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# **REFLECT, RENEW AND ACT**

by David Leichenger, President

Around our High Holy Days, we reflect about the year past and seek renewal for the year ahead. We recently honored and celebrated the 70th anniversary of Temple Isaiah and the community home that it has been and continues to be for so many.

During these High Holy Days, many of us are reflecting upon the insecurity, challenge, and fear faced by so many trying to find a place to comfortably claim as their home.

Seven decades after World War II, its resulting surge of Jewish settlement in Los Angeles, and the founding of Temple Isaiah, different kinds of tragedies have displaced hundreds of thousands of people. In Puerto Rico, almost exactly one year ago, Hurricane Maria—a natural disaster probably exacerbated by the effects of deleterious human behavior on our global climate—caused widespread devastation. The death toll remains unknown, but the storm left scores of survivors homeless.

In our Los Angeles community, a stable and affordable home is an increasingly elusive privilege. Rents have risen to rates that, for many, are out of reach. Over 50,000 people in Los Angeles County are homeless—a total as high as the population of a midsize American city. Nearly 10,000 of these are children or elderly.

At our country's borders, children and families seeking a safe home in the United States have been separated, abused, and imprisoned. The United States Supreme Court has decided that borders here can be closed based upon nationality and religious affiliation. Pending the current confirmation process for a vacancy on our high court, everything from voting rights to LGBTQ rights and the rights of women to control their bodies is at stake.

In the midst of great uncertainty and fear, we can all find security and strength in the connection to our community home at Temple Isaiah. We must stand firm and act together in the tradition of our home here and the values it represents. And, we must challenge ourselves to extend the benefits of our home and sanctuary to those around, and among, us who are being denied safety, refuge and other important human rights.

Security and comfort have never been inevitable for the Jewish people. They are never inevitable for any community without reflecting on what has transpired and is transpiring and on renewing the commitment to taking action necessary to respond and improve.

"Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue." Those are the words from Torah (translated from Hebrew) that are written above our own Temple Isaiah ark which houses our Torah scrolls. Those are guiding words and principle of Temple Isaiah, our culture, tradition, and purpose. That is the principle that binds us, has made and should continue to make us the community that we are.

May we renew this year to live and act those words to meet the great challenges and real threats that we are facing; to take clear, and definitive action to overcome these; and, to bring peace, respect, compassion and humanity to our greater community.

# THERE ONCE WAS A MAN WHO WAS UNHAPPY WITH HIS LIFE Adapted from a story told by Rabbi Ed Feinstein

There once was a man who was unhappy with his life his house was too small, his kids were always annoying him, his relationship with his wife was strained, his job was unfulfilling, and he was uninspired and disappointed with his life. One day, he called out to God saying, "God, my life is a waste. I'm ready for it all to be over - I'd like to enter Paradise right now!" God responded, "Are you sure you are ready to do that?" The man replied, "Absolutely!" With that, God told him that his wish was granted and that he should start walking towards Paradise - it turns out that it was not far from his village. He started on his journey, excited to enter Paradise where all would be perfect. At the end of the first day, he rested under a fruit tree, taking off his shoes and pointing them in the direction of Paradise - he wanted to be able to jump up the next morning and get on his way. While he slept, however, the shoes got turned around. When the man woke up, he ate from the tree, stepped into his shoes, and continued his journey to Paradise. As the day came to an end, he entered a village that resembled his own, though this village was different. As he sat in the town square, watching the townspeople go about their business, he noticed the joy on their faces, the songs of the birds in the trees, and the smells wafting through the air. He started to get hungry and wondered if this village had a street like his own street back at home. He came to a house which equally resembled his old house. He knocked on the door, and a woman who resembled his wife opened the door and declared, "I was wondering where you were the soup is on the table - go eat." Unlike his old home, this house was tidy and comfortable, with delicious smells wafting from the kitchen and adorable children laughing and running around. He sat down for the most delicious meal of his life. He was truly in Paradise. The next morning when he woke up, the woman thrust some tools into his hands and sent him off to work. He realized that even in Paradise, there was work to be done. And from that day on, no one could convince the man that he was not living in Paradise.



The High Holy Days season invites us to look again at our lives, our homes, and our families, and to find the jewels, gems, and treasures that may have been hidden in plain sight.

The High Holy Days season encourages us to return to the relationships that have pained us and consider the ways we might repair the breaches of trust and heal the broken places.

The High Holy Days season commands us to confront our mortality, asking, "Of what significance is this life?" and "Given the chance to live for another year, how will you live differently?"

This is a season that offers the possibility of powerful reflection and transformation. We are here to support your growth, your renewal and your recommitment to life in this New Year. Together, let us (re)discover a world of inspiration, purpose, and joy.

# Shana Tova,

Rabbis Dara Frimmer and Joel Nickerson

# **COMMUNICATION & NEW BEGINNINGS**

by Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles

As we begin the new year, we also roll the Torah back to the beginning. There, we find wonderful teachings about the importance of communication. After all,

# God created the world with words! Communication is about creating new worlds.

There is a wonderful interpretation of the story of Noah. The rabbis point out that the Hebrew word teva, which means "ark," can also be translated as "word." The founder of the Hasidic movement, the Baal Shem Tov, taught that when God tells Noah to enter the ark, God is also telling us to "Enter the word."

The rabbis suggest that the ark was designed with three floors to teach us that our words have multiple levels. The lowest level is ordinary speech. The second level is thoughtful speech. The top floor is holy speech or prayer.

