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# LET THE PAST REMIND US OF WHAT WE ARE NOW

by David Leichenger, President



As we prepare to celebrate seventy years of Temple Isaiah, we reflect upon and express thanks to some of the people who have helped us get to where we are today, a leading, acting and thinking congregation and community involved positively and progressively in our greater community. I am referring to our Past Presidents. While each of these leaders dedicated valuable time and effort during their respective terms, their ongoing commitments and support after their charges stand out as much, if not more, than the work they did during their terms.

# Thirty-eight past presidents of Temple Isaiah over seventy years, and five of them women.

There are thirty-eight "past Presidents" of our Congregation. Sam Green, our first President, served in that role from 1946 to 1949. During his term, the State of Israel was established.

Golda Meir became the first female Prime Minister of Israel twenty-one years after Israel's founding, and there has not been another woman in the position since. The first woman to lead our Congregation as President, Dee Helfgott, was installed in the role in 1981, thirty-two years after Mr. Green completed his term. In 1996, fourteen years after Ms. Helfgott completed her term, Susan Needelman began her service in the position, and in 2010, Susan Bartholomew undertook the task, followed in 2012 by Beth Braen and then in 2016 by Honey Kessler Amado.

Thirty-eight past Presidents of Temple Isaiah over seventy years, and five of them women. In looking at our list, I was curious about this progression, so I inquired about some of these women and some other of our Temple's important leaders for their perspectives about these numbers. Each one of my sources, after contemplation and then without hesitation, expressed their views and beliefs that gender was not an issue at Temple Isaiah with regard to the selection of the Temple President. (Some, of course, did recall unfortunate instances of gender bias in interactions with persons outside of our Temple during the performance of their Temple duties.) Nonetheless, this observation from those within our congregation is a testament to who we have been and to these past Temple leaders who, with our Clergy and other professional staff over the years, have helped shape what and who we are.

Our Past Presidents have continued to serve as active leaders, supporters and genuine pillars of our community. Each of them has continued to share her or his knowledge and understanding of the DNA of our Temple. They have led and been members of active committees that provide important support to our organization, such as Budget, Finance, Personnel and Religious Education. They have led and have been involved in important searches for our professional staff, including our Rabbis, Cantors, and Executive Directors. They led other Temple groups and trips to Israel and elsewhere, and due to the understanding that they have of the workings of our institution and the relationships between the involved individuals, they have often helped to bridge the needs and varying interests of our Clergy, other professional staff, volunteers, and other members. They have always been available to help when called and otherwise remained involved and supportive in proactive ways.

Thank you, Past Presidents, for all that you have done and all that you continue to do for Temple Isaiah. May your light continue to shine upon us!

# THANK YOU TO OUR PAST PRESIDENTS & CURRENT BOARD

Sam Green 1946-1949 • Erwin H. Holvey, MD 1950 • David Zeidenfeld 1951

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John S. Biren 1963-1964 • Norman H. Theil 1965-1966 • William Warnick 1967-1968

Sidney Weger 1969-1970 • Jack Miller 1971-1972 • Ralph Rosner 1973-1974

Phalen ("Chuck") Hurewitz 1975-1976 • George DeRoy 1977-1978

Jerome Pastor 1979-1980 • Dee Helfgott 1981-1982 • David M. Rothman 1983-1984

Monroe J. Weinberg 1985-1986 • Jay Abarbanel 1987-1988

Richard Wells 1989-1990 • Ralph Miller 1991 • Gary J. Rosenberg 1992-1993

B. Scott Silverman 1994-1995 • Susan Needelman 1996-1997

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Terry Pullan 2004-2005 • Barry Schlom 2006 • Barry Korn 2007

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#### **HOW IT ALL BEGAN:**

I was preparing to leave the Army in 1969. I had

served as the Jewish Chaplain at Fort Lewis, Washington for two years and was, with the help of the placement commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, now searching for a congregation to serve.

#### THE INTERVIEW:

Sheila and I were invited to come to Los Angeles to interview at Temple Isaiah. The Temple was looking for a young rabbi to assist Rabbi Albert Lewis (z"l), the Temple's first rabbi who, for the previous twenty years had grown the congregation, making it an exciting and creative place. It had an outstanding religious school, a program which espoused social justice and an energized community which eventually, in 1952, built a new building on the corner of Pico Blvd. and Kerwood Ave. We arrived on Purim weekend and found the Temple buzzing with excitement. The interview went well, and Sheila and I, with our small children Michael and Hilary, made the move to Los Angeles. We did not know then how fortuitous our decision would be.

#### THE FOUNDERS:

In the beginning, I had an opportunity to meet and know many of the founders of Temple Isaiah and they were happy and proud to tell me their story. The idea of a temple began at a meeting at the home of Helen and Morrie Leinow in Culver City with a half-dozen couples. They especially wanted a religious school for their children. A later meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Green. This group was much larger, and they held an election of officers. Sam Green became the first president of what was to become Temple Isaiah, which was incorporated in 1947. By then there were at least 125 families. Rabbi Lewis, formerly a rabbi in Lexington, Kentucky, came to L.A. with his family to become Temple Isaiah's first rabbi. The Temple grew by leaps and bounds in the post-war era. A new building was constructed, auxiliary groups, sisterhood, brotherhood, youth group, and a burgeoning religious and Hebrew school were formed. The Temple also took seriously the Reform movement's emphasis on prophetic Judaism and committed itself to moral and ethical issues faced by the community and the country.

#### **FREE PULPIT:**

The temple formally established the concept of a free pulpit which gave the rabbi unfettered opportunities to speak to the issues of the day. A vibrant social action committee was also formed, and a forum series was created which brought noted individuals to our temple and the community.

During the ten years Rabbi Lewis and I were together much happened. A preschool was created with June Marshall as the founding director. Family Camp was established as well as the Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes.

control, Soviet Jewry and the farm workers. We even had Caesar Chavez speak at a Yom Kippur afternoon service.

#### STAFF:

From those early years onward, we had an outstanding staff. Our Cantor was Robert Nadel (z"l), and his wife Lucille was the accompanist. Dr. Jack Horowitz (z"l) was the Director of Education; Sandy Bernstein was the supervisor of the primary grades. Everyone stayed with the Temple for many years lending their talent and energy to our community's life.

#### **RABBI LEWIS RETIRES:**

I had the great honor of succeeding Rabbi Lewis as senior rabbi upon his retirement in 1979. To honor Rabbi Lewis we instituted the Albert Lewis lecture in social action and community affairs. New speakers made their appearance: John Kenneth Galbraith, Sarah Brady, Robert Reich, Ambassador Dennis Ross, Albert Vorspan, Vice President for Social Action of the U.A.H.C., and many more.

We continued our strong connection to Israel, sending post confirmands on Reform Israel programs, creating a cultural exchange program with an Orthodox school near Haifa, and taking our high school students to Kibbutz Givat Brenner to live and work for a month. We supported and still support the Israel Religious Action Center, the Women of the Wall and the progressive rabbis and congregations in Israel.

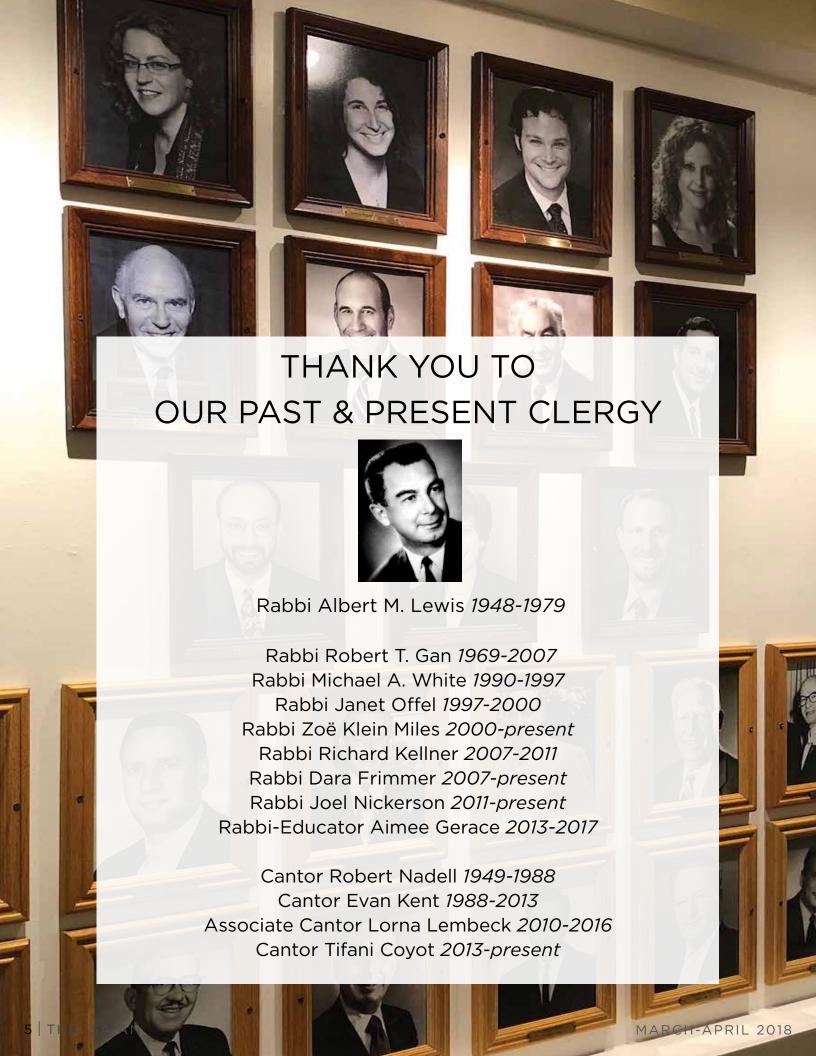
#### PARTNERSHIPS:

For twenty years Reverend Cecil Murray, pastor of the First A.M.E. Church, and I had a special relationship. Our congregations participated in exchange weekends. We worked together on community programs and created a joint legal aid clinic with the help and dedication of our member Michael Asimow, who was on the faculty of U.C.L.A. Law School. It was fitting that Chip Murray spoke at the Friday night service of my retirement weekend.

