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REPAIR OUR EARTH

by David Leichenger, President

Tu B'Shevat has evolved into Jewish 'Earth Day.' In many places, including in Israel, trees are planted in recognition and celebration.

In the spirit of the holiday, we should consider the state of our earth and what we can, and must, do to repair and preserve it.

Just about two months ago, our federal government released the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA - nca2018.globalchange.gov). According to the NCA, the report is mandated by Congress and was produced by a "team of more than 300 federal and non-federal experts... (and) was thoroughly reviewed by external experts and the general public, as well as the Federal Government", including 13 federal agencies.

In the Summary Findings section titled "Communities," the Report explains: "Climate change creates new risks and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities in communities across the United States, presenting growing challenges to human health and safety, quality of life, and the rate of economic growth."

The Overview section further explains:

"Earth's climate is now changing faster than at any point in the history of modern civilization, primarily as a result of human activities. The impacts of global climate change are already being felt in the United States and are projected to intensify in the future—but the severity of future impacts will depend largely on actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the changes that will occur."

"Decisions made today determine risk exposure for current and future generations and will either broaden or limit options to reduce the negative consequences of climate change. While Americans are responding in ways that can bolster resilience and improve livelihoods, neither global efforts to mitigate the causes of climate change nor regional efforts to adapt to the impacts currently approach the scales needed to avoid substantial damages to the U.S. economy, environment, and human health and well-being over the coming decades."

As we often acknowledge, we, as Jews, are among the repairers of the world.

Last year, two of our dedicated congregants, Green Team members and repairers, Jessica Dabney and Jim Winett, participated in a training retreat held by the organization Climate Reality. In November, at a dinner following a Jazz Shabbat service, they shared some of their learning. Among other compelling information, they identified ten lifestyle actions that we can adopt to help improve the harmful impact that humankind has caused and continues to cause to our earth. Those actions include:

- 1. Carpool, use public transportation, ride a bicycle or drive an electric vehicle
- 2. Eliminate single-use items (plastic cups, utensils, straws, baggies) and use re-usable items everywhere
- 3. Stay off of airplanes
- 4. Eliminate or seriously reduce red meat in your diet, become a "weekday vegetarian"
- 5. Shut off all lights, computers, tablets, phones and powerstrips when not in use
- 6. Wash your clothes in cold water and line dry when you can
- 7. Combine trips to the store, combine errands or walk to the store
- 8. Eliminate or reduce your printing. Paper is carbon intensive
- 9. Reduce your use of natural gas—it is probably extracted by fracking
- 10. Finally, VOTE as if your world depended on it, because your world does depend on it

As a community of repairers and in recognition of Tu B'shevat, wouldn't it be great if each of us committed to at least five of these lifestyle action items (in addition to those that we already may live) and also seriously encourage at least three other people to do the same?

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY

by Co-Senior Rabbis, Dara Frimmer and Joel Nickerson



In the Torah, God speaks directly to the Israelites. While they struggled to obey and adhere to God's laws, we know they heard God's message. Fast forward to our ancestors' arrival in the land of Ancient Israel, and we see that the prophets were needed to interpret God's call. The farther we got from the foot of Mt. Sinai, the more help we needed to understand and access the wisdom of our tradition.

In the 1400s, Gutenberg's invention of the printing press allowed Jews to hear the call of our tradition through mass produced prayer books and Torah commentaries. And, today, we have the internet, which allows us to share not just words, but images and sounds and experiences with the click of a mouse.

Our capacity to adapt and innovate is one of our greatest strengths and we are proud to introduce Temple Isaiah's newest tool for interpretation and communication.

A few months ago, with the help of Rabbi Dara's husband, Michael Yanow, we launched our podcast: **The Clergy Suite.** Now, while you commute to work, wait in line at the grocery store, or find 20 minutes to sit with a hot cup of coffee, you can enjoy Shabbat sermons, guest speakers, and conversations between members of the clergy team on Jewish ritual, parenthood, holidays, and living life at the intersection of tradition and innovation.

Our capacity to adapt and innovate is one of our greatest strengths and we are proud to introduce Temple Isaiah's newest tool for interpretation and communication. Another innovation in communication, still in development, is livestream. Thanks to your generosity, we upgraded our sound system in the sanctuary and now have capacity to livestream Shabbat and holiday services, as well as guest speakers. This exciting new feature allows anyone to 'join us' in the sanctuary even if they are traveling internationally or just too tired to fight the traffic on the way to Temple.

This is part of our commitment to bring Temple Isaiah "Beyond the Walls." Every member of our community, on or off our campus, should feel invited and excited to engage in the learning we provide. We also believe in our message and want to share it widely. Take a listen and see what you think. If you like it, share a podcast track on social media. Remind your family members and friends they can take a look at our services on Friday nights by clicking the Media section on our website. We're excited to develop these platforms and would love your feedback on what you're hearing and seeing.

