

THE ISALIAN

OPEN DOORWAYS FROM RABBI KLEIN



Levine Library Reading Contest Winners

Shanah tovah! I hope that in our pages this month you will **discover the many doorways that are open to you at Temple Isaiah: Opportunities for gathering, learning and participating in so many ways.** Come in! The High Holy Days may have passed, but we are still singing!

I encourage you especially to veer off of your path to discover or re-discover one

of our Temple's greatest treasures: The Levine Library. This summer we remodeled our library to be even more inviting, a place to relax and regenerate. Each Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. we gather in the library to learn Torah for an hour, gleaning gems. You are welcome to join us!

The new doors of our library are etched with words from Moses ibn Ezra, a 12th century Hebrew poet: "A book is the most delightful companion...There is in the world no friend more faithful and attentive, no teacher more proficient...It will do you good and ask no favor in return. It gives and does not take."

You will also find in our library on the eastern wall a Torah ark. Upon the ark doors are the Hebrew words: *V'Talmud Torah K'Neged Kulam* which translates as "The study of Torah encompasses them all." This is the last line of a Talmudic passage which reads: "These are the duties whose worth cannot be measured. Honoring one's father and mother, acts of love and kindness, diligent pursuit of knowledge and wisdom, hospitality to strangers, visiting the sick, celebrating with bride and groom, consoling the bereaved, praying with sincerity and making peace where there is strife. And the study of Torah encompasses them all."

V'Talmud Torah K'Neged Kulam which translates as "The study of Torah encompasses them all."

Why an ark in our library? So that we have a smaller chapel space for more intimate services, for healing, for teens, for meditation, for special speakers and presentations, for lifelong learning and drawing near to Torah...for the study of Torah encompasses them all. Come in. □



Over 500 Isaians gathered at Tashlich Services

OCTOBER AT ISALIAH

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FROM CANTOR KENT



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Temple Isaiah Blessing of the Animals coincides with the reading of the story of Noah in the Torah. **On Sunday, October 10, at Noon**, we will take an opportunity as a

community to bless all those creatures - great and small, scaly and furry, feathery and slimy - that make our lives a bit more complete and add to the diversity of our world.

Last year's advertisement for the ceremony had me cradling Kokomo, my then 23-year-old cat. Kokomo was not just old in cat years, but she was truly ancient. My veterinarian was amazed with each successive visit that Kokomo was still alive. Deaf with a heart condition, failing kidneys and a thyroid out of whack, Kokomo greeted each day with a hearty appetite, and a self-satisfied, motor-like purring. In December of last year, Kokomo died. After her death, Don and I waited a couple of months to figure out what to do. Toolie, the other cat was

clearly lonely and possibly mourning the loss of her constant companion.

In February, my vet called: "Someone just brought in a cat you are going to love." Merlin, a young male (around two years old), all black, with piercing jade-like eyes, made his way into our home. As I sat in the car in the vet's parking lot, with Merlin afraid and in his box, I began crying. I cried for all those dogs and cats that go homeless. I cried over the death of a 23-year-old cat, and

May all of our animals be sanctified with long life and health and may our lives together as co-inhabitants of the world be blessed.

I cried over for my willingness to bring this vulnerable, small creature into our home. As I backed the car out of the parking lot, Merlin



poked his head out of the carrier. We looked at each other and with tears streaming down my face, I realized that it was quite possible that Merlin and I, like Kokomo before him, could be spending the next twenty years of life together. May all of our animals be sanctified with long life and health and may our lives together as co-inhabitants of the world be blessed. □



PUBLIC EDUCATION BY RABBI FRIMMER



"WITH ALL THE CHANGES AND BUDGET CUTS, I FEEL UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION."

"I WISH THERE WERE MORE PARENTS WHO

TOOK LEADERSHIP ROLES AT OUR SCHOOL."

Sound familiar? These are some of the conversations we have heard for the past few years at Temple Isaiah and throughout the broader community. We hear these concerns expressed by parents, teachers, principals and community members. Everyone wants to guarantee that our children will have a strong public education, but none of us is certain about how to do it.

In response to the fear and frustration, Temple Isaiah has been working with One LA-IAF

to create core teams of leaders in our local public schools: Westwood Charter, Fairburn, Saturn, Brockton, Overland, Castle Heights, Emerson, Webster and University High School. These teams have been working together to focus on parent involvement, strengthening the school culture of trust and cooperation and slowly building a political constituency to support public education for all children. This past March, over 500 people gathered in our sanctuary to present personal stories and strategies to Superintendent Ramon Cortines, LAUSD board member Steve Zimmer and other elected officials.