As members of our staff retired, new and talented individuals took their places. Ellen Goldberg (z"l) became our director of education. Susie Leonard took over the preschool and was later followed by our wonderful present director Tamar Andrews, Cantor Evan Kent with another beautiful tenor voice followed Cantor Bob Nadel, and of course, Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles followed me upon my retirement in 2007, bringing her own special talents to Temple Isaiah.

Little did our members know seventy years ago that Temple Isaiah would become one of the outstanding Reform congregations in America. With a fine generation of clergy reflecting the twenty-first century, including Rabbis Dara Frimmer, Joel Nickerson, and Cantor Tifani Coyot. Little did they know that future Temple presidents, board members, and volunteers would take up, with such vigor, the responsibility for the Temple's growth. Many of the Temple's founders and pioneers were able to see, with their own eyes, that their dream of a Temple in West L.A. was truly fulfilled.

It is important to celebrate our achievements and recognize that all of our Temple families, over the years, have been copartners in our success. Temple Isaiah will continue to go from strength to strength, nurtured by our wonderful and inspiring clergy and by caring and dedicated members.



#### **JANUARY 31, 2018 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CLERGY RESTRUCTURING - REMARKS**

by David Leichenger, President, Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles, Rabbi Joel Nickerson and Rabbi Dara Frimmer









**DAVID LEICHENGER** 



DARA FRIMMER



JOEL NICKERSON

On January 31 a congregational meeting was held to consider and vote upon the restructure of our Rabbinate and, with that, new contracts for our three Rabbis. We have been very fortunate to have three creative, productive and dynamic Rabbis, each of them very inspiring in their own unique way.

#### Remarks from David Leichenger, President

Over one year ago, our Senior Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles, looking forward and thinking about her desire to evolve the focus of her rabbinic work and step aside as Senior Rabbi, understood that there might be challenges around keeping this unique team of three together under one Temple roof and especially understood the talent, value, and leadership capacities of Rabbi Darra Frimmer and Rabbi Joel Nickerson. Thinking "outside the box," Rabbi Klein Miles conceived the idea and a plan for keeping our Rabbis together including a way to further enable each of them to grow professionally, and elevating Rabbis Frimmer and Nickerson to new leadership roles.

Over the ensuing year plus, that idea and overall concept and plan was discussed and further developed with Rabbis Frimmer, Nickerson, Cantor Coyot, other professional staff and with a committee of lay leaders. All with the further guidance of and in coordination with Diana Ho of Management Arts, an outstanding management consulting firm specializing in strategic planning, organizational development, executive coaching and facilitation.

The lay committee began meeting regularly in October 2016. Our then President Honey Kessler Amado formed it and also included Mike Diamond, our Treasurer, Steve Smith, VP of Administration and Chair of the Personnel Committee, Susan Bartholomew and Norm Solomon, Past Presidents, Allison Samek, then VP of Education and Budget Committee member, Matt Hedges then Board member and now Secretary of the Board and Budget Committee member, and me, then Executive VP and also on Personnel and Budget Committees.

Ultimately, after many meetings with the above groups and individuals and much thought, discussion and consideration, an initial three-year plan was developed, and last summer, the plan was presented to and discussed during two special meetings with our Board of Trustees.

In the second of those meetings, our Board gave its vote of confidence for the three-year plan, and after that, there have been several public meetings and coffees offered and held for our community to learn and ask questions about the restructure plan.

The terms of the new proposed contracts for the three Rabbis were developed initially with the Rabbis and the lay committee and were then also viewed, refined and approved by our Personnel Committee and by our Board of Trustees. On January 31 we formally brought the restructure plan and the contracts to our congregation for approval.

The Rabbinic Restructure plan was overwhelmingly approved. Rabbi Dara Frimmer and Rabbi Joel Nickerson will officially become our Co-Senior Rabbis, and Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles will be our Rabbi.

In this article you will find an overview of the process and outline of each Rabbi's portfolio, as well as a few excerpts from our clergy remarks.

#### Overview:

#### -Rabbi Klein Miles

- Relinquish her role as "Senior Rabbi," giving her administrative and managerial responsibilities to Rabbi Dara Frimmer and Rabbi Joel Nickerson. She will focus her attention on education and lifelong learning (as it relates to all ages).
- Collaborate in planning for the Religious School and support the Religious School in a variety of capacities, including serving as Director of the Religious School during 2017/18 and 2018/19 pending recruitment of a new/permanent Director.
- Oversee adult education programming ChaiVillageLA, LifeQuest, other initiatives to support those who do not have children in our schools. This will dovetail with her support of the Religous School because it is also a hope that her work with adult education will provide opportunities for parents in our schools to also continue their Jewish learning.
- Partner with Director of Philanthropy, Seth Rosenzweig, and focus on endowment and significant fundraising to support innovative programming, staffing and the overall financial viability of the synagogue.
- Use her creativity and tenure at Isaiah to develop and implement innovative programming for the synagogue, together with Rabbis Frimmer and Nickerson.

#### - Rabbi Frimmer

- Focus on performance management by supervising majority of senior staff on weekly or bi-weekly basis. These staff include the Executive Director, Director of Philanthropy, Preschool Director, Religious School Director and Youth Director.
- Serve as the clergy point person for the Personnel Committee.
- Oversee Israel programming.
- Oversee social justice programming.
- Partner with appropriate board members for Leadership development.
- Run staff meetings and partner with Michael Cantor to create and implement staff development.
- Participate in Philanthropy with Director of Philanthropy, Seth Rosenzweig and Rabbi Klein Miles.

#### - Rabbi Nickerson

- Oversee visioning and strategic planning for the Temple.
- Oversee planning, implementation, and collaboration for Membership-related issues at the Temple.
- Work on projects to improve the efficiency of meeting the needs of our members. Currently overseeing a 'Tech working group' with key staff members to streamline and become more effective with our internal and external communications.
- Serve as the clergy point person for the Budget Committee.
- •Supervise the Cantor, Membership Coordinator (upon hiring), and Rabbinic Intern (in the years when we have one).
- Partner with Rabbi Frimmer for quarterly goal setting of senior staff members and serve in a mentoring capacity for senior staff members (when necessary).
- Partner with appropriate board members for Leadership development.
- Participate in Philanthropy with Director of Philanthropy, Seth Rosenzweig, and Rabbi Klein Miles.

#### - Cantor Coyot

• Continue to oversee music, ritual, and partner with Rabbis in her same current capacity.

Again, all Clergy will continue their roles in rituals, life-cycle events, and pastoral duties, including leading services.

#### **Excerpt from Rabbi Klein Miles' Remarks**

Ten years ago I stood before hundreds of community members and friends with the Temple President Norm Solomon representing the congregation as I was installed as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Isaiah. I was presented with a ketubah, a sacred contract, which hangs in my office. In it was written, "On this Shabbat, here in West Los Angeles, Temple Isaiah and Rabbi Zoë Klein enter into this sacred covenant. As a congregation we promise to honor and support the teachings of our faith. We are committed to providing light, warmth and soul to all who enter our doors and we vow to reach beyond our doors in order to repair the world. We are a house of study, a sanctuary of prayer, a shelter of healing and a flame of justice. May this covenant of community forever be a symbol of our commitment and our vision."

The relationship between a congregation and their clergy is truly a sacred covenant. One built on deep trust and shared concern, care and love for our Tradition, a tradition that transcends each of us, and which we are called to protect. We are the keepers of the flame, in sacred partnership with each other and with God.

I have served this community the majority of my adult life. I was ordained in 1998 and came to Isaiah at age twenty-seven, just in time for the new millennium. I served as the assistant and then Associate Rabbi under Rabbi Bob Gan for eight years, and I have served as Senior for the past decade.

In this sacred covenant, I believe that both the congregation and I have been true. We have been open, always, to innovation, creativity, to trying new things, all in the name of "providing light, warmth and soul to all who enter our doors."