So, come stand with us at the intersection of tradition and innovation, as we listen anew for God's call and the wisdom of our ancestors.

To subscribe to the Temple Isaiah podcast, search for "The Clergy Suite Podcast by Temple Isaiah" on iTunes (or your favorite podcast player) and click 'Subscribe' to get the newest episodes. More information about livestreaming services will be coming soon.



PLANTING SEEDS

by Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles

This year for the first time in our Religious School, we have started a Tot Religious School class that meets twice a month. The idea was planted when a few parents expressed a wish for something for the younger

siblings of Religious School students to do on Sundays too. The idea has kept growing. In September there were five children enrolled, and now there are eleven.

The teacher, Gali Nis, who grew up in Israel, also teaches in our Preschool. She has rich experience in child development. She says, "I give the children in my class many opportunities to get messy and explore. I am a hands-on kind of person. I'm looking forward to seeing your children grow into their Jewish identities."

In the Tot Religious School class, each student has a large canvas, and they add to the canvas in each session. Art is a highly engaging activity. It helps young children get to know each other and connect through creativity. Each session, they add different types of paint or other materials, representing what they learned that day about Jewish values, Torah, and holidays. At the end of the year, they will bring home their masterpiece, a visual record of their growth and learning.

It is such a privilege for us all - clergy, educators, and parents - to tend these unique souls at such a tender age and to witness their gradual flowering into thoughtful, creative, independent, beautiful, contributing members of our community.





TEMPLE ISAIAH FAMILY TRIPS AND CAMP RETREATS







JOIN US FOR THE WKND TEMPLE ISAIAH'S FAMILY CAMP 2019

We want you and your families to be part of The WKND! Join Temple Isaiah Preschool and Religious School families for a weekend full of Shabbat activities, relaxation, socializing, outdoor fun, parent-only programming (with simultaneous activities for the kids) and making new memories. With return guest Artist-In-Residence, Josh Nelson, who wowed us with his one-man show at the Adults Only Evening Party!



THE WKND MAY 3-5, 2019 - REGISTRATION OPENS JAN 29

For more information contact Stephanie Schwartz at stephanie@templeisaiah.com



Just as the Israelites left Egypt and went into the desert to receive the Torah at the holiday of Shavuot, so will we leave the city and the oppression and go to the desert for the holiday of Shavuot. Only we won't be staying in tents and eating manna, we will be doing it in total glammed out fashion at the Hyatt Regency in Indian Wells.



It is the official start of RSVP time for our **Annual Palm Springs Preschool Getaway, Friday, June 7-10.** We have secured such an incredible deal that we don't want you to miss out on this fabulous getaway with other preschool families and friends. Fifty rooms have been blocked at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa at a discounted rate.

With a special Saturday evening Shavuot buffet banquet; and our clergy and Preschool staff on hand, we will make sure you have a festive Shavuot holiday and memorable weekend. How can you possibly say no to that?

Book Your Room Today at hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHAMP/G-TIS1

An additional Preschool Getaway Fee of \$75 per adult will be billed upon your booking to cover costs of swag and food that we will be providing throughout the weekend. And if you need childcare, an additional \$25 fee per child will also be added if you select that service. We can only accept up to 50 children for childcare, so the early bird gets the worm.

There are no excuses in life, only really fun and joyous occasions to be spent with family and friends. We hope you join us this summer!

Tamar Andrew, Director of Early Childhood Education

MUS CAL 2019 ART STS-IN-RESIDENCE





JANUARY 6 | 9:45 A.M.

RICK RECHT COMES TO ISAIAH FOR A CONCERT DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICES

Rick has revolutionized and elevated the genre of Jewish rock music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity in youth and adults across the US. All parents welcome!



MAY 3-5

JOSH NELSON RETURNS TO PLAY AT THE WKND (FAMILY CAMP 2019)

One of the most popular performers and composers in modern Jewish music, Josh Nelson brings his extraordinary message of hope, unity and spirituality to concert stages and worship services across the globe.



SAVE THE DATES | May 17-19 DAN NICHOLS

Singer, Songwriter and Educator Dan Nichols is returning to Temple Isaiah offering programming for all ages. His last Artist-In-Residency here was extremely powerful and moving! Over the course of 72 hours he led worship and song sessions, shared his story, and taught over 500 members of our community.

We can't wait to have him back to do it all again!



HILLEL SMITH, TORAH PORTION EXHIBIT - Artist / Graphic Designer

We are excited to present an art exhibit at Temple Isaiah January - February of Artist Hillel Smith's "Parsha Posters", a collection of concert posters inspired by each Torah Portion. This series was a year-long collection of illustrations, and will be displayed in the Temple Lobby.