This November, we will invite these core teams (principals, teachers, classified workers, parents

and community members) to come together for a Sunday afternoon seminar at Temple Isaiah, or perhaps at one of our local schools. The seminar will support those adults who are interested in building relationships as well as learning new skills for organizing and building power in schools. Most importantly, by sharing our stories with one another, we hope to identify shared concerns upon which we might act together. To learn more, please contact Rabbi Dara Frimmer at the Temple Office or Diana Hardy at dianaehardy@yahoo.com. **Our next education/organizing meeting is Thursday, October 7, 7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Temple Isaiah. All are welcome. RSVP to Rabbi Dara Frimmer.** □



Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue

HOMELESSNESS

BEYOND SHELTER CONTACT: DARA FRIMMER



Beyond Shelter works to develop systemic approaches to combat poverty and homelessness among families with children and enhance family economic security and well-being. Save the Date! Thanksgiving Dinner Market, Sunday - Wednesday, November 14-17. We are looking for volunteers to help us staff the market and welcome our students, young and old, into a space that will help them think about hunger, poverty, holiday celebrations and gratitude. To volunteer your time or resources, please contact Dara Frimmer at rabbidara@templeisaiah.com. □

HUNGER

SOVA FOOD PANTRY



CONTACT: RABBI DARA FRIMMER

SOVA food pantries provide free groceries and supportive resources to nearly 10,000 men, women and children each month. Donate non-perishable, nutritious foods in our Temple lobby. **SOVA's Favorite Foods: Tuna, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter, Whole Grain Cereal, 100% Fruit Juice and Canned Chili/Beef Stew.** Interested in working on issues of hunger in Los Angeles? Contact Rabbi Dara Frimmer. □

OCTOBER COLLECTIONS:

We will be collecting the following:
Food and Toiletries for SOVA
Pet Products: Jonah Dylan



PUBLIC EDUCATION

CONGREGATION BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (CBCO)

CONTACT: DIANA HARDY

Today, increasing numbers of synagogues are engaging in interfaith campaigns on vital issues of local concern, from public education to building affordable housing. We are partnering with One LA-IAF to strategize change across the city. We continue our work to strengthen local public schools including: Westwood Charter, Fairburn, Saturn, Brockton, Overland, Emerson, Webster and University. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 7, 7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. To learn more, please contact Diana Hardy at dianaehardy@yahoo.com. □

HOMELESSNESS



BIRTHDAY BANK

CONTACT: ALLISON REVIVO

Birthdays are a perfect time to have a conversation about how many blessings there are in our lives and how important it is to share those blessings. At this year's birthday party, have your child identify one present that he or she would be willing to give to someone whose family cannot afford to buy them presents. Come with your child to the Temple office and exchange your gift for a beautiful certificate of appreciation, signed by the clergy, recognizing your child's generosity on his or her birthday. The certificate will be presented at the weekly Shabbat celebration. Gifts will be donated to families at Beyond Shelter. For more information, please contact Allison Revivo at alirevivo@gmail.com. □

GLOBAL JUSTICE



TAKE THE CONFLICT MINERALS PLEDGE!

Similar to blood diamonds, conflict minerals include tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold, which are used in our computers, cell phones and other electronic devices. Such minerals come largely from Congolese mines involved with major human rights atrocities.

As an active member of Jewish World Watch (which is a leader in the fight to stop atrocities and conflict minerals), Temple Isaiah is the second temple in

the world to become a Conflict-Free Minerals Congregation!

Join other Isaians by taking the 30-second Conflict Minerals Pledge and urge these 21 major electronics companies to take the pledge, too!

To take the pledge, go to the Temple Isaiah website www.templeisaiah.com and enter Jewish World Watch in the search box. Click on the first mention and our page will come up. There you will see two links for the two pledges—one for yourself and the other for the 21 electronics companies.

For more info on how to fight conflict minerals and egregious human rights violations, contact Temple Isaiah Jewish World Watch Team Chair, Susan Silver at ssilver@posorg.net □



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



STEWART BOGEN

TO DRAW CLOSER. TO DREAM BIG.

That is what Temple Isaiah's High Holy Day campaign is about.

Participating is a way for every member of our

congregation to make our community stronger. It allows us to reach out and help our fellow parents, worshipers, learners, activists and most of all, friends. It allows every one of us to take a larger step to move our community forward – and to move us all closer to one another.