Part of being a leader involves looking deep into the future. Not simply programming for the upcoming year, or thinking of the next Sabbath's sermon, but where are Isaiah, Reform Judaism, the Jewish community headed in the next decade, two decades or five decades.

As I contemplated the next chapter, contemplated our "20/20 vision," our vision for the year 2020, an idea came into focus. I came to my colleagues and to the leadership with the concept of elevating Rabbi Dara and Rabbi Joel to co-Senior Rabbis...

#### **Excerpt from Rabbi Nickerson's Remarks**

Rabbi Klein Miles is only the third Senior Rabbi of this congregation – a statement to the faith and dedication this community has put in its rabbinic leadership. Her leadership, which we will recognize at our 70th anniversary celebration in May, has guided Isaiah to become a powerhouse congregation not only in Los Angeles, but nationwide. Her brilliance and poetic prowess is unmatched and as we all know, her words have the power to unlock hidden caverns within our hearts and souls.

Our gathering tonight marks another element of her creative genius her ability to look into the future and recognize that we have reached another moment in the history of our community, and the American Jewish experience for that matter, which requires the same creative, passionate, and bold approach that has served as a foundational value of this community for as long as it has existed. As Dr. Steven Windmueller points out in a recent article, "without examining new initiatives to renew non-Orthodox Judaism on this continent, we will be witness to a patchwork of institutional practice, leading to further decline and ultimately to the possible demise of some of the core components of this experiment in liberal religious culture...in this environment, are we able to continue to touch the lives of those who are already aligned with the mission of liberal Judaism? Further, are we also able to reach out to those who describe themselves as religious 'seekers,' men and women sitting outside of these formal religious networks, who are exploring a range of spiritual ideas and modalities of faith in search of personal meaning?"

#### **Excerpt from Rabbi Frimmer's Remarks**

Eleven years ago at her installation, Rabbi Klein Miles spoke of Moses going up the mountain alone, the people remaining below. At that moment, she flipped the paradigm and invited us to climb with her. To ascend as a community. This vision continues to guide me and all of us today. It guides us into our future, just as every Senior Rabbi's vision has guided this community and continues to echo through our lives. Joel and I are honored to now add our voices to these holy reverberations as we step into our new roles.

One of my favorite books this past year was *Thanks for the Feedback*, which illustrates all the ways we fight receiving feedback. However, the truth is that we want to grow. We want to learn. We want to feel the rush of acquiring new skills and information. We want to master new parts of our job. In order to do that, we need space to grow. We need opportunities to learn. And, most importantly, we need someone who is watching and guiding us – a supervisor, a mentor, a coach. This is what I love about my new role: the chance to help our staff grow and change. To do the work that lifts their soul and ensures Isaiah receives healthy, focused, and inspiring leadership.





As a member of Am Tzedek: Isaians Pursuing Justice (a core team of leaders who are committed to strengthening both our internal and external relationships) and as Isaiah's lay leader overseeing our social justice initiatives, I've spent a fair amount of time in one-to-one conversations with congregants. The intention of these conversations is to learn about congregants' interests — what moves them, brings them to Isaiah, keeps them coming back, gets them up in the morning, and keeps them awake at night. Deliberate conversations are an effective tool in building community because they put us in direct relationship with each other in a meaningful way, and they can quickly get to the heart of what this community means to its members. Over the years I've heard stories from members who joined

to provide their children with a religious education; stories of geographic desirability (i.e. the Temple is close to our home, so...); stories of growing up in the Temple (i.e. I had my bar/bat mitzvah here, so...); stories about lifelong passions for learning; and stories of deep connection to our clergy. Invariably, congregants also mention that they are deeply connected to Isaiah because they are deeply connected to the pursuit of social justice.

Isaiah's justice roots run deep, dating from the very inception of our congregation under founding Rabbi Albert Lewis (z"l). So deep, in fact, that when our sanctuary was renovated in 1994, the renovation committee, with the guidance of Rabbi Bob Gan and with input from Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles, chose to have etched Isaiah's long-standing motto above our new ark:





And pursue we have over our seventy year history where we have consistently been at the vanguard of progressive politics in the Jewish community and in the larger Los Angeles community. Our bima has been graced by the presence of public figures whose words have moved us to action and accountability. These have included Indira Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Robert Kennedy, and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. who, when addressing our congregation in 1960, spoke of "the great struggle taking place in our world" which he called the "eternal quest for freedom and human dignity." We've heard from and prayed with our leaders — mayors, California and U.S. representatives, city council members, city attorneys and school board members. We've worked shoulder-to-shoulder with our elected officials to make our public schools better, to press for sensible gun legislation, to insure the uninsured, to make the streets outside our temple — literally,

#### TZEDEK TZEDEK TIRDOF - JUSTICE, JUSTICE YOU SHALL PURSUE.

the streets right in front of and next to our building — safer for our congregants and our neighbors. We've built partnerships across Los Angeles to protect the most needy and vulnerable among us because we, the Temple Isaiah community, are committed — and have always been committed — to the pursuit of justice, to King's "eternal quest for freedom and human dignity."

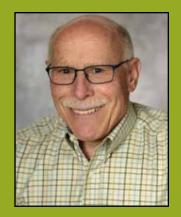


We reinforce our dedication to Tikkun Olam through public lectures, Shabbat learning opportunities, hands-on social action projects, and cross-faith collaborations. One of our most enduring partnerships has been with the First African Methodist Episcopal Church (FAME). With pulpit exchanges, the Isaiah Women-sponsored Seder, text study programs, our annual MLK weekend celebration and a legal aid clinic, we've connected across more than thirty years. Our Rabbi Albert Lewis (z"I) Lectureship challenges our congregation on the most pressing social justice issues of our time: policing, global warming, feminism, consumer protection, and human rights. We've learned with Tom Steyer, Connie Rice, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Ralph Nader, Eleanor Smeal, and Rabbi David Saperstein, to name only a few. When it comes to justice, we are an insatiable community — always eager to learn more, to do more, to make a greater impact. We've taken the time to be thoughtful and comprehensive in our efforts so that our programming and partnerships have reach across our community and are impactful. We count on and nourish the strengths of our wonderful social justice lay leaders.



We dig into our history to understand how powerful it can be to move forward as a community with deep conviction. Justice is a pursuit. It's not something to be achieved in one day, in one year, or even over the course of seventy years. As we celebrate our seventieth year as a community, there is no better time to remind ourselves that justice is something that we pursue. We pursue it diligently, deliberately, and in community with each other. It is a goal, a pursuit that keeps us together as a community, and that focuses our intentions; a goal that speaks to Isaiah's mission and vision, a goal that is at the center of who we are. Justice does not look the same to each member of our dynamic and diverse community. But the pursuit is a guiding principle that binds us and holds us together. Our pursuit is a driving force that carries us forward into the next seventy years.

Note: Special thanks to Susan Needelman and David Levine for their contributions to this article.



# THE ROLE OF THE TREASURER AT TEMPLE ISAIAH by Mike Diamond, Treasurer

As Temple Isaiah celebrates its 70th anniversary, I thought it would be worthwhile to reflect on the critical role of the Treasurer at Temple Isaiah. Over the last seventy years, we have grown and prospered as a congregation, taking leadership roles in addressing and finding solutions to the a broad array of critical issues facing our community. While much of this success is due to the outstanding clergy with which we have been blessed over our entire history, we have also benefited greatly from an engaged congregation and volunteer lay leadership at all levels. The purpose of this

short article is to recognize the role our Treasurers have played in building and sustaining the financial strength of Temple Isaiah through the many up and downs of the economy, changing membership expectations and challenging societal changes.

Temple Isaiah's By-Laws describe the duties of the Treasurer in broad terms noting that the "The Treasurer shall perform all of the duties normally incumbent upon a Treasurer of a Jewish synagogue," and then goes to detail a number of specific duties and activities, such as "paying all approved expenditures," and "attending meetings of the Budget Committee." But, like most job descriptions, the duties specified in the By-Laws outline just the minimum responsibilities and do not do adequate justice to the broadening responsibilities of this position over the years. Just one example: when Martha Sklar served as Treasurer in the early 1990s, she told me that the total Temple Isaiah budget was about \$800,000; our FY 2017-18 budget is over \$8 million and includes a significant number of programs and activities that were not even in existence when Martha held this position. Over the last two and half years that I have served as Treasurer, I have focused not only on preparing our annual budget and other tasks outlined in the By-Laws, but also on looking ahead to develop a sustainable financial operating budget that provides the sustainable resources to support our mission driven activities well into the future.

Temple Isaiah has benefited from a long-list of distinguished individuals who have served as Treasurer, including Steven Ambers, Dale Joyner, Jon Davidson, Martha Sklar, Ralph Rosner (z"l), and Solomon Rosner (z"l), just to name a few. Many of these individuals served multiple years, providing the continuity that is important to insuring the financial stability of Temple Isaiah. All of them applied their own expertise and experience to the job, often spending many, many hours dealing with the specific budget issues that arose during their tenure. Their collective leadership has helped build the financial strength we now enjoy and benefit from.