Hillel was raised on a diet of Spider-man and X-men; he discovered street art around age 12 while biking through painted alleys en route to the comic shop. Although he was interested in the rituals and stories of his people, he found little inspiration in his Orthodox day school education. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in visual studies, he returned to Los Angeles where he began to experiment with spray paint. Realizing that LA's mural scene was deeply influenced by the heritage of its artists, but that the Jewish voice was not represented, he began to paint large Hebrew murals around

the city. He has since also painted Hebrew murals in Israel, and at the Fendi headquarters in Rome, bringing a new aesthetic to Jewish text. In addition, Hillel lectures on the history of Hebrew design and teaches workshops where he encourages participants to express their identity through art. Hillel's redefinition of the bounds of Jewish art extends to other projects that meld traditional content with modern design.

RÉSUMÉ-BUILDING FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

by Lisa Rostaing, Youth and Camp Director



How important is it for your teen to gain valuable work experience that produces useful life skills? How important is it to build a college résumé as well as a career résumé? As most older teens and young adults are looking for opportunities that will help them become a shining star and a standout candidate in future competitive job markets, the skill sets acquired as a summer camp counselor give foundational tools for successful career-building habits.

As the Director of Camp Isaiah since 2004, I have employed over 350 people for summer work, predominantly in the age range of 16-25. In reading job applications, interviewing candidates, listening to references, there are many attributes I can vet, and many more that come from being 'on the job.' A camp counselor needs to be a leader (literally), take initiative, while also being a

team player. Someone who can handle creative programming with co-counselors while simultaneously communicating instructions and age-appropriate interactions with their campers. Counselors must have a solid work ethic, demonstrate responsibility, organization and preparation, and think (quickly) on their feet. Even my shyer counselors must be able to speak publicly to both large and small audiences, putting themselves out there in sometimes silly capacities. One of the greatest skills that come from being a camp counselor is the ability to take constructive criticism from a boss, peers, and constituents. While effectively managing time and people, camp counselors often must have incredible problem-solving abilities, particularly in high-heat situations. One time, during a sports elective, a young camper began to cry while other campers became defensive. The 16-year-old counselor had to quickly assess the situation, figure out why the young camper was in tears by listening to him and giving emotional reassurance while simultaneously diffusing the high-heat emotions of the other campers. She had to resolve and restore any hurt feelings, remind every one of the rules, and get everyone back into the game in a matter of minutes. The skill tactics she got from the five-minute interaction are just a part of the foundational tools she has in her cadre.

There is so much value in the skills acquired as a camp counselor. Being a summer camp counselor is a 'real' job utilizing important life skills. Plus, there are very few opportunities that exist for Jewish teens which strengthen ties to their

Jewish community while also enjoying experiential education AND are a ton of fun.

If you have a teen who you believe has what it takes to proactively build their résumé as a camp counselor, send them my way! Camp Isaiah begins accepting applications for summer staff in January, and the application is available on our Temple website. As with any job opportunity, the person filling out the application and initiating any communication must be the applicant themselves. Best of luck to all teens planting seeds for college and career résumés!





ONE PEOPLE, ONE PLANET, ONE FUTURE

A message from the Green Team - by Steve Fox



Amazement. That's Rabbi Abraham Heschel's description of a state of being when one opens one's eyes to the world and says, "This is truly wondrous." Like when I go to the ear doctor and look at the drawing of the inside of my ear—all those tiny pieces and membranes and

canals that convert molecular motion into electrical impulses that another awe-inspiring structure, the brain, interprets. Take a look sometime—it's truly radically amazing.

And then eons ago, there appeared bacteria that were able to make their own food. From that rudimentary organism, plant life developed which by using the boundless energy of the sun, could convert water and carbon dioxide into sugar (stored energy) and oxygen. And that furnished us with food to eat and oxygen to breathe. Without that amazing singular capability, you and I wouldn't be here.

But just because it took so long for ears to develop, for the planet to be filled with vegetation, and for life-supporting oxygen to be generated, we should not be lulled into believing that harmful changes to our life support systems cannot occur precipitously. It wasn't until the industrial revolution that we started to release ever-increasing quantities of greenhouse gases (mostly CO2) that have caused a 1°C rise in temperature. The scientific consensus is that we need to keep the increase to 1.5°C to not cause unmanageable havoc. To do this, it is projected that we only have 12 years to reduce our GHG emissions by 45%, and they must be reduced 100% by 2050.

We didn't heed the early prophets (James Hansen, Bill McKibben) who cried about this in the wilderness at the end of the last century. Finally, now, despite powerful federal forces, we see passionate energies coalescing to confront this problem and raise our awareness: new congressional representatives, in one of their first activities, joining a sit-in to demand that climate change be recognized as a national priority; California cities declaring and initiating emergency WWII-like mobilizations in the battle to reduce GHG emissions; and right here in Los Angeles, we're pioneering the Cool Block program, something akin to an environmental chavurah program to organize communities.

The Green Team is addressing how we as individuals, and we as a congregation, can most efficiently contribute to this evolving effort. So please stay tuned, and we hope you will join us in fulfilling our mandate as Jews to be stewards of this earth, and to make this a better world.