We are incredibly blessed to be members of Temple Isaiah at this moment, when our sacred community – our second home -- is bursting with ideas, energy and vitality. Our Temple is blossoming.

But our need to care for one another is growing as well.

Annual giving provides the funds to ensure that everyone can share fully in our community regardless of economic circumstance. Dues alone do not fulfill our goal of embracing all.

Annual giving provides the funds needed to realize our community's dreams. Dues alone do not cover the costs of the amazing new ideas and programs reshaping our religious school, our worship, our quest for justice, our creative community and our connection with Israel and with each other. The High Holy Day campaign allows us to dream big – and realize our dreams.

During the holidays, please answer the call with a contribution of any amount. Participating is a simple, small, easy step that lets all of us share in the joy of drawing closer and the joy of beautiful dreams becoming reality. □

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Temple Isaiah says, "Welcoming guests is greater than receiving the face of the divine presence." We welcome those who have become part of our Temple family. Our goal at Temple Isaiah is to encourage your involvement as both members and volunteers.

**Taly and Roni Efron
Sharon and Chad Eshaghoff
Elizabeth Fine and Matthew Segel
Ruth and Jeremy Golub
Michelle Goodman
and Tim Schildberger**

**Haleh and Bradley Hochberg
Eryn and Ryan Kilstein
Tanya and Kevin Klowden
Sepideh and Ramin Kohanarieh
Courtney and Jay Tobin**

ISAIAH WOMEN

Isaiah Women thanks you for paying your 2010-2011 dues. It is still not too late to pay your dues and join us for the upcoming year! As you can see from the calendar below, we have many interesting and varied activities planned for October. For more information regarding Isaiah Women, contact Ellen Canter at ellenjcanter@aol.com.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - RANCHO PARK WALK

We invite you to join us for a Sunday morning walk around Rancho Park. We will meet at the Temple - the southeast corner of Pico and Kerwood Avenues.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 - 6:30 P.M.
ISAIAH WOMEN AND TEMPLE
ISAIAH PRESENT "FLOWERS
AREN'T ENOUGH"**

Naomi Ackerman's one-woman play about domestic abuse.

Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Play will be at 7:15 p.m. with a discussion following the presentation. There is a \$5.00 charge for this event. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Rochelle Neuburger at rochelleneuburger@hotmail.com.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 - 10:00
A.M. HIKE IN FRANKLIN CANYON
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH**

Please join us for an easy hike in Franklin Canyon followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. There will be carpooling from the Temple. For more information, please contact Sari Spiro at spirojjs@aol.com.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 10:30 A.M.:
VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS
TOUR FOLLOWED BY LUNCH**

Join us for a tour of the lovely Robinson Gardens in Beverly Hills, with lunch to follow. Guided tour is \$12.00 plus the cost of lunch at a nearby restaurant. Due to limited space, we will be carpooling from the Temple. This event is limited to 18 participants; RSVP as soon as possible to Laurie Gantz at lbgantz@sbcglobal.net.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 7:00
P.M. - DINNER BUNCH**

We will enjoy Mediterranean food at Sham Restaurant, Santa Monica. Please contact Sari Spiro at spirojjs@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events! □

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NOTES FROM THE GREEN TEAM

HUMANS GONE WILD, 10/10/10, SHABBAT NOACH, 350 AND SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY —WHICH DOES NOT BELONG? ACTUALLY, THEY ALL BELONG!



350 is perhaps the most important number of our lives—the parts/million of CO2 that many scientists feel we need to return to, from the current 390, to prevent reaching an irreversible climate tipping point. It is also the name of a group founded by Bill McKibben that organized over 4000 events in 170 countries in October 2009, on the same weekend as Shabbat Noach, to demonstrate mass support for greenhouse gas and climate control.



This year's demonstrations will be on 10/10/10, once again the weekend of Shabbat Noach. Temple Isaiah's Green Team will present an experiential program, Humans Gone Wild at 2:00 p.m. that day which raises the question, "Will our genius save or doom us? You decide." It is only in the last 100 years of our 150,000 years of living on this planet, that we have had the capacity to so threaten it. In less than 100 years we have gone from The Wright Brother First Flight in 1903 to the Boeing 747 Rollout in 1968.



And in that time we have used half of the planet's "easy" oil that took 200 million years to produce. Our creative capacity is breathtaking, but it is also high risk.