As we approach the end of this decade, the role of the Treasurer has changed and expanded in conjunction with the growth of Temple Isaiah's schools, programs and activities. However, the Treasurer is just one individual in a strong team of clergy, lay and other professional leadership that has built and sustained Temple Isaiah over the last seventy years and will continue to do so over the next seventy years and beyond.





### THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF SUCCESS

by Seth Rosenzweig, Director of Philanthropy

Our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents built Jewish homes based on historical traditions, language and culture. Ultimately, as Jews, what they desired more than anything was, acceptance.

A couple of years ago, the now infamous "Pew Report" verified what most of us already knew, that we have successfully gained acceptance in nearly all walks of American life. We are heads of major corporations, sit on the boards of numerous companies and non-profits, attend colleges and universities of our choice, and participate in government at all levels. We join country clubs and travel where we please. Our names are prominently listed on walls of museums, hospitals, universities, performance halls and more. With this success comes great challenges for our synagogues, our schools and ultimately our peoplehood.

The report confirmed that most Jews of the Millennial Generation view Judaism as a matter of ancestry or culture, and not as a matter of religion. The number of people raised in a Jewish home, whose children and grandchildren no longer identify as Jews is steadily increasing. Our success at achieving acceptance may very well challenge our survival as a people.

For centuries, the synagogue has been the heart of Jewish Community—it is where we gather in times of joy and sadness, it is where we gather to celebrate Smachot (joyous occasions), and is a place where we join together for spiritual growth, meditation and study. The synagogue, tasked with the unique goal of "creating Jews," continues to be central to sustaining Judaism.

How can we protect the future of our synagogues and Jewish educational institutions? One means is by planning for support that extends beyond our lifetime.

In honoring Rabbi Gan's retirement and under the leadership of Terry Pullan, Randy Schwab and Norm Solomon, Temple Isaiah established its endowment fund with the vision of supporting initiatives of our community today and for generations to come. Over the years, through the vision and generosity of our lay leaders, and careful stewardship by Endowment co-chairs, Jim Berliner and Ephraim Sales, and current committee members Mike Diamond, Chuck Hurewitz, David O. Levine, John Nickoll, Terry Pullan, Loretta Siciliano and Martha Sklar, the endowment fund has grown to over \$1.5M.

As we approach a new crossroad, our goal is to significantly increase our endowment to guarantee the long-term sustainability of our community. Help us ensure the vibrant future of the Jewish People through building a strong, robust endowment. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to include Temple Isaiah in your estate plan. If you have already named Isaiah in your will or trust, thank you and please let us know.

To learn more, please contact our development department at 310.277.2772 or by email at seth@templeisaiah.com.





#### LOOKING BACK AND TO THE FUTURE

by Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles

Did you know that Temple Isaiah's Religious School started *before* Temple Isaiah? While the Temple was formally founded in 1947, the Religious School was started years before that when a group of people who were not affiliated with any temple decided to form a *havurah*.

They wanted a place for their children to have a Jewish education, so they rented classrooms at Hamilton High School. One parent carried all the Religious School books in the trunk of her station wagon. That was the library!

The Temple hired Rabbi Albert Lewis as their first rabbi in 1948 and he headed up the Religious School. In 1952, Rabbi Lewis hired two people to help him, Penrod Moss to teach the upper grades, and Sandy Bernstein to teach the lower grades.

I called Sandy as I gathered information for this article, and when I asked her about the beginnings of our Religious School, her voice lit up with happiness, remembering those early days at Hamilton High School. She remembered when in 1957 Rabbi Lewis hired Jack Horowitz from Winnipeg, Canada, to lead our school.

"When Jack arrived," Sandy said, "he had very different ideas than Rabbi Lewis and I about the school. He didn't know what we were talking about!" Sandy giggled. "So we told him he had to go to school to find out what we were talking about. And he did. He went to UCLA. By then we had a building."

Jack Horowitz directed the Religious School for twenty-four years, from 1957 - 1991. Jack was an inspiration to children, families and colleagues, had a great love for Israel, and built the foundation of education at Isaiah that we still enjoy today. Many recall that over his desk, Jack had a plaque that read, "Don't Weaken!"

Rabbi Gan said, "That saying was about him, about a man who had the fortitude and strength to shine a new and important light on Jewish education and to stand with our people, whatever our challenge happened to be."

Jean Abarbanel said, "Together with Jack, Jay and

I planned a series of lectures on 'What is Jewish Art?' including sessions on the history of Jewish Art, Israeli art, Photography and Contemporary Judaica. The lecture series culminated in a Festival of Jewish Artisans, a gathering of extraordinary artists who came from all over the world to exhibit and sell their work. The Festival continued for almost twenty-five years and became an important event in the life of Temple Isaiah and the entire Los Angeles Jewish community."

In 1963 and 1964, the Religious School created the "Omer Festival Pageant," held in the large Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. The event was designed and implemented by students, and proceeds went to build a recreational center in Kiryat Gat in Israel.

In 1967, in the midst of Israeli's miraculous Six Day War, the Religious School presented the community an incredible program, "The Great Yarid." The entire Temple and grounds were converted into three major settings: a café in Tel Aviv, a Mella in Morocco and a shtetl in Eastern Europe. Over 5,000 people came to "The Great Yarid," and enjoyed unique Jewish foods and music and mingled with Temple members dressed in distinct costumes.

In 1971, Temple Isaiah Religious School launched its unique Rishonim program, starting with twenty-four students. As Rishonim, High School students become role models of Jewish living and involvement for the younger children. They serve as assistant teachers and assume responsibilities in leadership. Many people still remember that the very first real paycheck they received in their life was from Temple Isaiah as a Rishon. Over the years, Rishonim have become Religious School teachers, Hillel directors, and Jewish youth leaders.

At one point, the Religious School had three sessions, one on Saturday and two on Sunday, totaling over 1,000 students.

The Robert J. Green Contact Center has also provided the funding to the Temple Isaiah Religious School to conduct intensive and splendid annual family education programs, the publication of LaMishapacha, a creative and popular family newsletter, Shabbat retreats for children grades 4, 5, 6 and 7, and many junior and senior youth group programs.

Ellen Goldberg became the Principal of Temple Isaiah Religious School in 1991 after having been Jack's assistant. Under Ellen's leadership, the Religious School grew from 185 to 530 students. Ellen once wrote, "I've seen many of our students grow into adulthood and then return as Temple members, or as teachers here, which really makes me kvell!" For thirty years, Ellen taught our children how to see the world through Jewish eyes. She ignited thousands of children to glow with a love and joy for their tradition. Ellen's teaching staff adored her, calling her an inspiring mentor. Rina Etkes called her a "menschlichkeit pillar, caring for students, supportive of teachers." She was wise, fair, kind, generous, graceful, with a deep love for the Temple community and well-respected by her colleagues. Under Ellen's leadership, the Temple engaged in the Re-Imagine, a consortium of synagogues engaging together in an eighteen-month study of religious school and envisioning its future.

In 1994, Carla Kopf joined our education team as Assistant Principal. At the time, Jack was still tutoring students for their B'nai Mitzvah. Carla told me, "One afternoon I was very frustrated because something was not going the way I wanted it to. I don't even remember what it was, but what I do remember is that Jack saw me and my frustration. He said to me in a very soothing voice, 'It will be OK, remember, you are doing God's work.' Ever since, I keep that in mind when things in the school are challenging. I know that the work that we do here is sacred. We are helping to raise Jewish children, to teach them to make good choices, to be good human beings, good daughters and sons, kind friends, helpful members of a community."

Carla worked with Ellen Goldberg for sixteen years. "We had a great partnership and supported each other in anything that needed to be done to run the continuing growing school," Carla said. "I learned so many things from Ellen, most

importantly, to be a kind listener to all parents, children and teachers, and do everything in my power to ensure a positive experience in our program and our synagogue."

We have been blessed to work with top educators, including Joshua Mason Barkin and Rabbi Aimee Gerace. In 2009, Stephanie Schwartz joined our team of educators primarily focusing on the teen program.

Over the years, the educational programs of Temple Isaiah Religious School have been acclaimed nationally and in Israel. The Religious School has been awarded numerous honors and curriculum awards presented by the National Association of Temple Educators and the Central Conference of American Rabbis in the areas of curriculum development, extracurricular activities, teacher training, parent education, arts projects, Hebrew programming, camping and friendship projects with the children of Kiriat Gat, Kiriat Ata and Kibbutz Givat Brenner in Israel.

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM MORE RECENT YEARS INCLUDE: Shabbat

B'Yachad, our immersive Shabbat family program which for ten years has been deeply transformative to participants; Furnishing eight apartments for homeless families with Upward Bound House; Serving hundreds of meals to people in need at several homeless shelters; Being a hub during Big Sunday; Tiyul, learning Judaism in people's homes; Arts through Activism; Our 2nd grade Mussar (Jewish values) program; L'Dough v'Dough, baking challah with Holocaust survivors; Torah in the Home; Donating Tzedakah to outfit an ambulance in Israel; Advancing our Hebrew program to include Hebrew Through Movement and Hebrew Intensive; Our 8th grade Israel Twinning program; Taking confirmation students to participate in the Religious Action Center program to lobby Congress in Washington DC; Taking 11th and 12th graders to Israel to learn about the dual history; Taking teens to the south to learn about Civil Rights and the Jewish participation.



