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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

by David Leichenger, Immediate Past President

Isaians - Thank you again for the honor and opportunity to hold the position of President of Temple Isaiah for the last two years. I am similarly appreciative and honored to be able to introduce our next President, Mike Diamond.

Mike, his wife, Elaine and their son Jacob, have been Temple members for 35 years.

In his work life outside of Temple Isaiah, Mike was a Professor at USC for 27 years in Education, Accounting and Management. He served as Vice President and Executive Vice Provost at USC following his initial appointment as Vice Provost for planning and budget. In those positions, he was responsible for oversight of the university's academic planning and budgeting process, strategic planning, institutional research, and much more. Prior to that, among other responsibilities, he served as Dean of the USC Leventhal School of Accounting.

More recently and since retiring from USC in 2013, Mike has worked as a Senior Partner with Academic Leadership Associates, specializing in strategic planning for institutions of higher education and related organizations.

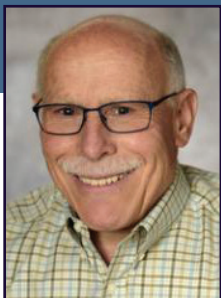
Mike is also an avid hiker and traveler and helped plan and lead two Temple trips to Israel. In October, he and Honey Amado, along with Rabbi Zoë will be leading the Temple trip to Spain.

For the last four years, Mike has been our Temple Treasurer leading us in building a new financial foundation and processes which are helping us to better understand our financial past, present and future and therefore help us plan.

Making it even better, Mike will also have an outstanding overall Executive Committee working with him, including Jessica Dabney who is continuing on as Executive Vice President. Jessica has been a tremendous collaborator for Temple Isaiah and for me, and thank you to Jessica for all that she does.

It goes without saying that we have been and will continue to be in excellent, forward thinking and planning, hands with Mike's leadership.

Thank you, Mike, for undertaking this new responsibility, and Mazal Tov!



CHANGING OF THE GUARD by Mike Diamond, Incoming President

As I start my term as President, I inherit a strong and vibrant Temple Isaiah, built more than 70 years ago on a foundation of gifted and distinguished clergy, the strong leadership from our lay leaders and volunteer efforts of our dedicated members. David Leichenger has served our congregation well over many years, most recently completing two years as President, providing wholehearted, ethical leadership based on Jewish values. On behalf

of all Isaians, I want to thank David for all he has done, and for what I know he will continue to do as Past President and beyond.

As we begin our new Temple year, I look forward to working closely with our clergy, professional and administrative staff, our lay leadership and our members to make "Temple Isaiah your home at the intersection of tradition and innovation." My focus will be on four areas:

- Working with the clergy and lay leadership to turn our vision and mission into reality
- Building an engaged and active Temple Isaiah community
- Actively communicating with members on significant issues
- Ensuring our financial and operating sustainability

At the Congregational Meeting on May 19th, my remarks outlined specifics on how, working together, we can make significant progress across all these areas. You can read my remarks at templeisiah.com/TI_PresidentRemarks.

Thank you for your trust in me as President. I look forward with excitement and gratitude, knowing that, together, we will continue to build a strong and vibrant congregation.

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

by Ellen G. Cole, Librarian



CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARIAN

After 35 years, 60 Spine Tingles sessions, 208 Isaian book review articles, 776 contest competitors, their 14,172 book reports, countless class library visits, and the creation of a digital catalog numbering almost 7000 volumes; I retire as Temple Isaiah's Librarian.

The Library is not the same place I entered as a traffic refugee in 1980, then as Librarian in 1984. I updated the library cataloging system from drawers of index cards to a digital network that was searchable on desktops and laptops. I am proud of every entry from number 1 to 6968. Not all numbers are gains. We went from two doors to one when the women's bathroom enlarged, from two file cases to zero and from center bookcases dedicated to children and young adults to only wall shelves around the room. We lost shelves to the television screen.

The physical changes never changed my relationship to you the Isaiah community. You made my day when I found the right read for a vacation, a Havurah session, or a classroom project. I kvelled making you happy when a book request was quickly in your hands. The best was watching your children compete to read and to learn about the various topics that changed with the annual Reading Contests.

Through my professional Jewish Library Association, I was able to spread the name of Temple Isaiah's Levine Library from coast to coast. At the 350th Anniversary of Jews in America I developed a monthly book program that swept chronologically through our experiences from prerevolutionary days to the present. Synagogue libraries across the country purchased this program; their fees helped buy us more history books. I speak at regional and national conferences, write reviews of adult and children's books for journals (garnering free library books in return), and serve as a judge for national book awards as the Librarian of Temple Isaiah, Los Angeles. I am proud of my major Jewish Librarian awards, one national, one local, that I received as your Librarian.