God also instructs Noah to make a window in the ark. The Baal Shem Tov teaches that we need to make openings for light in our words. Our words should bring enlightenment and goodness to the world.

Like the ark, we are dedicated to reaching new levels of communication in the Religious School this year. To strengthen communication, we are excited to be using the Shutterfly Share Sites app. Each class will have its own "share site," and our teachers will be able to post messages to parents, pictures and videos from the classroom, and information on upcoming events. Also, parents will be able to coordinate with each other for Shabbat and play dates for the students. We are excited to have a new way to bring our community even closer.

May our words be filled with light. May our communication lead to the creation of deeper connections, stronger community, and a more beautiful and loving world.

If you are a Religious School parent, please go to the app store on your phone and download the free app "Shutterfly Share Sites" (not "Shutterfly Photos & Prints"). Your child's teacher will email you with an invitation to join your class's share site. Thank you.





# YOUTH GROUP *RE*-DEFINED

by Lisa Rostaing, Youth and Camp Director

What is a 'youth group' you may ask? As the name implies, Temple Isaiah has a group of youth who get together for purely fun opportunities. Open to all Temple Isaiah students, we have age-appropriate activities for social connectivity both inside and outside of the temple walls. The goal is to encourage friendship,

Jewish identity and increase the likelihood of staying connected to the temple and to each other through high school and into young adulthood.

Now open to 3rd graders! We've re-shuffled and re-branded our groups, and are so excited to roll out these new groups. ITY (Isaiah Temple Youth, now for grades 8-12) is run by a board of teens voted in each year by teen members at the Temple. The ITY board meets twice a month to plan, organize, and run its monthly events. JITY (formerly Jr. ITY) for grades 6-7 and ITY BITY (formerly CLUB 456) now for grades 3-5 each have a fun, social event every month. Often, we gather with other youth groups from other Southern California regions. All Temple Isaiah youth members and friends from other synagogues are invited to our open events and activities. We hope to see you at our next event!

# Full calendar available on the temple website, http://templeisaiah.com/youth-group.

ITY BITY (Grades 3-5)

Sunday, September 23 Monday, November 12 JITY (Grades 6-7) Sunday, September 23 Monday, November 12 ITY (Grades 8-12)\* Kick-Off Party | 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Universal Studios | 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Join JITY Council to plan future activities | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Universal Studios | 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\*ITY Calendar not set at time of publication

# MAZEL TOV TO THE NEWLY ELECTED ITY (Isaiah Temple Youth) 2018-2019 Board

Co-President – Michael Barash & Eli Howell Co-Programming VP – Adam Horwitz & Eli Lane Co-Social Action VP – Julia Dabney & Claire Saguy Co-Religious and Cultural VP – Ari Okin & Sasha Winett Co-Membership VP – Rafe Mori & Ella Winett Publicity VP – Emily Gross Financial VP – Arielle Ambrose Historian – Emma Raanan Secretary – Hannah Karni Song-Leading VP – Lindsay Galperson 9th Grade Rep – Elizabeth Shepherd 10th Grade Rep – Ella Harel NFTY SoCal Regional Historian – Aaron Selcov



*Contact Lisa Rostaing, Youth Director for more information about Temple Isaiah's youth groups! 310.277.2772 ext 23 or lisa@templeisaiah.com* 

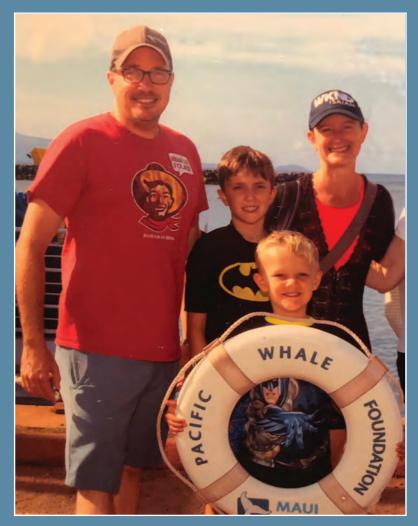
# A FACE TO TEMPLE ISAIAH'S PHILANTHROPY

interview by Seth Rosenzweig, Director of Philanthropy

We are delighted to introduce Kristen Lonner, who is the new VP of Development for Temple Isaiah's Board of Directors and works very closely with our Director of Philanthropy, Seth Rosenzweig. Lay leader involvement is crucial in helping to move our philanthropic goals forward as a community.

Kristen, proud mother of Temple Isaiah preschool graduates and current Religious School and Overland students Brody and Finn, and married to Jon who serves as a co-chair of the Endowment Campaign, sat down to share some of what inspires her volunteerism and why she feels development and enhancing the culture of philanthropy at Temple Isaiah is important.

You will also have an opportunity to hear more from Kristen at Yom Kippur Services during the appeal in both the family and the main service.



# **Q: WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?**

I grew up under the direction, and I mean direction, of two strong Southern women - Nana and Grandmother. These Southern grandmothers took my upbringing as their first and foremost mission in life. For one, I was long the only grandchild. For the other, I was the only girl. So, I had a special place in both of their lives - and later in life I discovered they in mine. Nana was a classic Southern housewife who valued sit down family dinners, her faith, and volunteerism. Grandmother was a ridiculously successful business woman who rose from secretary to executive board room and earned an honorary degree from Harvard along the way. If I can match what either one of them had in heart and grit, I will have succeeded. And for good measure, I have also long been inspired by former Texas Governor Ann Richards.