This past month at the Chai Dinner honoring all people who have been members of Temple Isaiah for eighteen years or more, it was incredible listening to people talk about how they joined Isaiah initially for the Religious School, and then as a family, grew to form their closest and most meaningful relationships here.

Jack Horowitz once wrote, "What a joy and inspiration it is year after year to experience the sights and sounds of our Religious School! Our classrooms are alive with beautiful, creative environments, realia, maps and paintings. There is singing of Hebrew songs and prayers, dancing of Jewish folk dances, and lively discussions of teachers and children. A wonderful ruach permeates the halls, the classroom, our entire Temple!"

The Vision of Temple Isaiah's Religious School, as written in the "Journeys Through Judaism" guide to Jewish Education at Isaiah, reads:

"Our school will be a center for developing Identity, Community and Wonder. Our curriculum and programs are designed to develop strong Jewish identity through rituals, language, history and culture, to create lasting relationships and community through meaningful conversation, music, shared activities, projects, trips and friendships, and to foster a sense of awe, curiosity and wonder through prayer, and deep, honest exploration of our faith."

I'm not Jewish
Our 9 year old girl did adamantly state.
Oy vey, Bill and I wondered
Are we too late?

To the rescue came
Temple Isaiah's religious school
Jack Horowitz and his teachers
Made Judaism sound cool.

Before we blinked A bat and bar mitzvah we did celebrate Cantor Nadell and Rabbi Gan Ah, they were first rate. Fast forward lickety split And we were middle aged And now what should we do As we reached this stage? Once again Temple Isaiah To our rescue did come Offering eventful times And a havurah where we always had fun. And darned if the years Didn't keep galloping by With Temple dinners, holidays, classes And, all of a sudden, a village called Chai With Chai Village our rabbis understood That no matter your age Involvement, activities, giving back Are needed at every stage. So what does Temple Isaiah Mean to me and to Bill A place to honor each time of life And to grab great joys still It's connectedness and memory And friends galore It's continuity and identity

by Myrna Hant

We've been blessed, for sure.



## REFLECTIONS

by Tamar Andrews, Preschool Director

My stay at the Temple Isaiah Inn began on September 4, 1979 when I walked into the first day of high school. What was once a preschool of just a few classrooms is now a burgeoning school of hundreds.

Yeshiva University of Los Angeles was opening its doors for the first time, and I was part of the inaugural 9<sup>th</sup> grade freshman class. My teachers included Manny Katz, who I saluted each day and called "Sir." Another favorite teacher was Vardina Berdugo, grandmother of Hava who works in the Preschool office and is Rivkie's assistant. The principal's office was on the second level, and parking was a dirt lot off the alley. We all wore

long skirts, long sleeve shirts and found this building to be our home for the next four years. We would often hear preschoolers singing and playing but back then, the only thing on our minds besides the school work and when could we get out to walk to the AM/PM that was at Kerwood and Olympic was...what were we going to do with our lives? I graduated in June of 1983 and then did not come back until I got a call from a really nice man named Norm Solomon. I was in the Dominican Republic vacationing, and I will never forget the warmth and the kindness in his voice. "We are looking for a new preschool director," he started. I did not think I really wanted to go back to being a preschool director having made it to tenure track at a university. But who could possibly say no to the voice that belonged to this man? The night I met with Norm and Randy Schwab was it. I fell in love with the type of Judaism I saw in their hearts. True menschlichkite. My high school principal's office now became my office, and for the past fifteen years, I have jumped out of bed each





and every morning, excited at being given the blessing of Temple Isaiah. From working side by side with the preschool team to having Michael Cantor always at my back and the clergy, security, and maintenance always working in tandem, what magic!

I was raised orthodox and sent my four children to orthodox and conservative Jewish schools, but I love sharing that I have never actually felt Judaism until coming here. I still lovingly refer to Rabbi Gan as "Papa" and am privileged to be working with women and men whom I adore. When you hear the phrase "it takes a village" I believe that this is the type of village they are referring to.

The dirt lot has since been paved over, and a huge playground (the deck) is its top. The offices that were once all brick bottom and glass walls are now adorned with the work of preschoolers and religious school children. What was once a preschool of just a few classrooms is now a burgeoning school of hundreds.



A community of several dozen families is now nearing 1,000. We bake, we sing, we celebrate, we mourn and we flourish...together. As I turn from the past and present to the possibilities of the future, I see nothing but clear skies, visibility for miles and smooth sailing...with YOU!

#### **MUSIC AT TEMPLE ISAIAH-THE PAST 25 YEARS**





My ordination from the School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College took place in May 1988. A few weeks later, all my belongings were on a moving van to Los Angeles and I flew from JFK to LAX. The cantorial program at HUC was an amazing experience. I, along with my classmates, learned thousands of pages of music, theology, philosophy, Hebrew language and literature, educational methods, and even the basics of pastoral counseling.

The final semester of our studies was devoted to a class called "Senior Seminar." We learned how to interview for potential jobs, how to put together a resume, what to sing at these auditions. And there was one cardinal rule that the instructor drilled into our novice heads: When you arrive at a congregation, don't change anything for your first year. Observe. Listen. Honor your predecessor.

At Temple Isaiah, I was preceded by Cantor Robert Nadell (z"l). He had a glorious voice, was truly beloved, and his wife Lucille accompanied him at the organ. After 40 years at Temple Isaiah, he retired, and I was hired. On July 1, 1988, I walked into my office to find a blue loose-leaf binder on the desk—and that was it. No shelves lined with music, no filing cabinets of congregational favorites. I went to Rabbi Bob Gan and asked, "What do you people sing around here?" And Bob sang me some of his favorites and then encouraged me to ask members of the synagogue's volunteer choir "HaSharim" for their help.



I remember sitting with members of the choir and asking them, "Well, what do you sing on Friday nights for the Sh'ma? Michamocha? The Amidah? Avot and Gevuort? How do you sing the kiddsuh?" And then HaSharim and I had to recreate the High Holiday music. The members of HaSharim not only sang together—we evolved into a sort a musical havurah. We celebrated holidays and life-cycles together. We sang at each other's weddings and comforted each other at funerals. HaSharim also acted as local hosts for interfaith and Jewish choral festivals that brought literally thousands of choir members from synagogues, churches, and mosques

to Temple Isaiah. Together we listened and learned from each other and shared the love of choral singing.

Rabbi Gan and our Director of Education, Jack Horowitz (may his memory be a blessing) encouraged experimentation and participation through music and the arts. Jack was the force behind the development of "Cantor's Chanters"—the children's musical theatre group I founded and co-directed with Barbara Rottman and then Temple Isaiah alumna, Diane Feldman. Although I initially proposed a children's choir, Jack encouraged me to become director of a musical theatre troupe.

Together with Barbara and Diane, we wrote, directed, and produced Chanukah extravaganzas and Purim shpiels where every child had an opportunity to be a dancing latke or a singing hamantaschen. In more recent years, Gloria Greengard shared her extraordinary talents with witty Purim shpiels that included sets, costumes, and large multigenerational casts. Of all the Purim shpiels my personal favorite was the "Sound of Music Purim." Why? Because I played the Mother Superior with Chandler Turk and Benjamin Pitt as my nun sidekicks and we had a full sized theatrical backdrop of the alps.

## It was in the sanctuary—especially on Friday nights—where the greatest, albeit most gradual changes took place.

Not only did our prayer book change (from Gates of Prayer to Mishkan Tefillah) but our liturgy and music adapted to the changing social milieu. "Steve Fox and Friends," Temple Isaiah's resident jazz band, enhanced our Kabbalat Shabbat once a month. Music also became increasingly participatory, with a regular Friday night ensemble that included keyboard, percussion, and woodwind. The organ was replaced by a stunning grand piano (an event I refer to as the "organ transplant") and the rhythms and harmonies of the songs and prayers we sang were influenced increasingly by the beats and grooves of the Middle East and jazz.



The liturgical and musical decisions were guided by the words of Rav Kook—the first chief rabbi of Israel. He famously said: "May the old be renewed, and the new be made holy." With the guidance of Temple Isaiah's rabbis and educators, these famous words were not merely theory, but became embodied in our religious and liturgical practice. In my twenty-five incredible years at Temple Isaiah my goal was always to honor our historic past, but at the same time look towards a future filled with innovation, participation, and the celebration of our lives through Jewish music.



#### **MUSIC & WORSHIP AT TEMPLE ISAIAH TODAY**

by Cantor Tifani Coyot

Our tradition teaches that when God created the Universe, God consulted the angles and asked them if he should give the human race the gift of music? The angels advised against it warning God that if humanity is given the opportunity to make music, they would exploit and commercialize it. God ultimately overruled them and said, "I need to give the human race the gift to sing my sweet melodies, so that they can remember me and lift their souls towards a higher place."