It is hard to say goodbye; we will stay in touch. I leave you an accredited Synagogue library with a sound budget plus money in two library funds supported all these years faithfully by generous Temple members. I look forward to seeing you as a volunteer with the Spine Tingles Book Club, at educational programs, services, and joyous occasions. To all of you, I give my never overdue date-stamp of approval, my gratitude, and my love.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - Bear Barnes

I got involved with Roots and Wings because I saw how difficult the college process was for my own kids. I figured that for someone with fewer resources, it might be overwhelming, and I thought I could be useful. It's been a terrific experience. I've made new friends and I've enjoyed looking at the world (if just a glimpse) through the eyes of someone very different from myself. I feel like what we are doing with these kids is making a difference and I truly look forward to every other Wednesday at University High.



Roots & Wings is a program that has connected students at Santee and University High School with mentors from Temple Isaiah. Mentors agree that while the relationships have impacted their mentees in many positive ways, their own experience has also been deeply meaningful as a way to give back to their larger Los Angeles community. We are always looking for new mentors at University High School. Contact Jennifer Forman at jenniferkforman@gmail.com to learn more!



MEET US AT THE INTERSECTION OF TRADITION AND INNOVATION

Our weekly Shabbat services are:

- musical and engaging • warm and welcoming
- reflective and relevant • nourishing the mind, body, and soul

We believe that the practice of Shabbat gives us resilience, insight, and perspective to journey through life. Shabbat at Isaiah is experienced through music, friendship, warmth, and creativity. We create a vibrant experience to meet the needs and interests of every member of our community. Join us on Friday night or Saturday morning and see for yourself the gifts that Shabbat can bring.

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FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT - JULY SCHEDULE

JUL 5 | JUL 12 | JUL 19 | JUL 26

5:45 p.m. | Pre-Oneg

Gather for a quick bite and a chance to connect with our community

6:15 p.m. | Friday Night Shabbat Service

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Temple Isaiah gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our annual supporters. All gifts enable us to sustain our outstanding educational programs, diverse activities, and meaningful social justice initiatives. Gifts were made in support of Annual Giving, strategically invested to directly support programs or community needs or were made to celebrate, honor or memorialize loved ones.

Thank you to our 2018-2019 Leadership Circle members (gifts of \$1,800 or more) and all of our supporters for their generosity, leadership, and partnership in Torah, Tzedakah, and Tikkun Olam. Thank you for #BeingIsaian! (Gifts as of 5/30/19)

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Mazal Tov to: Orly and Mark Gozarkhah on the birth of their son Aron Lev.

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We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Cory Schwab on the death of her niece Cindy Borden; Omid Razi on the death of his mother Rosa Khorshid Razi; David Leviadin on the death of his father Mansour Leviadin; and Parisa Leviadin Davoodpour on the death of her father Mansour Leviadin.

R'FUAT HANEFESH

We offer our prayers for healing to all who struggle with illness and pain. May you be blessed with a renewal of body and spirit. If you, or someone you know, wishes to connect with a member of our clergy team for support, please contact Claire Austin in the Temple office.



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July 5

Goldie Balser
Louis Greenspan
Anna Jacobs
Arthur Markman
Samuel Schwartz
Tesse Sokol
Frieda Sommer
Gus Zsupnik

July 12

Irvin Avidon
Victor Benach
Pierre Coblence
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Herman Neuman
Alfred Pollack
Eugene Rosner
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Beatrice Weiss

July 19

Jack Birnholz
Edith Esensten
Jack Freeman
Morris Gifis
Rebecca Glesby
Harry Gottlieb
Lena Green
Harriet Guttenplan
Elliott Handler
Leah Kabakoff
Joshua Lee
Harvey Lewis
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William Mandel
William Morrison
Herman Neuman
Molly Oppenheim
Harry Pittler
Esther Ratner
Solomon Rosner
Rose Roth
Morris Shachory
Luba Slodov
Sarah Solomon
Katie Stoll
Stella Studner
Kate Walden
Rose Wilensky

July 26

Patricia Birnbaum
Jacob Blitzler
Laurence DeRoy
Bernard Dworsky
Ethel Fox
Robert Grean
Ilse Kahn
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JULY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Camp Isaiah - Daily M-F | 9:00 a.m.

ChaiVillageLA: Sunday Afternoon Coffee with Clergy - Sunday, July 7 | 3:00 p.m..

Hearts & Minds: A Torah Roundtable - Saturday, July 13 | 9:00 a.m.

Isaiah Women Book Club - Tuesday, July 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Camp Isaiah - Pit Fire Pizza on Westwood Blvd - Thursday, July 18 | 3:00 p.m.

Isaiah Women Amazon Warehouse Tour - Tuesday, July 30 | 8:00 a.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.

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