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# Q: WHAT DO YOU AND JON ENJOY AND APPRECIATE ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY?

Jon and I were lucky enough to join Isaiah through the preschool. We had no idea what Isaiah would give to our family. We have friends here we will have for life. We have a support network that we, unfortunately, had to test and that we know could never be met elsewhere. We love walking through the door and seeing friends. We love meeting new members and families and literally saying to them, "You have no idea the ride you just got on." Isaiah is more than a temple, more than a preschool, and more than a religious school; it is our living room – the place we feel most welcome and most at peace.

# Q: WHAT DO YOUR CHILDREN ENJOY ABOUT THEIR TEMPLE ISAIAH EXPERIENCES?

Both of our children are now out of the preschool. Time and time again they find themselves in activities, at summer camp or at a restaurant, they are surrounded by the friends they made in preschool. That bond is so deep. The excitement on their faces when they hear that this person or that person from preschool will be somewhere speaks to the love they have of Isaiah. It is wonderful to continue to see.

# **Q: WHY ARE YOU SERVING AS THE VP OF DEVELOPMENT?**

Those Southern grandmothers I mentioned before instilled in me the importance of giving back. One defined philanthropy as a gift of her time. The other, a gift of her checkbook. Both did not hesitate to give back and being asked was not a requirement. To me Tzedakah is one of the most important Jewish values we can instill in our children. The world is a bigger place than inside the four walls of our homes. We need to see the Isaiah community as an outgrowth of our families. We must take care of each other in our times of need, our times of celebration, and stand together in the moments that the world needs our community. Tzedakah teaches us to do just that.

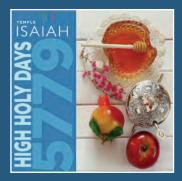
## **Q: WHY IS ANNUAL GIVING IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY?**

Giving back to this community that has given so much to me is something I have to do, and I want to do. I know that being VP of Development is not an easy job. Honestly, who wants to ask people for money? But I do not see this as a hard ask. Asking people to invest in the vision of Temple Isaiah and to continue its legacy as a beacon of hope for our children, our families, and the greater community is simple. To be frank, I am grateful to have been asked to take this on, and I am hopeful to share with all of you why giving to Isaiah is so important.

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# Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS COMMUNITY COULD ACCOMPLISH THROUGH GIVING?

If you have not had a chance to see the video that Allen Zipper put together for Isaiah's 70th on our website, take a moment and do that. It's not short, but find time to watch it all. Do you recognize any people in that video? Isaiah has hosted so many powerful individuals and Isaiah has helped forward the message of those people. And still today, Isaiah is home and connected to many important public figures from Los Angeles all the way to the national stage – and who knows who we might be growing right now in our community? These people can make real change to make our world a better place and to help continue the social justice work that Temple Isaiah of Los Angeles has been and is known for – all with the support of giving. Even more with your commitment to annual giving. Think about that for a minute. And then let me get you a Leadership Circle form.



Be sure to get your tickets for Yom Kippur morning services (and all High Holy Days services) to hear from Kristen and learn more about her moving story of how the Isaiah Community surrounded her with love during a recent difficult experience. We promise you will be moved.

Templeisaiah.com/high-holy-days-tickets

If you are interested in helping to move our philanthropic efforts forward or want to make a gift, please contact Seth Rosenzweig, Director of Philanthropy at seth@templeisaiah.com or visit www.templeisaiah.com/giving

# OFFERINGS OF THE USHPIZIN

by Devorah Servi, ChaiVillageLA Director



# According to Jewish mystical texts, the historical Ushpizin (guests) of Sukkot correspond to these specific spiritual qualities:

- Abraham love and kindness
- Isaac restraint and personal strength
- Jacob beauty and truth
- Moses eternality and Torah
- Aaron empathy and receptivity to divinity
- Joseph holiness and spirituality
- David the establishment of the kingdom of Heaven on Earth

# Similarly at the foundation of ChaiVillageLA are core Jewish values such as:

# Kehillah - Being Part of a Self-Governing Community

All ChaiVillageLA members are asked to contribute to the life of the community by providing services to other members or assisting in village governance or programming.

### B'tzelem Elohim - Empathy with Others

Everyone is created in the image of God; everyone deserves dignity and respect.

## Gemilut Hasadim - Compassionate Action

Being of service to others is a way of giving back for all the kindness we have received in our lives.

### • Bri'ut - Health and Wellbeing

One of the greatest ills of aging is isolation. ChaiVillageLA helps promote physical and mental health by expanding members' social capital.

## Limmud (or Talmud Torah) - Lifelong Learning

"Who is wise? The one who learns from everyone." As a community, we open ourselves to learn from one another and from what we each have to teach.

### • Bikkur Holim - Visiting Those in Need of Healing

One of the cornerstones of a Jewish community is attending to those who are ill. Attentive companionship helps speed the healing process.

#### • Tikkun Olam - Healing a Broken World

The borders of the community do not isolate or insulate us from the larger world around us. By modeling and consulting, we hope to help others create the healthy environments they need for living and aging in America.

This Sukkot we sadly invoke our own Ushpiz, ChaiVillageLA founder Richard Siegel z"l, who we invite into the Sukkah. Richard modeled for all of us *Limmud* as our community continuously learned through experimentation, as each member contributed his or her unique gifts, and new strategic collaborations were formed. Part of Richard's legacy will be the implementation of his tool exchange idea and sharing our model with other synagogues in Los Angeles and beyond.