California Senator Fran Pavley has been in the forefront of trying to minimize that risk with her pace-setting climate control legislation, and we are honored, barring an emergency legislative session, to have her with us at services on Friday, October 22, at 7:15 p.m. Please join us. □



Senator Fran Pavley

ISRAEL: HOMELAND

JORDI SCHUSTER BATTIS (RABBINIC INTERN)

Israel educational opportunities, discussions and activities are burgeoning in our community. We are beginning to work on implementing the recommendations made last spring by our hardworking Israel Task Force; Rabbi Rick and Rabbi Dara are each preparing for trips to Israel this fall, so each of them can bring his/her expertise back to our congregation. We have moved into the second year of our generous grant from the Maurice Amado Foundation that sponsors the Temple Isaiah rabbinic internship focused on Israel engagement (currently held by yours truly). Come learn, participate and feast throughout the year, as we prepare for our **2012 congregational trip to Israel**, led by our four outstanding clergy. Here is a sampling of Israel opportunities being offered at Isaiah this year:

ISRAEL ROUNDTABLE

First Wednesday of every month, 8:30 a.m.

A monthly informal (and lively) discussion of a current issue in Israel—all points of view welcome. Articles under discussion sent out in advance to those who RSVP. Light breakfast included.

DIVE INTO MODERN HEBREW

Tuesday evenings, beginning October 12, 6:30 p.m.

Join with one of our superlative Hebrew educators, Rina Etkes, as she introduces us to speaking Modern Hebrew. For more information, or to register online, go to <http://www.templeisaiiah.com/lifelong-learning>.

BRADLEY BURSTON LUNCH

Tuesday, October 26, 1:00 p.m.

Bradley Burston is a journalist from HaAretz and will be joining us for lunch.

ISRAPLEX

Sundays, November 7 and January 23

A half-day Israel festival, with speakers for adults, activities for children and entertainment for all. Mark your calendar now!

ISRAEL OPEN HOUSES: Throughout the year

Watch for invitations to Israel open houses, in which we will explore our connection to Israel in an intimate gathering in a Temple member's home.

ISRAELI ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE: Date TBD

In spring 2011, we will welcome an artist to work with us as a congregation, helping us tap into our own creative abilities while offering us a lens into Israeli culture and society. □



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JOURNEY OF LEARNING

Go on a journey! Pack your bags! Choose your route and go! Where is the destination you might ask? Well, the answer depends on you and is different

for every person. Ultimately we are searching for a life filled with meaning and there are so many roads that can get you there. If you were to drive from here to New York City, you could choose more than five different routes across the country. If you are going from here towards finding a meaningful life, then like a trip across the country, there are many roads that will take you there.

If you are going from here towards finding a meaningful life, there are many roads that will take you there...

That journey can begin with learning. Learning helps us find meaning in our lives and we have no shortage of opportunities this year. If you have been hoping to become an Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah, **we have a class for that** (Adult B'nai Mitzvah)! If you want to learn more about ethics, prayer, spirituality and Mitzvah, **we have a class for that** (Adult Confirmation)! If you want to learn to read Hebrew, **we have a class for that** (Beginning Hebrew)! And if you want to learn to speak Hebrew, **we have a class for that** (Conversational Hebrew)! We have so many opportunities for you to learn: from ongoing classes, to weekly Torah Study, to one-time lectures to a weekend retreat in the hills of Malibu at Camp Hess Kramer. To learn more about all of these opportunities visit www.templeisaiah.com/lifelong-learning.

When Abraham was commanded in the Torah, "*Lech V'cha!* Go Forth," he was commanded to go to himself, to his roots because as Rabbi Aharon of Karlin said, that is a Jew's purpose. This year take your journey, find meaning, because "**We have a class for that!**" □



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

MY MIKVEH EXPERIENCE BY MARTHA SKLAR

As I was thinking about the very special birthday I was to celebrate on the 4th of Elul (corresponding to September 7, 1940), I wanted to rededicate myself to a life of Tikkun Olam, Learning and Prayer. Having visited the Mikveh at the American Jewish University, Los Angeles (formerly University of Judaism), I decided that the best way to do this was to go to the Mikveh for the first time in my life. I discussed my idea with Rabbi Klein and invited a few close friends to be part of this special occasion. Never in my wildest dreams could I imagine not only the special feeling I had being surrounded by people who loved me and cared about me, but also the serenity and communion I felt as I

immersed myself three different times and said the appropriate prayers.

For the few minutes I had alone, I had the opportunity to commune with God and review the major moments in my life; I reminded myself of those difficult times when I had a helping hand at my side, not only from friends and family, but also from my faith in God. I would be guided and delivered to the proper place.