Music is a window to one's spirit and a sacred gift; when used with care it can help us excavate the deepest levels of our souls. At Temple Isaiah, we strive to create meaningful experiences that will tug at the heartstrings of our community members.

Throughout the past seventy years, Temple Isaiah has had only three cantors. I am humbled and honored to be standing on the shoulders of two great cantors: Cantor Robert Nadel (z"I) and Cantor Evan Kent. I am guided by the words of Rav Kook that were central to Cantor Kent's musical vision at Temple Isaiah. "May

the old be renewed and the new be made holy." Cantor Kent introduced new music and programming over the course of his twenty-five years at Temple Isaiah. Many of these songs and programs are now central to the Isaiah experience. I am committed to building upon our congregation's legacy, in order to ensure that all generations find spiritual relevance on their Jewish Journey.

When I was installed as the cantor of Temple Isaiah five years ago, I was passed a rich legacy of beautiful music. The file cabinets outside were filled with glorious music for our choirs and musicians. My first year at Isaiah was spent singing the melodies of Cantor Kent and learning the ways in which I could build upon and innovate his programs. I began with our repertoire for worship and holidays. Each year, I add a few new melodies that are trending in the world of Jewish music and when I can't find a setting of a prayer that resonates with me, I compose my own version of the prayer. There are many genres of Jewish music that are used today in Reform synagogues and I believe that each piece of music has its appropriate place in our service, as long as it is clearly explained.

In the spirit of our Jazz Shabbat service, the current clergy team continues to offer different sounds and styles of worship to our Friday Shabbat schedule. We've infused our services with every type of music: middle eastern, hip hop, gospel, musical theater, folk, pop, rap, Israeli, classical, electronic, dance and traditional. The link between all these styles is that we perform them with sophistication and joy. We have incredibly talented local musicians who make our prayers soar with the harmonies and rhythms of piano, guitar, percussion, violin, bass, and horn.

Joy is at the core of our worship experiences. All ages of our community love to sing and dance. I was elated this year at the High Holy Days when I watched a group of Isaians dance the Horah on stage at Royce Hall.

Isaiah has a strong tradition of engaging our community through musical groups and programs. Our musical programs include: Special Services Concerts, Artist in Residence, and interactive Holiday Programing for Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, and Purim. HaSharim, our adult choir, has existed for almost fifty years. Over a third of its members have been singing between 20-30 years. What is even more amazing is that new members join every year.







One of the main focuses of my musical vision is to inspire the next generation of Jews. Cantor's Chanters is now called the Pop-Up Choir. We've added them to key celebrations throughout the year. On the High Holy Days, almost forty children light up the Royce Hall stage with music and movement. The Pop-Up Choir allows for children of all ages to sing with the choir for a particular event. Older children who are looking for a serious musical commitment join the Permanent Players and eventually graduate to the Teen choir.



Four years ago, we started the tradition of giving solos and duets to children and teens at the High Holy Day services. Last year, a group of dancers added beauty to the Yom Kippur family service. From the stage, I look out at the congregation when these young people are performing and see members of our community wiping the tears away. These young voices help us to access our deepest emotions and prayers.

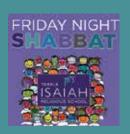


During the year, we've enhance our Preschool worship experiences and created Religious School Shabbat experiences. Each grade level from two years old to 7th grade has the opportunity to lead members of our community in prayer. We continue to elevate our prayer experience for our children with more Hebrew, sophisticated musical arrangements, and deep meaning. Last year, we began to teach our preschool students and their parents how to pray for healing.

We continue to record the music that we sing at Temple Isaiah and use it as a way to get all generations excited about Jewish music and prayer. Parents often thank me for bringing the prayers and music of Isaiah into their cars and living rooms. These parents are inspired when their child talks to God or spontaneously chants in Hebrew.

We are blessed to have a rich history of music and talented clergy and musicians who partner together to create rich experiences, in which music and communal singing are paramount. We invite you to add your voice, song and story to our musical programs. To listen to the music of Isaiah or learn more about our musical programs, visit our website, templeisaiah.com or contact me at tifani@templeisaih.com

## MARCH/APRIL SHABBAT SCHEDULE



#### HOSTED BY PRE-K - 1<sup>ST</sup>-GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS FRIDAY, MARCH 2

#### Friday Night Family Shabbat

Celebrate Shabbat with members of all ages, a full musical band and the Permanent Players. Expect one of our

lively and participatory services with stories and inspiration drawn from our tradition. The entire community and Religious School families welcome.

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg (schmooze and nosh with friends)

6:15 p.m. Services

Dinner to follow - RSVP required

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

#### Friday Night Shabbat

**Jazz service** - Join us for a festive service that blends our ancient words of prayer with syncopation and swing. Dinner and Discussion with Senator Ben Allen about climate change, election reform and state action in response to current federal initiatives - Hosted by the Temple Isaiah Green Team

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg6:15 p.m. Services
Dinner to follow - RSVP required

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

#### Friday Night Shabbat

**Niggun service** - Join with our special House Band for an evening of middle eastern rhythms, soulful melodies and mindfulness teachings.

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

Oneg to follow

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

#### Friday Night Share Shabbat Home Edition - TEMPLE GOES DARK

Bringing the joy and celebration of Shabbat into the homes of several of our clergy and senior staff. Participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged as we put together groups of 30-50 multigenerational members for delicious food, Shabbat song, joy, and meaningful conversations.

Times to be determined by host

RSVP required

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

#### Friday Night Shabbat - FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER

Join us for an early Shabbat service the first night of Passover.

4:00 p.m. Service

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

#### Friday Night Shabbat

Passover with Yizkor service - Celebrate Shabbat and Passover through music, friendship, warmth, and creativity.

5:30 p,.m. Yizkor Service

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

Oneg to follow

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 13

#### Friday Night Shabbat

**Jazz service** - Join us for a festive service that blends our ancient words of prayer with syncopation and swing.

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

Oneg to follow

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

#### Friday Night Shabbat

**Israel service** - Join us for a special Shabbat honoring our Jewish Homeland. The clergy will be joined by HaSharim our adult choir, featuring music and a sermon on Israel.

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg6:15 p.m. Services

Dinner to follow - RSVP required

#### TWO SERVICES, TWO DINNERS

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

#### Friday Night Family Shabbat

Family service - Our Shabbat Family service (formerly 4th Friday Shabbat) is designed for our youngest members and their families. Torah discussion and shots with the Rabbi for our adults. Bring the whole family.

5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Dinner

Dinner for young families - RSVP required

Friday Night Shabbat - Hosted by the Religious School

5:45 p.m. Pre-Oneg <u>6:00 p.m.</u> Services

Dinner to follow - RSVP required

## ISAIAH WOMEN - March/April Calendar of Events

#### A HISTORY OF ISAIAH WOMEN by Lynn Rogo and Simonne Yaroslow

"I became Membership Vice President of Temple Isaiah in 2004 and held that position for four years. During that time, I attended a number of seminars that brought the leadership of many Reform congregations together. It became quite clear to me that most congregations still had a sisterhood. Temple Isaiah's Sisterhood had disbanded many years before, for some unknown reason.

In addition, at that point in my life my children had graduated from Religious School. Observation told me that there were lots of activities for parents of preschoolers and Religious School students. I noticed that many of the women who were parents of my children's friends in Religious School were nowhere to be seen at the Temple. They felt there was nothing for them.

The third piece was something I had picked up at one of the seminars. People join a synagogue for what it can do for them. People continue to be members of a synagogue for what they can do for the synagogue. There must be purpose.

The need for a Sisterhood where women could socialize as well as do social action and assist the Temple in various other ways seemed crystal clear to me!

Starting a sisterhood from scratch was a huge task! Who could be the first president and form a successful organization? I spoke to my closest friend, who I have tremendous respect for I had seen her amazing leadership at her children's schools. Simonne Yaroslow accepted the challenge and formed Isaiah women!" - Lynn Rogo

"We invited a dynamic group of women to our first meeting and began brainstorming and planning the future of Isaiah Women. Our goal was to create programming and events that would appeal to a diverse group of women. Our first activity was an amazingly delicious Decadent Chocolate Dessert Buffet and Membership Event. We introduced a number of programming ideas from which Isaiah Women Book Group, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg Groups, speakers, religious celebrations, fun get-togethers and so much more began. With the strong support of the clergy, we have worked as a partner with Temple Isaiah on a number of projects and support the Temple's strong commitment to Social Action and Tikkun Olam.

Our first couple of years were a real learning experience for all of us. It was also a wonderful time of new friendships and new connections, especially to the Temple Isaiah community. We hoped to establish a modern sisterhood. We advertised it as 'Not your mother's sisterhood.' In other words, we didn't want to be seen as the ladies who provided cookies and lemonade or the ladies who lunched, but women with ideas, interests, commitment to Judaism and the Temple Isaiah community who could gather together in purpose, friendship and camaraderie. Our hope is that a strong Isaiah Women continues to flourish and be an integral part of Temple Isaiah."- Simonne Yaroslow

#### JOIN US FOR THESE MARCH AND APRIL EVENTS

Thursday, March 8; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **Lilith Salon**

Lively discussion of the latest issue of the feminist Jewish Lilith Magazine. At the home of Renee Dernburg (address provided upon RSVP).