When Jessica Dabney and I planted the seeds for the idea of a Temple Isaiah Family Philanthropy Club with Rabbi Dara in 2016, we envisioned an accessible way for our Temple families to engage in a wide variety of philanthropic activities throughout our city. We were confident that this would flourish into a successful way to learn about and to help people, animals, and environments in need in our backyard. But we underestimated how interested people would be in these opportunities. With over 100 FPC families involved, our monthly events fill up within days, if not hours! What a testament to the incredibly philanthropic Temple Isaiah Families!

We have had many wonderful opportunities to do good work, partner with organizations that need help, and learn about the needs of our City and neighbors. Upon learning about homelessness, the FPC began creating Blessing Bags to keep on hand in our cars. In 2018 we engaged with hearing-impaired children, helped decorate and move-in formerly homeless veterans to their new PATH residence, cleaned up the Ballona Wetlands, sorted food for Sova, threw a party for LA Family Housing (twice), participated in Foster Care Counts Mother's Day, walked and played with rescue pups and made them chew toys. We also served lunch for veterans on Veteran's Day and made Challah with the residents of Belmont Village.

I would be hard pressed to pick just one favorite event that we have participated in over the past three years. I can say that my favorite outcome of the FPC is when one of our members finds a strong connection to an organization and decides to venture deeper into that organization by volunteering on a regular basis. Or, when a child creates their bar mitzvah project or Eagle Project around that particular organization, or a family adopts or fosters a dog.

All Temple Isaiah Families with children 5+ are welcome to join the FPC. We are just finishing up our 2019 calendar and would love to have your family participate in our upcoming events. Please email Jessica Dabney at jpdabney@me.com if you are interested in being added to our email list.











MEET MATT HEDGES

TEMPLE ISAIAH'S SECRETARY FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

If you are looking for Matt Hedges you may have a better chance of reaching him if you call the Temple rather than calling him at home or even work. For Matt, this is a funny but true line for someone who never saw himself being engaged in a community and wanting to give back. Yet, eight years after he and his wife Karen joined Temple Isaiah, he's served on the Nominating Committee, the Cantorial Search Committee, the Religious Education Committee, the Budget Committee, the Clergy Reorganization Committee, the Executive Committee and probably some others too.

In reflecting on what has compelled Matt to be so involved, he credits his childhood. His father and grandmother instilled values of hard work and integrity. His dad always held him accountable and often said, "Say what you're gonna do, now go and do it!" This was reinforced by his grandmother who always pushed him to go beyond being "just ok" and to strive towards achieving one's full potential. She consistently let him know that reaching his full potential was always more important than any grade or trophy he received. When he received A's and B's in school yet didn't try, this wasn't good enough; rather it was that the bar just wasn't set high enough.

For Karen and Matt, Temple Isaiah is where they want to be. Their friends, Jennifer and Todd Waxler, introduced them to Temple Isaiah during their period of "synagogue shopping." Karen and Matt kept coming back to Temple Isaiah because of how warm and welcoming it was and how the clergy made it easy to experience Judaism in new and innovative ways. With every Temple Isaiah experience, Matt saw the clergy fulfilling what his dad and his grandma said; they were going beyond that which was good enough and truly exceeding what he thought community could be. Every time Matt thought his experience couldn't get better, the leadership found a way to make it more fulfilling and enriching. This began Matt's desire not just to be a part of the Temple Isaiah community, but to give back.



The Hedges came to Isaiah after their children, Jacob and Danny, had already gone through preschool elsewhere and immediately joined the B'Yachad Program, which was a wonderful Jewishly enriching experience. Matt was invited to be a part of the Nachshon Leadership Course, a six-week session of learning, leadership, visioning, and community development. In reflecting on the program, Matt shared, "I remember that we did some Jewish learning and identified areas where our programming and community could be better, but above all else, I remember Susan Bartholomew, who led the class with Rabbi Joel. Her passion, her care, her love of Temple Isaiah inspired me. It inspired me to want to become a leader and to volunteer more and to help Temple Isaiah be the best it could be."

After that Matt was hooked on giving. Giving what he and Karen could in support of the annual campaign and even more so, the giving of self. He was part of the team that relaunched Isaiah Men's Group. He was asked to be part of the nominating committee, and he has continued to be asked to serve at Temple Isaiah. Each time, he has always found a way to say yes. Matt shared, "It is easy to give back to Isaiah because it's my family's home away from home."

I want to make sure that Isaiah will be here for years to come so that others will have the same or even greater opportunities and experiences that Karen, Jacob, Danny and I have had here at Temple Isaiah.

When Matt was offered to serve on the Executive Committee as Secretary, again, it was easy for him to say yes. While the role was important, Matt also felt it was an opportunity to honor his father. And, in a paternal way, it was an opportunity to nurture and safeguard Temple Isaiah. As Secretary and in meetings, Matt is often the one to ask the tough questions and synergize thoughts that are shared around the table. He is an expert at bringing people together.