If you want to celebrate a special milestone in your life, think about the Mikveh. My friends who were waiting for me told me that I entered the room with a radiance they had never seen before. □

TIYUL: SHABBAT B'YACHAD BY RACHEL ACKERMAN (RABBINIC INTERN)

Israel, the name of the Jewish homeland, was also the name given to our biblical ancestor Jacob after wrestling one night with an angel. While Jacob left with a limp, he also left with a name that translates to "He who struggles with God." Jacob, or Yisrael, was drawn into God's presence, but also wrestled. Like Jacob, we also hug and wrestle with God, but also with Israel.

As *Makom's* artist-in-residence, Robbie Gringas said in his article "Wrestling and Hugging" (pp. 1-2), "Wrestling and Hugging advocates for the value of criticism in a committed relationship between the Diaspora and Israel...The time has come for us to wrestle with Israel in the dust, in the night, and, yes, sometimes in our pain."

As we begin the third year of Tiyul: Shabbat B'Yachad, we want to welcome everyone in the Temple Isaiah community to stop by and spend part or all of a session with us as we explore Israel by hugging, wrestling and celebrating Shabbat together. We meet the *first and third Saturdays* of every month, starting with Shabbat morning services at 10:00 a.m. followed by an adult discussion and children's learning, and ending with a potluck lunch. We also meet during the *second Friday* of every month for blessings, dinner and discussions at 5:00 p.m. followed by Jazz Shabbat. We hope to see you there! □



PRESCHOOL



Tamar Andrews
*Early Childhood
Program Director*

Our Well-to-do Children Are Not Well-off

We Americans often equate price and prestige with a better life and more happiness. “Money cannot buy happiness” might be what we say but we also tend to think that if we give our children more, they will be happier. However, a study conducted by UNICEF sheds light on what children really feel and what they really want. UNICEF assessed six different areas including material wellbeing, health and safety, educational wellbeing, family and peer relationships, behaviors and risks as well as the children’s own perceptions of their own wellbeing.

The statistics were quite interesting. Out of 21 countries including Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, France, UK and USA, where would you think the USA would rank? Not first. The first through third spots went to Holland, Sweden and Denmark, respectively. The Netherlands has always been



a very child-centered society. If you visit, your child would be excited to see a playground on every corner. Even butcher shops and stores have areas clearly marked for children with tables and toys. How close are our parks? Most families have to get into the car to drive to a park. Unfortunately, parks were never a priority in the grand design of the city’s layout. How many stores and other commercial locations have play spaces for children? Oddly, I know that Ikea does. Ikea, that store from Sweden.

That the USA ranked 20th out of 21 is disappointing. We spend so much money on material wealth and other non-essential expenditures that our youngest citizens are getting the short end of the stick. We have to spend less and give more time. To worry less and enjoy more. Judge less and accept more. Let’s get to #1. Play outside more often! □

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Joshua Mason-Barkin
*Director of
Congregational
Learning*

Jewish Education Is All About Experience.

The genius of the Jewish tradition is that excellent and engaging Jewish education is built right in. An example is the Jewish holiday we just celebrated.

Sukkot, the “festival of booths,” is about remembering the Israelites’ wandering in the desert as well as the ancient agricultural roots of our people. The rabbis of old could have dictated that we simply say a few prayers to mark the occasion. But they understood learning about something is not as effective as learning by doing. On Sukkot, our tradition instructs us to build a sukkah and hold tight to the lulav. Sukkot is about experience, not just reciting prayers to fulfill the commandment (Deut. 16:13) to give thanksgiving for the harvest.

Learning by doing is a major part of our mission at Temple Isaiah. We are working to incorporate this ideal into everything we do, but I would

like to highlight a few programs that really embody this:

Tiyul: Shabbat B’Yachad is the crown jewel of our educational offerings. Designed for families with students in kindergarten through sixth grade, the program brings children and adults together to learn on Shabbat. We pray, sing and learn in an “outside of the box” way. Parents have the opportunity to learn together exploring issues that relate to their families’ Jewish lives. For more information, check out Rachel Ackerman’s article on page 6.