RSVP to Elaine Diamond at ediamond27@hotmail.com

Sunday, March 11; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### **Smorgasburg Food Market**

Join us in the hip ROW DTLA district, near downtown, for a huge selection of food stalls. We will meet at the entry at 11 a.m.

Cost: Free admission and parking. Parking in adjacent structure. A suggested \$5 donation to the IW Social Action Fund will be collected at this event.

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RSVP to Beth Raanan at bcraanan@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 14; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **Speaker Series #3: Ellen Cole, Temple Librarian**

Join us in the Temple Library, where Ellen will provide a history and highlights of our Library's special collection. Light refreshments will be served.

Cost: Free/IW member. A suggested \$5 donation to the IW Social Action Fund will be collected at this event.

RSVP to Bobbie Allen at bobbie@bobbieallendesigns.com

Thursday, March 15; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **Fifties Cafe**

Join us in the Social Hall for our 2nd gathering, as we explore the topic of "Beauty...what does this look and feel like at 50+?"

Cost: \$10 per person - Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by March 8 to Beth Raanan at bcraanan@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 20 and April 17; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### **IW Book Group**

Location and book to be announced.

Email tinafeiger@hotmail.com for more information

Sunday, March 25; 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### IW Women's Passover Seder

Join us in the Social Hall for our annual women's seder and dinner. Rabbi Dara Frimmer will officiate.

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Cost: \$12/IW members, \$18/guests.

Pay in advance with a check to "Isaiah Women" or via Paypal to isaiahwomenla@gmail.com.

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RSVP by March 18 to Ellen Canter at ellenjcanter@aol.com

Sunday, April 15; 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### Isaiah Women Spring Mah Jongg Tournament

Light lunch, three rounds of Mah Jongg, raffle prizes and Splitthe-Pot will all be part of a fun-filled afternoon. Please bring your Mah Jongg card.

Cost: \$30/IW members, \$35/non-members.

Complete registration and payment by April 8.

RSVP to Suzanne Solig at slsolig@gmail.com

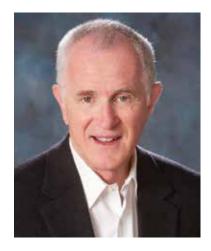
Wednesday, April 18; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### Speaker Series #4

Dr. Hyder Zahed will speak about *"Living a life of love and caring"*. At the home of Sherri Zigman.

Cost: Free/IW members. \$10/guests. Light refreshments will be served. A suggested \$5 donation to the IW Social Action Fund will be collected at this event

RSVP to Bobbie Allen: bobbie@bobbieallendesigns.com



In 1960 my parents joined Temple Isaiah. Three years later I celebrated my Bar Mitzvah, and my Confirmation followed two years after that. In 1977, Andrea and I were married at Temple Isaiah. These important events in my life were officiated by Rabbi Albert Lewis (z"I) and Cantor Robert Nadell(z"I).

Temple Isaiah has always been a very special place for me—every time I walk into the temple I feel at home. There has never been another place in my life where I feel as safe and welcomed as I do at Isaiah.

Over the years I have been fortunate to have held many positions on the Board, particularly as President. Like many of us, when one of our clergy asks us to take on a new assignment it is very hard to say no. I have said "Yes" many times.

Three years ago, Rabbi Klein Miles asked Andrea and me to take on leadership positions in ChaiVillageLA, an initiative by Temple Isaiah and Temple Emanuel to create the first synagogue-based village in the country. The goal was to help our congregants stay in the homes and communities they love as they grew older.

Like many of their friends, my parents bought a home in Palm Springs upon retiring. Today more and more retirees are choosing to retire in their communities and not move away. But aging in place requires the help of a supportive community—a village.

ChaiVillageLA has become that community for my family plus over 200 other members. Members help other members with a variety of services like rides to the doctor, small household chores and weekly check-in calls. And equally important, over the past two years, we have offered more than 400 member-led programs such as walks with a rabbi, movie nights, current event classes, art and photography programs, cooking programs, and much more. We have succeeded in creating a warm and welcoming community. We've also made some wonderful new friends through the Village.





Just as the Temple has been there for my family for many years, it is now our turn to give back by supporting our fellow congregants as we move into the next chapter of our lives.

If you're not already a member of the Village I encourage you to check it out. Give me a call or send me an email at tpullan@pullan.com, and we can talk or meet for coffee. I love talking about ChaiVillageLA.



Helping adults to live well and joyfully within a community of friends, support and Jewish values.









#### TEMPLE ISAIAH SECURITY UPDATE by Michael Cantor, Executive Director



We, like you, take the safety and security of your children very, very seriously.

The practice of *pikuach nefesh*, Hebrew for "saving a life," means that ensuring people's health, safety and protection is our top priority

as a synagogue. To this end, we have hired an elite staff of guards.

Through SDM Security, under the leadership of Steve Mohr, and captained by Robert Tilly, our team of Jose, Momo and Moses work tirelessly to ensure your family enter a true sanctuary and safe oasis. They greet many of you by name and all of you with a smile and sincere welcome. We hope this photo will help you match names to faces, and to most easily reach out to this amazing team.



pictured from left to right: Jose, Momo, Moses and Robert

But, they/we also need your partnership to maximize safety. **How? When coming** to the Temple please:

- 1. Bring your key fob! While we know your face and often your name, our security procedures do require you to 'fob in'. If you don't have your key fob, please be ready to present a driver's license to identify yourself.
- 2. If you notice a potential threat in or around the Temple (including adjacent sidewalks or back alleys), a medical emergency, or even property damage on campus/at adjacent locations please immediately notify our Security Team and/or Temple management.
- 3. NEVER approach or contact anyone you believe to be acting "suspiciously" or dangerously. Contact security IMMEDIATELY!
- **4. If can't promptly reach security,** please immediately notify Temple Management: Michael Cantor, Chris Falone, Members of Clergy, Carla Kopf and Tamar Andrews. All can contact local law enforcement, as appropriate
- 5. ALWAYS dial 9-1-1 if you feel there is an emergency, threat or other imminent danger.
- **6.** If you observe "suspicious" behavior, take note of the suspect(s) description, offending behavior, vehicle description, direction of travel and other information that may be helpful to the police. If safe to do so, remain at the scene for law enforcement as you may need to supply pertinent details.



Your Link To Jewish Adult Enrichment

#### MARCH/APRIL LIFEQUEST EVENTS

Finding the Tools in Judaism to Enrich the Journey beyond Midlife. Open to all adults, from old souls to the young at heart.

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

#### **DINNER AND DISCUSSION**

with Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles

Wednesdays, March 21 and April 18

Library

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

Explore the Jewish values of honesty and integrity.

#### **HAVDALAH**

Saturday, April 28

Private Home, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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#### **ISRAELI DANCING**

with Orly Setareh

Thursdays, March 15 and 29, April 12 and 26

**Social Hall** 

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

#### MARCH/APRIL ILIFE EVENTS

#### **LOVE AND LOSS**

with Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles

First Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A group to discuss grief, blending Jewish tradition, sharing and community to support one another through all kinds of grief.

#### FIFTIES CAFÉ

Thursday, March 15

**Social Hall** 

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

Join us in the Social Hall for our 2nd gathering, as we explore the topic of "Beauty...what does this look and feel like at 50+?"

Cost: \$10 per person - Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by March 8 to Beth Raanan at bcraanan@gmail.com

For more information and to sign up for all events, please visit the Temple Isaiah website

## SPINE TINGLES BOOK CLUB with Ellen Cole, Librarian

Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Two She Bears by Meir Shalev

A celebrated sabra novelist stuns with murderous secrets from an early moshav, confounding official records and readers in the second of our Israel at 70 series.

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#### Tuesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. Don't Call It Night by Amos Oz

The famous Amos Oz dissects a fraying relationship that is both a slice of life and a message to his nation as our celebration of Israel at 70 continues.

## **SAVE DATE: Tuesday, May 1** *Waking Lions* by Gundar-Gosher

A suspenseful drama of guilt, blackmail and redemption showcases the proverb: once a lion wakes and tastes human flesh, it will never eat anything else. Our celebration of Israel at 70 continues.

Mazel Tov! The Association of Jewish Libraries proudly announces its coveted Sydney Taylor Book Awards for 2018 for the most distinguished contributions to Jewish children's literature. Winners are a beguiling picture book replaying history, a moving novel about refugees and the bravery of a Holocaust librarian.