On a personal note, I will miss his critical thinking abilities coupled with his capacity to sit mindfully and creatively amidst great uncertainty.

## LOOKING AHEAD

At ChaiVillageLA, we not only greet one another with *Gemilut Hasidim*, but we also turn our talents and passions outwardly in the spirit of *Tikkun Olam*. This fall, Idelle Davidson is spearheading one of our timely new initiatives - voter registration drives. Several members will also start volunteering at a school writing program called 826LA, while others will explore intergenerational technology training opportunities.

*B'tzelim Elohim* implies that every person is created in the image of God. Therefore, both individually and collectively, we have the potential to steer ChaiVillageLA in bold new directions.

We can hardly wait to see what the future will bring, while Richard watches over us.

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# LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

by Ellen Cole, Librarian

# PEOPLE OF THE BOOK AT HIGH HOLY DAYS AND AFTER

Holy books, secular books, and secular books about holy books are perfect companions to the coming High Holy Days. Come to your year-round treasure trove of great Jewish books: the Temple Library. Old favorites and new volumes are ready for adults and children. Young Leonard Berni

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The Levine Library is here for all of us: congregants, clergy, teachers, staff, students, seniors and parents. We offer reading for pleasure and research via print or computer. The Library is fully catalogued: if we have it, we can find it! Our hours vary to provide a time convenient for you: see the list below. Our location is convenient: we are walking distance from the Lobby coffee bar.

We offer Judaica in an incredibly rich range of subjects to help you ponder the theology of the High Holidays, pique your interest, match your adult education topic, or support your book club. Find bible, literature, music, art, theater, film, sports, spirituality, aging, wellness, crafts, criminals, economics, ecology, energy, history, politics, and personalities. Library books circulate; they may be renewed by phone or e-mail. Call ahead if you need to grab something on the fly. Drop in for the latest novel, provocative biography or hot non-fiction. What you see is not all you get. Have a request? We will do our best to fill it.

Religious School classes visit the library. Students review how to navigate a library, refresh computer searches and research methods. They investigate topics beyond regular lessons through the annual library reading contest. Students sign up for the annual reading contest in the Library. This school year the contest opens Sunday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 16.

Please come into the Library to find a book to gladden your heart and enlighten your mind. I look forward to seeing you. L'Shana Tova!

Warmly,

# Ellen G. Cole

Librarian

LIBRARY HOURS:

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

# SPINE TINGLES BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 9 - 10:30 a.m. to noon (Library)

All are welcome to join Librarian Ellen Cole for the discussion.

Enchanted Islands by Allison Amend

This haunting page turner of self identity and friendship follows the adventures of first generation Frances Frankowski, a runaway from her Yiddish home who lands in the Galapagos Islands on a spy assignment during World War II.

# LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S READING CONTEST OPENS

GOLDA MEIR AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL

## Sunday, October 14

Tuesday, October 16

Leonard Bernstein



# WRESTLING WITH IMMIGRATION

To mark **Tisha B'Av,** I joined Rabbi Frimmer

and other Isaians in a Jewish-organized protest calling for families separated at the border to be reunited. I felt a profound spiritual power in lamenting this injustice. With my passion were personal anxieties: my father is an immigrant from China, and now I read about a new effort to revoke the citizenship of some naturalized citizens. I can't imagine my father would be targeted, but can I be sure of anything these days?

On *Tisha B'Av*, Jews lament. But in the *Days of Awe*, we are called to reflect. And so I take a moment to set aside my passion and my fear, and appreciate how immigration can be a complicated topic of conflicting feelings. Diving into Jewish tradition, I hope it will offer me insights into that complexity.

My own Litvak ancestors faced a crisis in 1648. Jewish refugees from massacres down south came fleeing for their lives. The rabbinical leadership felt obligated to help them, but realized some poor villages could only take in so many before their resources were strained. So the rabbis took in some refugees, even organized financial aid...but also passed restrictions, called chezkat hayishuv, on where people could take up residence.

That was a hard choice, and our tradition wrestles with hard choices. It takes seriously a nation's need to have borders for its own security. In fact, Jews are allowed to

violate the Sabbath in order to repel outsiders from Israel's boundaries (Caro, *Shulchan Aruch*, Orach Chaim 229:6).

However, the principle of pikuach nefesh declares that we may violate almost any commandment to save a life. The Torah speaks strongly about those fleeing persecution. The nations of Ammon and Moab are condemned for not meeting us with bread and water when we fled slavery (Deuteronomy 23:3-4). Just twelve verses later, we are prohibited from sending an escaping slave back to his master.

In the case of refugees, our nation has tried to save lives but protect against terrorists and criminals slipping in. Under the previous Administration, refugees were first interviewed by the UN, then by the State Department, then underwent 2-3 background checks through security databases, then were given three additional screenings through fingerprint databases, a stricter interview with Homeland Security, a disease screening, and a cultural orientation class. Syrians were given an additional layer of checks. The current Administration has announced it will have a stricter process.

In the case of immigrants in general, the Talmud also recognizes concerns about the economic well-being of those already living here. Rav Huna says a town may prevent an immigrant from coming in and setting up a business that competes with that of a current resident.