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CHAI VILLAGELA Independent · Together



Rabbi Laura Geller



Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles



Questions from participants



Chair, Terry Pullan

CHAIVILLAGELA PLANTS THE SEEDS FOR OTHER SYNAGOGUE VILLAGES

by Sue Rosenblum, ChaiVillageLA Member

Did you know that there are now over 200 Villages in the United States, yet only one is a Synagogue Village? It's our very own ChaiVillageLA. This collaboration of adults ages 50 to 99 has become an integral part of the lives of many congregants at Temple Isaiah and Temple Emanuel.

Ever since it became apparent that our Synagogue Village was going to be successful, ChaiVillageLA leaders have been wondering whether they should help other synagogues set up Villages. Luckily for us, Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund (JVPF) thought so. This group of LA philanthropists heard about ChaiVillageLA and made a financial commitment to help us to reach out to other synagogues. In November, we hosted an event for leaders of 22 area congregations. These attendees, plus representatives of JVPF and ChaiVillageLA, gathered at Temple Isaiah to share experiences and information.

Rabbi Zoë Klein Miles, Rabbi Laura Geller and members of ChaiVillageLA and JVPF spoke about the impact of ChaiVillageLA on the synagogues and the Village members. One guest asked if it was important to have members of two synagogues in a single Village. Rabbi Klein Miles explained, "The two different synagogues, although similar in many ways, actually have different cultures. This adds so much texture and richness."

Participants were interested in learning more about our Village's mix of member-provided services and member-led events. Barbara Joyner explained that she, her husband Dale Joyner, and her mother Shirley Kern joined ChaiVillageLA. "I thought my mom would be joining so that she could ask for occasional rides to the doctor and that sort of thing. What my mom really wanted was the social connections—someone to go with to dinner or the movies or a cultural event."

With the help of the JVPF grant, ChaiVillageLA is in a position to help other synagogues set up Villages. Soon ChaiVillageLA expects to be just one of many synagogue Villages. But we'll always be the first!

ChaiVillageLA is part of the rapidly growing Village Movement—it's not a place; it's a community led by adults who share their optimism, skills, support, and expertise with each other to joyfully navigate the next steps in their lives. ChaiVillageLA is a collaborative program of Temple Isaiah and Temple Emanuel, grounded in Jewish values.

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ISAIAH WOMEN - January/February Calendar of Events

Isaiah Women recently updated our Mission Statement. The change reflects our wish to "Engage in 'women supporting women' social justice activities that address the myriad issues affecting women today. Our goal is to empower, educate and support women and their families through projects in collaboration with Temple Isaiah, the larger Jewish community, and/or greater Los Angeles."

In October, we joined with Temple Isaiah on the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk to raise money for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. During Sukkot we collected coats, blankets, and sweaters for Jewish Family Services. In December, we had our Annual Toy Drive in cooperation with First AME Church. On February 27 at the Temple, we are excited to host Dr. Sherry Yafai, Medical Director of the Relief Institute. She will discuss various forms of cannabis and their uses (see below under events). All Temple members are encouraged to join us for what should be a very informative discussion.

We are also co-sponsoring two upcoming events. The first, on January 13, is titled "Freedom & Fashion," in honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Day. There will be a fashion show featuring designs created by survivors. Then on February 21, Isaiah Women and Temple Isaiah will co-sponsor an event on Reproductive Rights & Planned Parenthood.

I am proud of the Board members and lay leaders of Isaiah Women and their efforts in providing Temple Isaiah with a sisterhood that has created a remarkable array of activities and social justice work. We all lead very busy lives but come together to provide outstanding programming.

I welcome any of our community to contact me or Sherri Zigman, our Membership Chair, to learn how you can join us on this meaningful journey.

Virginia Solomon

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Sherri Zigman

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JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

JANUARY

Saturday, January 5 | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Secret Stair Hike

Join IW member, Sheryl Beisman, for a stair-stepping adventure through an LA neighborhood. Lunch at a local eatery at the end. Details provided upon RSVP. Open to IW members and their guests.

RSVP to Sheryl Beisman at sherylb@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 15 & February 19 | TIME TBD IW's Book Group, "Cover to Cover"

For more info email Tina Feiger at tinafeiger@hotmail.com

Wednesday, January 16 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Photography Slideshow & Talk

Temple member and photographer, Dotan Saguy, will show and explain images of his latest projects. In the Temple Social Hall.

Cost: \$10pp (includes \$5 donation towards the IW Social Action Fund).

RSVP to Sherri Zigman at sherrizigman@gmail.com

Sunday, January 27 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"The Art of Three Faiths" Exhibit

Join IW for a visit to the Getty Museum for this special exhibit.

Free admission. Optional lunch afterwards. A suggested \$5 donation will be collected for the IW Social Action Fund.