For the full list of winners check out the Library page at:

http://templeisaiah.com/LevineLibrary.php

Please encourage your children grades 1-6 to participate in the Library reading contest which ends on April 10. Details at:

http://templeisaiah.com/LevineLibrary.php



## CELEBRATING SEVEN DECADES

HONORING RABBI ZOË KLEIN MILES

WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OUR LONGEST STANDING MEMBERS

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018** 

## B'nai Mitzvah **MARCH**



**Scarlett Solomon-Romano** Daughter of **Christina Solomon-Adams and Ted Romano** Saturday, March 3, 2018



**Alexander Gold** Son of Kate and Steve Gold Saturday, March 3, 2018



**Matthew Gabayan** Son of Ellie and Peter Gabayan Saturday, March 10, 2018



**Ryan Golan** Son of Tammy and Jeremy Golan Saturday, March 17, 2018



Jamie Barrett Daughter of Jody Becker and Steve Barrett Saturday, March 24, 2018



Mollie Wittenberg Daughter of Orli Belman and Kevin Wittenberg Saturday, March 24, 2018





**Justine Ludden** Daughter of Julie Sandor and Jack Ludden Saturday, April 7, 2018



Jason Cowan Son of Ann Wexler and Jeffrey Cowan Saturday, April 14, 2018



**Matthew Cowan** Son of Ann Wexler and Jeffrey Cowan Saturday, April 14, 2018



Alexa Drevfus Daughter of Saturday, April 14, 2018



Millie Auslender Daughter of Caroline and David Dreyfus Patricia Auslender and Edward Auslender Saturday, April 21, 2018



**Madeline Rogers** Daughter of Laura and Kenny Rogers Saturday, April 21, 2018



Jesse Brog Daughter of **Lesley and Andrew Brog** Saturday, April 28, 2018

#### LIFECYCLES

#### **MILESTONES**

Mazel Tov to: Ari and Corey Segal, on the birth of their son Rowan Navy; Leah and Michael Ahroni, on the birth of their son Nicholas Sy; Kathy and Michael Zarrabi, on the birth of their daughter Abigail; Ghazal and Houman Banafesheh, on the birth of their daughter Georgina Grace; Courtney and Joseph Michael on the birth of their son Asher; Azin and Michael Bastan, on the birth of their son Shaya; Stephanie Monsef and Kiarash Yadegar, on the birth of their son Alexander Ezra; Valina and Kamyar Rashidi, on the birth of their twins: son Jonah and daughter Jasmine; and, Debbie and Josh Heald, on the birth of their daughter Avery Marlowe.

#### **SYMPATHY**

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Jacqueline Schnitman, on the loss of her brother, Gary Paul Canter; the family of Marcia Oshman; Judie Rice, on the loss of her cousins Clint Fergerson and Lucille Barach; Scott Lewis, on the loss of his father Bernie Lewis; Mitra Rund, on the loss of his father Soleyman Kahrizi; Edward Auslender, on the loss of his mother Gloria Chaitt Morris; the family of Bernice LaPan; Dana Feldstein, on the loss of her ex-husband Jordan; and, the family of Phyllis Kaplan.

#### **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Phyllis Siegel; Robert Gandel; Emiliana Zeidenfeld; Sandra Bernstein; Shana Lutsky; Kelli Freeman; Ellen Cole; Barbara Joyner, and Ellen Pressman.

#### MARCH MEMORIAL PLAQUES

March 2 Robert Braun Gary Brodsky Samuel Fink Samuel Goldstein Harry Gordon Charles Kimmel Henry Kolb David Levich Eugene Levine Louis Levitz Sara Mishne Herbert Edward Polinsky **Boris Posner** Wolf Sales Morris Silverstone Jerome Spatz

Sol Ziskind

March 9 Bud Blitzer Irene Elizabeth Davidson Minnie Freeman Anna Goodman Isaac Harris Samuel Kaminker Michael Marshall Hyman Miller Boudewijn Mulder Herman Peskay Abraham Pinchasi Jacob Sands Samuel Sax Tillie Walter Bess Yettra Ronald Zsupnik

March 16 Herman Bayless Morris Brounstein Morris Davidson Ellen Goldberg Lillian Goldman Harriet Jacobs Rose Jacobs Abraham Jaloff Lawence Joseph Zerlina Katz Charne Kodimer Morris Leinow Abe Levatter Augusta Miller Fanny Roth Louis Shapiro Fred Stroze

March 23
Morris Avidon
Herman Birken
Rita Clayman
Morris Fabrick
Jean Gerber
Dina Goldfarb
Helen Gootkin
Harold Kreisberg
Adele Levine
Arthur Maschkowski
Muriel Pines
Ida Sands
Isaac Slott
Betty Zsupnik

March 30 Dorian Anderson Harry Arnold Kala Biales Lucy Bretzfelder Harry Brownstein Lottie Firestone Paul Freedberg Anna Freidson Hannah Glassman Nancy Klein Lillian Needelman Leah Rector **David Rector** Gayle Sadofsky Harry Schechter Flora Siegel Betty Soskin Diana Stell Rose Subotnick Joe Terrence

#### **APRIL MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

#### April 6

Max Bretzfelder
Jennie Cohen
Jacob Friedson
Rose Goldberg
Ayn Gottlieb
Harry Lewis
Chil Pick
Celia Radoff
Nathan Sidlow
Edmond Somekh
William Weill

#### April 13

Lillian Crafton Joseph Dlugofsky Phamie Fabrick George Feigenbaum Alan Freeman Celia Hochman Arie Huss Leila Newman Rebecca Offer **Emanuel Piller** Jacob Pollak Lionel Riave Deborah Rolfe Alfred Seal Babe Smardan Morris Stein Ann Winogura Ronald Wynbrandt

#### April 20

Ruth Barsky Leon Bayard Sandra Belinkv Rose Dolivik Samuel Freedberg Arthur Friedman Baruch Katz Rose Kerson Mae Korman Albert Lewis Abraham Liebman Anne Lutz Charlie Marks Beniamin Miller Harry Orkin Jack Plotkin Margaret Rothman Eliazar Rynveld Joe Sherman Jack Silverberg Louis Arthur Wallace

#### April 27

Celia Altkorn Erwin Chessen Svdnev Cross Leon Davidson **Edward Frumhoff** Michael Gussman Pauline Hirsh Maurice Kopald Paul Kramer Irving Marmer Rhonda Sue Nadell Thelma Neworth Harry Pines Harry Rosen Jerry Sacks Samuel Schechter Eugene Schwartz Harry Shoor Ida Shoor Charlotte Stern David Studner

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in appreciation of

Cantor Coyot, for helping us select Sydnie's Bat Mitzvah date

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Frank Englander

by Eva Englander

Sandra Elliott

by Eva Englander

Gary Canter

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by Honey Amado

Leslie Bleeden

by Janet and Farrell Hirsch

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in appreciation of Temple Isaiah educating and

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by Frank Ponder

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by Nancy Hoffman-Weisbord
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in memory ofMarcia Oshmanby the Thursday Yiddish Class

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in memory of:
Betty Lipman
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Noah Rachofsky
by Donald Lipm

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in memory of Peter Studner by Rhonda Studner

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in appreciation of Andrea & Michael Daniels by Jeni Catch

in honor of Lori & Jeffrey Friedman for your continued generosity by Martha Sklar

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Edythe Goodwin
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Marcia Oshman
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Minnie Katz
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in memory of
Edythe Irene Goodwin
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#### MARCH/APRIL 2018 CALENDAR

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **TEMPLE ISAIAH CELEBRATES SEVENTY YEARS**

L'Chaim To The '70s - Honoring Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles for her 18 years of service and special recognition to our 50+ year members. Seventies attire - Leisure Suits, Bell Bottoms and Platforms strongly encouraged

MARCH EVENTS & MEETINGS
Spine Tingles Book Club - Tuesday, March 6 - 10:00 a.m.
Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable – Saturday, March 10 – 9:00 a.m.
Green Team Committee Meeting - Thursday, March 15 - 7:00 p.m.
T.I.N.G. Temple Isaiah Business Networking Meeting – Tuesday, March 20 – 8:00 a.m.
Abolition of Human Trafficking (CAST) Passover Seder - Wednesday, March 21 - 6:00 p.m.
Isaiah <i>Women</i> Passover Seder & Dinner - Sunday, March 25 - 4:30 p.m.
APRIL EVENTS & MEETINGS
Spine Tingles Book Club - Tuesday, April 10 - 10:00 a.m.
Isaiah <i>Women</i> Mah Jongg Tournamen <i>t</i> - Sunday, April 15 - 1:15 p.m.
T.I.N.G. Temple Isaiah Business Networking Meeting – Tuesday, April 17 – 8:00 a.m.
Green Team Committee Meeting - Thursday, April 19 - 7:00 p.m.
Green Team Movie Screening - Saturday, April 28 - 2:30 p.m. (Tentative)

#### **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.

#### SHABBAT AT ISAIAH

If you are celebrating a special event, come and be honored at our First Friday Night Shabbat service of the month.

View our full Shabbat schedule on page 18.

Friday, March 2 Friday, March 9	Saturday, March 17	Saturday, March 24	Friday, April 6	Saturday, April 14	Friday, April 27
Saturday, March 3 Friday, March 16	Friday, March 23	Friday, March 30	Friday, April 13	Friday, April 20	Saturday, April 28
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Let us know if you have new contact information or wish to subscribe to our newsletters and receive our latest event updates.