However, the Rav states that if the immigrant pays taxes, he is free to set up a competing business. (Bava Batra 21b) I learned that many undocumented immigrants who work in this country actually pay higher taxes than their coworkers, since their payroll taxes are withheld but they cannot file for any refunds come April 15th.

I'm unsure how many people would adopt the Rav's principle, but regardless his words remind me both to consider the economic fears of long-time residents AND recognize the contributions of all types of immigrants.

And this is just a start. I now realize how much more I have to learn about both immigration policy and Jewish tradition.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE GREEN TEAM

# **ANOTHER UNDOING PROJECT**

So many have worked so long and so hard only to now witness the rapid unraveling set in motion by the following federal actions. And this is only a partial list!

• Withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement to limit the earth's temperature rise. This accord was signed by 195 out of 197 nations.

• Working to roll back future car and light truck fuel economy standards [34.1MPG IN 2016, 50+mpg in 2025]<sup>1</sup>

• Proposing to rescind California's 51 year-old right to set its own auto emission standards, a right granted because of our unique air quality problems, and standards used by 12 other states.

• Attempting to prop up a dying, polluting coal industry, and weakening the Clean Power Plan so that polluting coal plants will only be required to make minor changes to curb toxic emissions. • Proposing to scale back the Clean Water Rule in order to limit the waterways and wetlands that are protected by the Clean Water Act.

• Purging expressions like "climate change" from government websites and reports, discouraging the study of climate change and requiring permission from political appointees to speak to journalists.<sup>2</sup>

• Keeping a double set of appointment records to conceal industry contacts with the EPA.

• Eliminating Environmental Impact Reports as determinants in infrastructure improvements.

• Shrinking national parks by reducing some of our national treasures to sites of commercial exploitation.

• Seeking to significantly expand oil and gas exploration, risking environmental disasters and accelerated climate change.

Join the Green Team and let us work together to fight these changes which only mean more air and water pollution, thus increasing health hazards, and accelerated climate changes. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

1. A Brief History of U.S. Fuel Efficiency Standards | Union of Concerned Scientists 2. Silencing Climate Science - Sabin Center for Climate Change Law

# SOVA FOOD DRIVE by June Wynbrandt

# TEMPLE ISAIAH & JFS/SOVA PARTNER TOGETHER FOR OUR HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE 2018/5779!

JFS/SOVA fights hunger and poverty in our community by providing food and supportive services to more than 9,000 clients each month, one in three of whom is a child. Others are seniors without a support network, families struggling after a parent lost his/her job, or homeless individuals trying to turn their lives around.



**SOVA** provides a four to five days' supply of groceries to help them make it through the month, and has social workers on site to help its clients help themselves on the path to financial stability. But recent budget cuts have deeply affected the program. The hours of operation, paid staff, and areas of service have been greatly reduced.

**HOWEVER, YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS**. And it is easy. In the Temple lobby, there are permanent food donation barrels and bins for toiletries. **SOVA is ALWAYS** accepting donations and needs them throughout the year. But in the spirit of the High Holy Days, there will be large bins in the garage throughout the month of September. Please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** foods and **NEW** toiletries to donate when you come to Temple for services, classes, study or celebrations. With that simple gesture, you can partner with **SOVA** to transform our community.

(BINS LOCATED IN THE MAIN LOBBY AND GARAGE) For more information about **SOVA** visit our TI/SOVA web page at templeisaiah.com/sova.

# ISAIAH WOMEN - September/October Calendar of Events

Dining on a cool autumn evening under the Sukkah on the Volmer Deck at Temple Isaiah with 60 sisterhood members and guests is an event that we all look forward to every year. The High Holidays will have concluded and everyone is happy to spend a joyous evening celebrating this harvest holiday as we express appreciation for another year of friendship and learning. Last year Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles led us on a fun adventure in which we pretended to be Super Woman, soaring through the world solving problems. This year, we are fortunate to be joined by Rabbi Joel Nickerson.

Please join us for this wonderful evening, September 27, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for Isaiah Women members and \$18.00 for guests.

Female friends of members and daughters over 12 are welcome. We will be collecting gently used sweaters, coats and blankets to be donated to the National Council of Jewish Women of LA (NCJWLA). If you wish to attend, please email me and I will send you a link to sign up.

If you have not already joined Isaiah Women and wish to do so, feel free to email me and I will be happy to forward you the application link.

Shana Tovah U'metukah,

Ginny Solomon

President, Isaiah Women

iginski@yahoo.com

# JOIN US FOR THESE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS

# **SEPTEMBER**

Friday, September 7 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## **Challah Baking and Book Talk**

Author Beth Ricanati, MD will discuss her new book, *Braided: A Journey of a Thousand Challahs* and then the group will make Challah together.

At the home of Sherri Zigman. Space is limited.

Cost: \$20 per person - Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to Sherri Zigman at sherrizigman@gmail.com

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# Wednesday, September 12 | 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **Lilith Salon**

Please join us for our next Lilith Salon at the home of Martha Sklar. The group meets quarterly for an evening of lively discussion and conversation based on articles from *Lilith Magazine*.

For more information, contact Elaine Diamond at

ediamond27@hotmail.com or 310.474.7991.

Thursday, September 27 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

# Isaiah Women Sukkot Dinner



Join us in the Sukkah on the Volmer Deck. Rabbi Joel will lead the program. We are asking for participants to bring gently used sweaters, coats or blankets for donation.