RSVP to Marsha Rosenberg at marsharosenberg@sbcglobal.net

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1 | 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Shabbat, Dinner and Speaker

Temple Isaiah is hosting Dr. Alexander Marson, who will speak about "Engineering Human Immune Cells to Treat Cancer".

RSVP for dinner at www.templeisaiah.com

Saturday, February 2 | 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Escape Room Adventure

Back by popular demand! Use your problem-solving skills to help your group "escape" a themed room at *600ut* on Melrose Ave.

Cost: \$30pp (paid in advance). Spouses/significant others welcome. Optional dinner at a nearby restaurant afterwards.

Pay and RSVP to Carolynne Dyner at cdynerrun@gmail.com

Thursday, February 21 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Albert Lewis Lecture, Featuring Sue Dunlap

(President/CEO of Planned Parenthood LA)

IW is a co-sponsor of this lecture. Open to all Temple members and guests.

RSVP at www.templeisaiah.com

Wednesday, February 27 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Speaker Presentation About Medical Uses For Cannabis

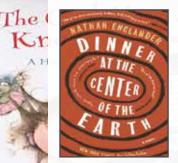
Dr. Yafai, Medical Director of the Releaf Institute, will discuss the various forms of cannabis and how they are being used for anxiety, insomnia, pain, mental health work, rehabilitation of patients away from alcohol and drug addiction, including a new and effective pathway away from narcotics and to help solve today's opioid crisis. Open to all Temple members.

Cost: \$10pp (includes \$5 donation for the IW Social Action Fund).

RSVP to Carolynne Dyner at cdynerrun@gmail.com

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY by Ellen G. Cole, Librarian

WHO CAN RESIST A LOVER?



Magnetic storyteller Nathan Englander draws us into a modern fable in disguise. The novel tackles the thorny Palestinian dilemma with a charming romance buried inside a thriller hurtling to a surprise ending with a fable's moral. *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* considers the possibility of Near East peace through equality. The creative characters charm you into tracking them through the plot, over changing narrators and around familiar cities in Europe and Israel.

An array of colorful people connect with you. A nameless secret prisoner rots in a secret cell in Israel. His same guard for twelve years has a mother who got him the job. She is the caretaker of a famous Israeli General now in a coma. An appealing waitress

in Paris hooks up with a nervous, shy American dining in her restaurant. A strange, wealthy Canadian businessman befriends a Palestinian tech expert in Berlin. Two of these characters are modeled on real people (Secret Prisoner and General).

This smart page-turner careens across a timeline that is not linear, but always clear. The two main time frames are the years 2002 and 2014. The book is wonderfully descriptive of people and places. The many characters share plans and thoughts with you, cranking up suspense while creating their own fate by decisive actions.

You are often on the edge of your seat, but never in doubt where the story is going. The novel's trajectory is livened by humor, action-packed capers, and peace negotiations. You may want to solve the mystery yourself before the ending is revealed, but just as you think you can, there is another twist.

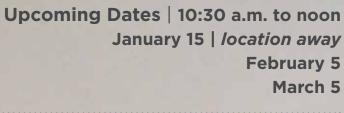
The center of the earth is not revealed until the very end, rare for a title line. It puts the couple not in a tunnel of Love, but in a tunnel of War, where they do have, as promised, dinner. By then you are ready to decide if this fable can or even should come true, if the well-intended motive is a possible one, and if the menu for success works for spy, general, prisoner, guard or lover. It is a memorable meal in a memorable book. Dinner awaits you in the Library.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENTER!

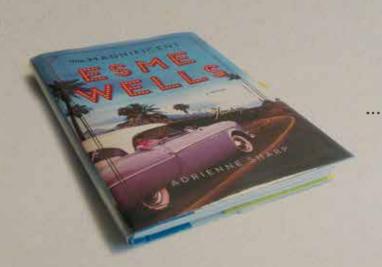
There is still time to enter the Library's **Chag Sameah Read**. Students in grades 1 through 6 are now reading for fun and prizes. Contest reading continues until February 19th. Winners receive their prizes at special assemblies in March. It is not too late to sign up. Parents, encourage your children to join. See Librarian Ellen Cole in the Temple Library on Sunday and Tuesday to enter now.

SPINE TINGLES BOOK CLUB



Library Hours:

Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Sunday | 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.





TEMPLE TOUS SAIAH JANUARY/FEBRUARY SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

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 services

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Friday Night Shabbat

Jazz Service - A festive service that blends our ancient words of prayer with syncopation and swing.

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



FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Friday Night Shabbat

MLK Weekend - Join us for a Shabbat celebration to kick-off MLK weekend and Shabbat Shirah (the Shabbat of Song). We welcome the clergy, choir and congregants of First AME Church.

Members of HaSharim will be joined by the FAME Choir.

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

Dinner to follow services (RSVP required)

TWO SERVICES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Tu B'Shevat Service - Celebrate the birthday of the trees with members of all ages and a full musical band. Expect lively participatory stories and inspiration drawn from our tradition.