Kulanu is a pilot program for third graders and their parents. A select group of our third-grade families enrolled their children in a religious school class that will be using new “experiential” holiday



materials. Furthermore, parents in the Kulanu program have committed to monthly adult sessions to learn in parallel with their children’s curriculum. The adult sessions will be taught by our rabbis, cantor, rabbinical interns and me. I am proud this program is geared toward equipping and empowering Jewish families to live active Jewish lives. □

BAR MITZVAH



ERIC ROSS

Son of Nancy and Gary Ross
Saturday, October 2, 2010



JONATHAN FRIEDMAN

Son of Elizabeth
and Glen Friedman
Saturday, October 9, 2010



DANIEL TEN

Son of Diane and Jeffrey Ten
Saturday, October 30, 2010

YOUTH GROUP

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT AN EVENT!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
Lisa Greengard at (310) 277.2772 ext. 23
or lisa@templeisaiah.com.**

CLUB 456

Deck Party! - Open to 4th, 5th, 6th Grades ONLY
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FREE, Upper Deck

Enjoy pizza and games while learning about Temple
Isaiah's exclusive club with Youth Director, Lisa
Greengard. RSVP by Tuesday, October 12 to Lisa
Greengard lisa@templeisaiah.com or 310.277.2772 ext 23.

JR. ITY

Saturday, October 16, Welcome BBQ

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October 1-3, NFTY Leadership Training Institute (LTI)

Join ITY on Facebook! Contact Lisa Greengard, ITY
Advisor for more information and become involved with
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LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

By Ellen G. Cole, Librarian

The heat and the High Holy Days are gone; cool fall weather tempts us to curl up and read. What better choice than the newly redesigned Temple Library which beckons readers of all ages to find old favorites and new volumes now in new places. Our strikingly stunning, modern space does not deny the old welcoming atmosphere. The Levine Library is here for all of us: congregants, clergy, teachers, students, staff, the seniors and parents. We offer reading for pleasure and research in print or via computer. The Library is fully cataloged: 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: walk from the Lobby coffee bar.

We offer Judaica in an incredibly rich range of subjects ready to match your adult education topic: bible, literature, music, art, theater, film, sports, spirituality, wellness, crafts, criminals, economics, history, politics and personalities. Library books circulate and 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 computer searches and research methods. They investigate topics beyond regular lessons through Library lectures and the annual reading contest.

Please come into the Library and find a book to gladden your heart and enlighten your mind. I look forward to seeing you as you come to see the "new us."

Warmly,

Ellen G. Cole,
Librarian

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GREEN TEAM EARTH STEWARDSHIP FUND

In Memory of

Seymour Green by Naomi Green

HA SHARIM

In Memory of

Selma Wolfberg by Toby and Howard Wolfberg

HIGH HOLY DAY CAMPAIGN 2010

In Appreciation of

Walking away from a bad car accident by Ellie and Peter Gabayan

LEVINE LIBRARY FUND

In Honor of

Judie Rice's birthday by Gloria and Eddie Ilan

In Memory of

Rebecca Erin Diamond by Elaine and Michael Diamond
Max Radoff by Sandra Bernstein

NORMAN MIRSKY ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In Memory of

Marie Francesconi by Elliot and Janet
Ilse Kahn by Elaine Mirsky

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of

Shirley Reisman Blan by Judie Rice
Michael Pomerantz by Jane Pomerantz

RABBI GAN DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation of

Rabbi Gan by Arline Weger

In Memory of

Ilse Kahn by Judie Rice

RABBI LEWIS MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of

Rachel R. Fields by Stuart Freeman
Frances Lewis by Marjorie Lewis
Sidney Weger by Sandra Bernstein

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

In Honor of

Sandy Borak's special birthday by Evelyn and Allen Kwawer

In Memory of

Dr. Ira Carson by Wendy and Jeff Turk
Barnett Catch by Gaye and Jeni Catch
Miriam Dantus by Carla and Philippe Kopf
Ana Dryjansky by Carla and Philippe Kopf
Well Wishes For
Sandy Mildren by Sherilee and Sumner Feldman

RISHONIM FUND

In Memory of

Anita Weatherspoon by Jill and Rodney Sabel

SHABBAT CELEBRATION FUND

In Memory of

Fanny Sacks by Rosalie and Sheldon Sacks

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In Memory of

Ilse Kahn by Roberta and Joseph Gillerman

Hilda Rosenberg by Phyllis Rosenberg

YAHREIT FUND

In Honor of

Temple Isaiah by Wendy Wax

In Memory of

Hy Bronn by Erma Bronn
Teresa Parker Clark by Michael Parker
Rebecca Erin Diamond by Eve Schweitzer
Bertha Dyen by Sheila Moncavage
Miroslav Engel by Lisa and Eric Engel
Gary Francesconi's mother by Chauvurah Chai
Rosa Gerber by Phillip Gerber
Joseph Gold and Bessie Tarnove by Gladys and Ivin Tarnove
Betty Grossberg Holland by Sandra and Martin Mildren
Ilse Kahn by Daniel Einstein and Marsha
Terry Ronald Karp by Fern Karp
Sidney Samuel Korman by Irvin Korman
Halina Krauss by Gloria and Nathaniel Greengard
Sam Miller, Dorothy Schlesinger and Ida Frazin by Ruth Miller
Dr. Julius Morris by Paul Morris
David Rucker by Abraham Rucker