Cost: \$12 for IW members, \$18 for guests/non-members RSVP to Linda Glaser by September 24 at Iglaser@sbcglobal.net

# OCTOBER

# Tuesday, October 16 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Isaiah Women Book Group, "Cover to Cover"

Book: Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee.

NY Times Notable Book of 2017. A story of love, sacrifice, ambition and loyalty.

RSVP to Tina Feiger at tinafeiger@hotmail.com for location

# Thursday, October 18 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

# Isaiah Women Celebrates Rosh Hodesh

A light dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Weinman. Our clergy-led program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring items for SOVA. Free for Isaiah Women members.

RSVP to Ann Weinman: annweinman@me.com

# Thursday, October 25 | TIME (TBD)

## The Great Challah Bake-off

For more information, contact Andrea Daniels at

andrea@heartlightonline.com

## Saturday, November 3 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### International Wine Tasting Evening

Join us at the home of Sherri Zigman for appetizers, desserts and wines from around the world. A Sommelier will be on hand to guide our tastings. Spouses/significant others welcome!

Cost: \$30 per person - "BYOG" (Bring Your Own Glass). RSVP to Sari Spiro at spirojjs@gmail.com for location



# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SHABBAT SCHEDULE

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

#### Friday Night Shabbat

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

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

Oneg to follow



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# **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

#### Friday Night Shabbat

Back to School and Shabbat Shuvah - Join us for this special Shabbat hosted by our Religious School. The entire community is welcome.

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

Dinner to follow - RSVP required . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

# **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

## Friday Night Shabbat

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

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

Oneg to follow



# SUKKOT

# **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Celebrate Shabbat in our sukkah with members of all ages and our full musical band. Bring your own dinner to follow service.

5:45 p.m.	Pre-Oneg
6:15 p.m.	Services
7:15 p.m.	BYO Dinner in the Sukkah

# **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

#### Friday Night Shabbat

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

6:15 p.m. Services

Oneg to follow

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# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

### 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

With guest speaker - a representative from the League of Women Voters 



# **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

#### Friday Night Shabbat

Hip Hop Shabbat! - Experience the combination of Hip Hop, R&B, Electronic Dance Music (EDM), and electric guitar solos as we create an eclectic, high-energy, and mind-expanding approach to Shabbat. Come and participate in this unique prayer service that will get you singing and dancing.

5:45 p.m. Extended Oneg

6:45 p.m.	Services
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Oneg to follow

# TWO SERVICES

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26**

#### Friday Night Family Shabbat

Welcome Back to Shul! Family service - Our Shabbat Family service 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.i	m. F	-amily	Shabbat	Service

5:00 p.m.	Family Shabbat Dinner	for young families
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RSVP required

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#### Friday Night Shabbat

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

# SAVE THE DATE

# **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Join us for the installation of Rabbis Frimmer and Nickerson.
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6:15 p.m.	Services
7:45 p.m.	Enhanced Oneg

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# HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

# JOIN US FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

<u>Erev Rosh Hashanah</u> UCLA - Royce Hall Sunday, September 9 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Day One UCLA - Royce Hall Monday, September 10 8:30 a.m. (Family)\* 11:15 a.m. (Morning)\*

<u>Teen Services</u> UCLA - Rehearsal Room 11:30 a.m.

<u>Tashlich At The Beach</u> Santa Monica - Lifeguard Station 22 4:30 p.m.

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<u>Kol Nidre</u> UCLA - Royce Hall Tuesday, September 18 7:30 p.m.

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<u>Yom Kippur</u> UCLA - Royce Hall Wednesday, September 19 8:30 a.m. (Family)\* 11:15 a.m. (Morning)\*

<u>Teen Services</u> UCLA - Rehearsal Room 11:30 a.m.

# <u>Afternoon Services</u> 2:00 p.m. (Speaker)

**3:30 p.m. (Healing Yoga & Meditation)** (Led by our new Cantorial Soloist, Rabbi Jaclyn Cohen) Reflect on a year passed and look toward a year yet-to-be at this contemplative afternoon gathering. We'll hold some yoga poses, chant tunes both new and familiar and focus on reflection and intention. No prior experience with yoga or meditation necessary. **3:30 p.m. (Afternoon Service)** 

4:15 p.m. (Yizkor & Ne'ilah)

\*Child Care Available

# EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

# Spiritual Soul Cycle: Setting Your Course For The New Year Adults Only House Party - Please Dress in White

Join us for an evening of conversation and community in the beautiful home of Ben and Lilli Lee. Saturday, September 1 | 8:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Passed Hors D'oeuvres and Seasonal Drinks
8:45 p.m. Clergy will lead you through a Selichot ritual of reflection to set your course for the new year
9:30 p.m. Dessert

*Limited Parking - We strongly encourage using Lyft or Uber RSVP required* 

<u>Paddleboarding & Prayer</u> Malibu Surf Shack Sunday, September 16 | 9:30 a.m. *RSVP required* 

Sukkot & Shabbat Celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat in our sukkah with members of all ages. Followed by a bring- your-own-picnic dinner under the stars. Friday, September 28 6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m. BYO Dinner

Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service

Join us for an unforgettable celebration as we unroll and dance with the Torah. Temple Isaiah Sunday, September 30 5:00 p.m. Yizkor 5:30 p.m. Dinner *RSVP* required 6:30 p.m. Service & Unrolling of the Torah