Friday Night Family Shabbat

5:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

(for families with younger children)

Family Shabbat dinner 6:00 p.m.

(for families with younger children-RSVP required)

Friday Night Shabbat - Hosted by Religious School grades 4-5

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

Dinner to follow services (RSVP required)



Join us in the kitchen as we cook together for this celebratory Shabbat meal - sign up online when you RSVP for dinner.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

Dinner and Discussion to follow services (RSVP Required)

Featuring guest speaker Dr. Marson who will speak on the topic "Engineering Human Immune Cells To Treat Cancer."



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Friday Night Shabbat

Hip Hop Service - Join us for an experimental service that is aimed to deepen the ways in which we pray. Help us to create our holy space by entering with curiosity and an eagerness to try something new.

5:45 p.m. Extended Pre-Oneg

6:45 p.m. Service Oneg to follow services

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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 services

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Friday Night Shabbat

Jazz Service - A festive service that blends our ancient words of prayer with syncopation and swing.

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

Oneg and Discussion to follow services (RSVP Required)

Featuring guest speaker Jonathan Pollack - Nonresident Senior Fellow - Foreign Policy, Center for East Asia Policy Studies, John L.

Thornton China Center

B'nai Mitzvah JANUARY FEBRUARY



Sam Snow Son of Cheryl and David Snow Saturday, January 5, 2019



Garrett Lind Son of Deidre and Martin Lind Saturday, January 12, 2019



Cameron Singer Son of Pamela and Kevin Singer Saturday, January 26, 2019



Abraham Ezra
Son of
Stacy and Scott Ezra
Saturday, February 2, 2019



Meriah Feit-Leichman

Daughter of
Rachel Feit-Leichman and Joshua Leichman
Saturday, February 16, 2019



Louisa Michelson
Daughter of
Beth Goss and Greg Michelson
Saturday, February 16, 2019



Alexander Adler
Son of
Heidi and Brian Adler
Saturday, February 23, 2019

LIFECYCLES

MILESTONES

Mazel Tov to: Amanda and Alan Mehdiani on the birth of their son Mason; Carina Bien-Willner and Matt Reichman on the birth of their son Samuel "Sammy" Lev; Diane and Fred Nabati on the birth of their daughter Emma Lev; Arezou Rahbarpour and Shervin Arshadnia on the birth of twin sons Liam Yousef and Levi Eliyahu; Tamar Andrews on the engagement of her daughter Kaila Andrews to Matthew Friedenberg; Teacher Aliza Benitah on the birth of her great granddaughter Hallel Ruth; Jasmine and Allen Yadgari on the birth of their son Andrew; Kim Hall and Joseph Fabiani on the birth of their daughter Sabrina; Deborah and Kia Zoghi on the birth of their daughter Jolie; Danielle Warner and Jonathan Feldman on the birth of their daughter Olivia Zara; and Daniela and Joshua Davis on the birth of their daughter Sofia Clara; Cantor Tifani and Loic Coyot on the birth of their son Rafael Lazarus.

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Nicky (Radi) Shamsi on the death of her aunt Flora Siman; Juli and Charles Shamash on the death of their son, and, Alex and Griffin Shamash on the death of their brother Tyler Shamash; Sam (Tara) Sinai on the death of his father

Saeid Sinai; Jeff (Robin) Strug on the death of his grandmother Sonia Greenspoon; Amy (David) Ball, Richard (Sitsa) Shor and Arthur (Dorande) Shor on the death of their mother Rita Shor; Jason (Lauren) Monkarsh on the death of his father Eugene Monkarsh; Loretta Siciliano (Scott Silverman) on the death of her father Rocco Carmine Siciliano; Willie Aron on the death of his wife Giovanna Macchia Aron; Natalie (Ben) Donel on the death of her grandmother, Malek Taj Eslamboli; Mike (Nedda) Toofer on the death of his grandfather Khalil Toofer; Janet (Farrell) Hirsch on the death of her mother Patricia Dillon; and, Eileen Lewis and Nancy Lewis (Ronald Silveira) on the death of their uncle Warren James Lewis.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Sandra Bernstein; Glenna and Richard Baron; Darrin Greenblatt; Amir Dounel; Rosalie Roder; Aaron Etehad; Jordan Rund; Edward Andrews; Bella Desser; Ethan Kaizer; Joanne Van Emburgh; Wendy Globerman; Cindy Ambers; Gary Rosenberg; Roberta Gillerman; Gloria Ilan; and, Eleanor Luckoff.