OCTOBER MEMORIAL PLAQUES

OCTOBER 1

Frances Deerson
Phillip Garden
Ida D. Gurvitch
Patricia Ellen Hallner
Charles Oscar Jacobs
Robert Kahn
Florence Osheroff
Celia Pfeifer
Tillye Rich
Anna Rosenberg
Anna G. Schwartz
Samuel C. Shine
David Spasser
Freyda Penner Spatz
Dorothy Friend Stein
Cipra Weisbart

OCTOBER 8

Syrel Balsler
Charles Bellman
Sam Berniker
Joseph Blumberg
Esther K. Brounstein
Ralph Cohen
Louis Dash
Leo Hirsch
Ellen Ruth Joseph
David C. Korman
Mollie Kotz
Abe B. Krimstein
Harry Kuppin
Charles Lieberman
Fanny Light
Kate Loeb
Max Pullan
Joel Ritz
Rose Rokaw
Hannah Silverstone
Bernard Sklar
David Stell
Minnie Yudovin
Howard Lewis
Zeidenfeld

OCTOBER 15

Eva Berniker
Samuel Blau

Annette Brounstein
Frances Canter
Minnie Caplan
Jack A. Colvin
Celia Grimes
Dora Koskoff
Jack Pullan
Herman Reffe
Miriam Shachory
Rafael Shachory
Georgiana Sidlow
Irving Wershow
Miriam Wershow
Phillip Samuel Zeff

OCTOBER 22

Jennie Bobrov
Evelyn Dyser
Penrod Moss
Anne Ostry
David Paller
Max Pastor
Max Schloss
Henry Schnitman
Itzhak Schuchmacher
Sadie Shannahoff
David Sigall
Byron Smith
David Steinberg
Lillian Wasserman
Jacob Yavitch

OCTOBER 29

Phyllis F. Benach
Morris Cohen
Bernard Fabian
George Isaac Fink
Joe Flatte
Lena T. Goldberg
Max Joseph
Milton Lehman
Sarah Lesser
Herman Loevner
Gilbert Person
Rivka Sales
Isadore Harry Stone
Albert R. Wager
Anna Helen Wager

LIFECYCLES

Mazel Tov: Matthew Corman and Dawn Urbont on the birth of their son; *Mazel Tov* to Gail and Terry Feigenbaum on the birth of their granddaughter; *Mazel Tov* to Joshua and Jessica Haacker on the birth of their son; *Mazel Tov* to Ellen Bernstein Klapper M.D. on her advancement to Clinical Professor of Medicine at U.C.L.A.; *Mazel Tov* to Mark and Kathleen Mower on the birth of their son.

SYMPATHY: We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Gary Francesconi on the loss of his mother, Marie Francesconi; Jodi Galen on the loss of her grandfather, Harvey Goldberg; Elisa Geller on the loss of her father, Harold Ravins; Catherine O'Krent on the loss of her mother, Eva David; Theodore Stein on the loss of his father, Alex Stein; Francine Wenger on the loss of her father, Nathan Grundfest.

SPEEDY RECOVERY: The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Paulette Benson, Dorothy Lank, Joan Sales and Gladys Tarnove.



You're not just a client, you're family.

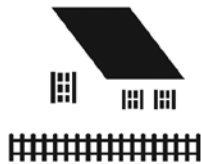
As long time active members and supporters of Temple Isaiah, we feel fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community. We live and work as realtors in the neighborhood and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about buying or selling a home. Please give us a call at 310-385-3163.

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Terri & David Elston



OCTOBER 2010 CALENDAR

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Fridays, October 1, 8*, 15 and 29*

5:45 P.M. PRE-ONEG
6:15 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICES
7:30 P.M. ONEG

*OCTOBER 8 IS SHABBAT SCHMOOZE
OCTOBER 29 IS CHAVURAH SHABBAT.