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE HIGH HOLY DAYS EVENTS VISIT TEMPLEISAIAH.COM





Jacob Hedges Son of Karen and Matt Hedges Saturday, October 6, 2018



Gwendolyn Smith Daughter of Sheri Bluebond and Brad Smith Saturday, October 13, 2018

Billie Waxler Daughter of Jennifer and Todd Waxler Saturday, <u>October 6, 2018</u>



Madeline Altman Daughter of Marnie and Paul Altman Saturday, October 13, 2018



Maya Silver Daughter of Ariella and Jonathan Silver Saturday, September 22, 2018



Teddie Waxler Daughter of Jennifer and Todd Waxler Saturday, October 6, 2018



Sophie Gelfand Daughter of Leslie and Jonathan Gelfand Saturday, October 27, 2018



Amelia Bluman Daughter of Stephanie Leifer and Jonathan Bluman Saturday, September 29, 2018



Geoffrey Smith Son of Sheri Bluebond and Brad Smith Saturday, October 13, 2018



Joshua Rodman Son of Daria Saeedi Rodman and David Rodman Saturday, October 27, 2018

# LIFECYCLES

# **MILESTONES**

**Mazel Tov to:** Anne Elman, on the birth of her great grandson Tycho Santor; Preschool Teacher Yamit Yechezkel, on her engagement to Michael Florentine; Preschool Teacher Jessica Kashani, on her engagement to Brian Anav; Marta and Shawn Pakizegi, on the birth of their son Aaron Roman; Lindsy Forbess and Mauricio de la Lama, on the birth of their son Gabriel Joaquin; Tina and Maurice Ahdoot, on the birth of their daughter Gia Tova; Ashley and Eric Chafetz, on the birth of their daughter Mia Riley; Tamar (Edward) Andrews, on the birth of their granddaughter Maya Marcelle Benrimon; Preschool Teacher Ledin Damas, on the birth of her son Diego.

# SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Cantor Tifani Coyot, on the death of her aunt June Katoff; Jasmin Javaheri, on the death of her grandmother Homa Hashemieh Kianfar; Bill Warnick, on the death of his wife Ann Warnick; Andy Reimer, on the death of his mother Nancy Beryl Rabinowitz Reimer; Suzanne Landis, on the death of her father David Rowen; Denise Farahmand, on the death of her husband Hooman.

# SPEEDY RECOVERY

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Max Isakow, Estelle Katz, Jonah Isackson, Phyllis Seigel, Selma Edelman.

# SEPTEMBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES

#### September 7

Dorothy Blitzer Barney Dagen Fannie Feldman Benjamin Ferguson Jean Freedman **Rudolph Heller** S Harry Hyman A G Isenberg Doris Jacobs Zachary Justman Dollv Keisler Isadore Marx Louis Riave David Rucker Rose Shapiro Helen Shine **Bernice Smith** Sara Terrence Leon Wasserman

#### September 14 Celia Barker

Israel Binen Gussie Birken Joel Davis Jay Kaplan Anna Korn Ida Leinow Birdye Milner Sidney Needelman Ida Neiditch Jean Sall Olive Shine Max Shushan Ethel Wilkey Sol Winnick Helen Wynbrandt

## September 21

Mollie Abeles Freida Avidon Jacob Banoff Louis Baumer Sally J. Brener Myra Brown Ameila Fabian Mildred Goldstein Helen Goldve Nathan Greenspan Herman Kertz Irene Lipman Joseph Markman Myra Nalibotsky **Belle Schechter** Pauline Schneider Barney Shane Jacob Shapiro Barnett Sherman Jack Simon **David Simons** William Stern Albert Tiger Philp Yudovin

### September 28

Bessie Fainstein Charles Goldberg Ida Gurvitch Patricia Hallner Etka Huss Anna Jacobs Charles Jacobs Robert Khan Charles Landau Celia Pfeifer Tillve Rich Anna Rosenberg Samuel Shine Freyda Spatz Dorothy Stein Cipra Weisbart

# **OCTOBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

#### **October 5**

Sam Berniker Joseph Blumberg Frances Deerson Phillip Garden Leo Hirsch Ellen Joseph Florence Osheroff Max Pullan Anna Schwartz Faye Silverman David Spasser Nancy Speed Minnie Yudovin

## October 12

Syrel Balser **Charles Bellman** Annette Brounstein Esther Brounstein Frances Canter Ralph Cohen Louis Dash George DeRoy David Korman Dora Koskoff Mollie Kotz Abe Krimstein Harry Kuppin Charles Lieberman Fanny Light Kate Loeb Herman Reffe Rose Rokaw Ralph Rosner Miriam Shachory Georgiana Sidlow Hannah Silverstone Bernard Sklar David Stell Fave Tuch Miriam Wershow Howard Zeidenfeld

## October 19

Ralph Amado Eva Berniker Samuel Blau Minnie Caplan Jack Colvin Samuel Davidson Celia Grimes Anne Ostrv Max Pastor Jack Pullan Max Schloss Henry Schnitman Itzchak Schuchmacher Sadie Shannahoff Lillian Wasserman Irving Wershow Jacob Yavitch Phillip Zeff

#### August 26

Jennie Bobrov Morris Cohen Evelyn Dyser Bernard Fabian Joe Flatte Max Jospeh Milton Lehman Herman Loevner David Paller David Sigall Byron Smith David Steinberg Anna Wager