JANUARY MEMORIAL PLAQUES

January 4

Hannah Berman **Dorothy Brenner** Nathan Brounstein Beckie Garden Abraham Ginsburg Dorothy Green Dina Levi Louis Litman Harry Macoff Jack Myers John Nasht Marcia Oshman Sam Plotkin Anna Rosenthal

Herbert Schlesinger

January 11

Sophie Asrican Mildred Avidon Stanley Gottlieb Ben Hershkowitz Beryl Hirschfeld Charlotte Jaloff Paul Kahn Jeanetta Kartsman Sara Kimmel Morris Leibowitz Samuel Mendelsohn Birdie Ruben Beatrice Schwartz Gerald Stern Lorraine Weger

January 18

Joseph Ascheim Nocen Baritan Leonard Goldstein Donna Gross Bernard Klein David Light Josiah Mishne Sherrill Roseman Yetta Silverberg Richard Spivack Genevieve Stern Peter Studner Albert Terrence Phillip Warnick Joan Windisch Jack Wynbrandt Abe Yaras

January 25

Ronald Allen Eleanor Auerbach Rebecca Barnett Seymour Fabrick Michael Filerman Hyman Finkel Birdie Fishman Esther Fox Hyman Gordon Henry Harris Sarah Horwitz Henry Kaplan Sheila Kassorla Anna Pick Selma Pullan Richard Rosenblum Harry Sax Ruth Sax Rose Shushan Pearl Spector Eva Volan William Wallace Fan Weisbart Isador Wilensky

FEBRUARY MEMORIAL PLAQUES

February 1

Bertha Arnold Carol Ascheim Jack Asrican Sarah Bernson Rose Freeman Naomi Greene I. Morris Harris Herbert Joseph Paul Kodimer Thomas Pearl Ina Person Janet Petkoff Anna Plotkin Ethel Rosenblatt Zelda Ross Rosalie Sacks

Manuel Walter

February 8 Samuel Adler Michelle Agasi David Beckman, DDS Gerson Brener Blanche Dauber **Bernard Estes** Abraham Frazin Betty Gaynor Ruth Ginsburg Etta Globenfelt Phyllis Kaplan **Dorothy Kares** Mildred Fendell Kessler Irene Kimmelstiel Bernice LaPan Morris Lapidus David Lavine Deborah Leemon Abraham Levine Bess Levine Florence Lewis Svlvia Marx Rita Melcher Nettie Mendelsohn Florence Mindlin

Henry Monosson **Dorothy Prager** Henriette Rynveld **Robert Shane**

Betty Stack Minnie Stoll Joseph Subotnick Manford Susman William Wax Sam Weisbart

February 15

Fannie Feiles Sidnev Geilman Sam Green Abraham Harmell Sallie Harris Milton Katz James Levich Martha Madoff Anna Miller Osias Nacht Gilbert Leonard Park Irene Riave Morton Rokaw Ruth Schwartz Hvman Solomon **Howard Spector** Nat Spector Charles Sperber

February 22

Lillian Banoff Jane Carter Emil Goldstein Minnie Grodin Perle Kerstein Muriel Krom Ellen Leff Pearl Lieberman Isaac Ramberg Wolf Sales Isaac Shachory David Solomon Ethel Yavitch Alexander Young Ronald Zsupnik

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR

JANUARY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Temple Isaiah Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 9 | 6:30 p.m.

ChaiVillageLA: USA and China: Partners? Rivals? Adversaries? - Thursday, January 10, 24 & 31 | 7:00 p.m. Preschool Parent Lecture Series: Relinquishing Power, Gaining Control - Thursday, January 10 & 24 | 7:30 p.m.

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable - Saturday, January 12 | 9:00 a.m.

Freedom and Fashion Show - Sunday, January 13 | 2:00 p.m.

Temple Isaiah Business Networking Group Meeting - Tuesday, January 15 | 8:00 a.m.

Spine Tingles Book Group - Tuesday, January 15 | 10:30 a.m.

IsaiahWomen Photography Exhibit - Wednesday, January 16 | 7:00 p.m.

IMG Bowling Night - Wednesday, January 16 | 7:30 p.m.

Green Team Meeting - Thursday, January 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Chai Dinner - Saturday, January 26 | 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Spine Tingles Book Group - Tuesday, February 5 | 10:00 a.m.

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable - Saturday, February 9 | 9:00 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton - Saturday, February 9 | 9:30 a.m.

Temple Isaiah Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 13 | 6:30 p.m.

Temple Isaiah Business Networking Group Meeting - Tuesday, February 19 | 8:00 a.m.

ChaiVillageLA: Understanding the World's News - Tuesday, February 19 | 10:00 a.m.

Green Team Meeting - Thursday, February 21 | 7:00 p.m.

Albert Lewis Lecture with Guest Sue Dunlap from PP-LA - Thursday, February 21 | 7:00 p.m.

IsaiahWomen Speakers Night - Wednesday, February 27 | 7:00 p.m.

ONGOING

Senior 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.

ChaiVillageLA Walk With The Rabbi: Every Tuesday | 8:15 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.

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Friday, Feb 1 - Friday, Feb 8 - Friday, Feb 15 - Friday, Feb 22

Let us know if you have new contact information or wish to subscribe to our newsletters and receive our latest event updates.