follow)

Friday, June 30

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

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JULY - STAY TUNED FOR OUR
NEW SHABBAT SCHEDULE!

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templeisaiah.com/rituals

May Events

TING Spring Network Mixer

Monday, May 1 – 6:00 p.m.

Isaiah Women

Spring Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, May 7 – 1:00 p.m.

ChaiVillageLA Movie Night

Wednesday, May 10 – 6:00 p.m.

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable

Saturday, May 13 – 9:00 a.m.

Green Team Meeting

Thursday, May 18 – 7:00 p.m.

EVENTS and MEETINGS

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, May 20 – 9:30 a.m.

June Events

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable

Saturday, June 10 – 9:00 a.m.

Temple Isaiah Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 11 – 9:00 a.m.

Isaiah Women Installation of Officers

Sunday, June 11 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FPC Cooking for PATH West LA

Monday, June 12 – 4:00 p.m. (Away)

Camp Isaiah Back-to-Camp Night

Tuesday, June 13 – 6:00 p.m.

ChaiVillageLA Movie Night

Wednesday, June 14 – 6:00 p.m.

Green Team Meeting

Thursday, June 15 – 7:00 p.m.

T.I.N.G. Meeting

Tuesday, June 20 – 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.

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.