# **CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS**

## CAHN ULPAN FUND

*in memory of* Hans Fraenkel by Hannah Cahn

# **CARING COMMUNITY**

*in celebration of* Marty Solig on his 80th Birthday by Joseph Goldfarb

# in memory of

Herman Berkovitz by Sherilee and Sumner Feldman Janet Cynkus by Judie Rice Norman Reamer by Deborah Reamer and Andrew Clare

## **CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*in appreciation of* Rabbi Klein Miles' kindness during our time of mourning by Roxana and Farzad Yadidian

### in honor of

Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles' 18 years at Temple Isaiah by Jacqueline Rosner

## in memory of

Bertie Murphy by Diane Murray Betty Borden by Corlyn Schwab and Bill Weinman Carl Reiner by Susan and David Rosenblum Harriet Swerdlick by Susan and David Rosenblum Clara Brother Rosen by Ellie and Fred Rosen David Gantz by Laurie Gantz Dr. James David Gordon by Judith and Barry Posner Ellen Brener by Barbara Parker Ethan Holzman by Emily Caniner

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#### thank you to

Rabbi Frimmer for making our Trivia Night a great event by Temple Isaiah-Isaiah Women Rabbi Klein Miles for making our Rosh Hodesh gathering warm and meaningful by Temple Isaiah-Isaiah Women Cantor Coyot for making Livia's naming special by Katherine and Matthew Friedman

## **DONNA GROSS FUND**

#### in memory of

Donna Gross by Barbara and Blaine Handell Mel Gross by Barbara and Blaine Handell

# ELLEN GOLDBERG RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND CAMPERSHIP FUND

*in memory of* David Rowen by Jerelyn and Joey Newman

# GAIL SOLO YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND

*in honor and my respect for* Rabbi Klein Miles' epic magnificence by Gail Solo

## in honor of

the marriage of Ron and Avis Codron by Gail Solo

#### in memory of

Jack Freeman by Gail and Terry Feigenbaum

# GREEN TEAM EARTH STEWARDSHIP FUND

speedy recovery to Albert Algaze by Sherilee and Sumner Feldman

## HASHARIM

# *mazel tov to* Renee Hurewitz on her special birthday by Helene and Barry Korn

# HUREWITZ FAMILY MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

#### mazel tov to

Renee Hurewitz on her eightieth birthday by Lorna and Michael Belman

A big thank you to those who have contributed to the various Temple funds. Your contributions allow us to do so much and give back to the community. A true mitzvah!

#### in honor of

Renee Hurewitz' 80th Birthday by Geri and Gary Rosenberg Renee Hurewitz' Special Birthday by Jacqueline Rosner

# **ISRAEL ACTION FUND**

*in memory of* William Perry by Kim Perry and Larry Zucker

## LEVINE LIBRARY FUND

#### in memory of

Chuck Panama by Ellen and Marshall Cole Eddie Ilan by Gail and Terry Feigenbaum Lisa Engel by Wendy Plottel Miriam Wells by Karol Wells Naomi Goldurs by Julie and Alan Grass

### **PRESCHOOL SUPPORT FUND**

## in memory of

Celia Murray by Diane Murray Enrique Goyhman by Judie Rice Jessica Cynkus by Judie Rice

## **RABBI LEWIS MEMORIAL FUND**

#### in memory of

Anna Jacobs by Ira Salzman Erwin Abrams by Suzanne and Martin Solig Herman Fishman by Ronnie Fishman Ike Jacobs by Ira Salzman

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### in memory of

Michel Cynkus by Judie Rice Sarah Cynkus by Judie Rice Harry Cynkus by Judie Rice Selma Rice by Judie Rice

#### **ROSALEE LIPMAN FUND**

*in memory of:* Hyman Lipman by Donald Lipman

## SKLAR CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*in honor of* Gabrielle and David's marriage by Martha Sklar

## in memory of

Henry Milner by Susan and Leonard Milner Irving Weiss by Martha Sklar Lisa Engel by Martha Sklar

### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

#### in memory of

Henry Solig by Suzanne and Martin Solig Laurel Carson by Wendy and Jeff Turk

## **YAHRZEIT FUND**

#### in memory of

Belle Owens by Madeline and Kenneth Wolf Betty Belawsky by Helene Cetner Etta Cetner by Helene Cetner Nathan Cetner by Helene Cetner Igor Sinkevytch by Maryna and Parham Partielli

Jeanne Hopp by Anne and Lawrence Hopp Lillian Altman by Caroline and Robert Altman Marc Reiter by Genise Reiter and Geoffrey Tully Molly Abelman by Myrna and William Hant Fred Abelman by Myrna and William Hant Sandy Milden by Martin Milden Shirlev Reiter by Genise Reiter and Geoffrey Tully Ursula Levi by Ms. Gail Thill Vicki Kwawer by Allen Kwawer



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# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

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T.I.N.G. Temple Isaiah Business Networking Meeting – Tuesday, September 18 – 8:00 a.m.

Green Team Meeting - Thursday, September 20 - 7:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER EVENTS & MEETINGS** 

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Join us for a relevant and resonant conversation about religion, faith and politics in the 21st century with Rabbis Nickerson, Frimmer, Pastor Rob Bell and special guests.

Saturday, Nov 10 - 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

# ONGOING

Senior Grief Support Group – Every other 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 13

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Friday, Oct 5 - Friday, Oct 12 - Friday, Oct 19 - Friday, Oct 26

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