Fourth Friday - October 22 with special guest California Senator Fran Pavley

6:00 P.M. FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE
6:30 P.M. FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER
7:00 P.M. PRE-ONEG
7:15 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICES
8:30 P.M. ONEG

Mon

CENTER FOR THE WIDOWED
Every Monday

Wed

DAUGHTERS OF TORAH ~ LEARNING CIRCLE
Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CANTOR KENT MEDITATION CIRCLE
Every Wednesday 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sat

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY
Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Study with Rabbi Zoë Klein every Shabbat morning, exploring Torah verse by verse

- 3** **ISAIAH WOMEN WALK**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 9:30 A.M.
Join us for a morning walk around Rancho Park.
- 5** **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 7:00 P.M.
Join our special Bereavement Group which will meet the following dates: October 5, 12 and 26.
- 6** **ISRAEL ROUNDTABLE**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Join Jordi Schuster for this monthly roundtable discussion.
- 7** **PUBLIC EDUCATION/ORGANIZING MEETING**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 7:45 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
- 9** **TOT SHABBAT**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Join us for our monthly Tot Shabbat. The theme this month is Simchat Torah.
- HEARTS & MINDS: A TORAH ROUNDTABLE**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
All are welcome to this passionate, joyous and critical study of Torah.
- ART SPIRITUALITY WITH FLORI HENDRON**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Join artist and temple member Flori Hendron on a spiritual art journey. No Art Experience Necessary. Please RSVP to Julie Moldo in the temple office: (310) 277-2772.
- 10** **BIKKUR CHOLIM TRAINING**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 9:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.
Join us for training where you will learn ways to be an empathic listener and how you can reach out to our community as you learn to show others support.
- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Bring your animals for our yearly Blessing of the Animals on the deck.
- GREEN TEAM: HUMANS GONE WILD**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 2:00 P.M.
Green Team presents a program which raises the question, "Will our genius save or doom us? You decide."
- 11** **GREGORY BOYLE BOOK SIGNING**
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

- 12** **"FLOWERS AREN'T ENOUGH" PLAY**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 6:30 P.M.
Join Temple Isaiah and Isaiah Women for Naomi Ackerman's one-woman play about domestic abuse. Refreshments are at 6:30 p.m. and the play will begin at 7:15 p.m. followed by a discussion.
- MODERN HEBREW**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 6:30 P.M.
This class meets twice a month: October 12 and 26.
- LEARN TO READ HEBREW**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 6:30 P.M.
This class meets weekly: October 12, 19 and 26.
- 14** **CINEMA ISAIAH**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 11:30 A.M.
Join our monthly Cinema Isaiah for a movie, *Noodle*, and discussion. Cost is \$5, lunch included. To rsvp contact Nancy@templeisaiiah.com.
- 15** **JEWISH YOGA**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 9:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
The class is a great way to relax at the end of a long week and start your weekend in a spiritual place.
- 19** **T.I.N.G. MEETING**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
This is open to all Temple members and those who want to build their business through referrals. For questions, call Ivy Rappaport at 323-782-3032.
- 21** **GREEN TEAM MEETING**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
The Green Team focuses on educating and advocating on environmental issues, green activism, and creating green initiatives. Contact Steve Fox, at minusksf@aol.com
- 22** **ISAIAH WOMEN HIKE**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 1:00 P.M.
Join Isaiah Women for a hike in Franklin Canyon.
- 24** **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 9:45 A.M.
- 26** **BRADLEY BURSTON LUNCH**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 1:00 P.M.
Bradley Burston is a journalist from HaAretz and will be joining us for lunch.

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REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES BY OCTOBER 5 IT IS TIME TO BECOME AN ADULT BAR OR BAT MITZVAH!

Have you been thinking about becoming an Adult B'nai Mitzvah? We will have a new class starting up in the fall. This class will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. beginning Tuesday, October 12. The class will culminate with an Adult B'nai Mitzvah ceremony in May 2011. The fee for the class is \$120. Topics will include an overview of Jewish texts, Holidays and Shabbat, What it means to be a Reform Jew, God and prayer. If you have questions about the class contact Rabbi Kellner at RabbiRick@templeisiah.com. Register now using our secure log-in on the Temple website.

TEMPLE ISAAH'S ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS IN OCTOBER

Did you become an Adult B'nai Mitzvah here at Temple Isaiah? Did you become a Bar or Bat mitzvah as a teenager and have a desire to learn more about Judaism as an adult? This course may be for you. Temple Isaiah's Adult Confirmation class will meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, October 19. The fee for the class is \$90. We will study Theology, Spirituality, Jewish texts and examine the way we can incorporate Judaism into our everyday lives. If you have questions about the class contact Rabbi Kellner at RabbiRick@templeisiah.com. Register now using our secure log-in on the temple website. If you took the class in 2009-2010, you are invited to take it again as the topics will be different



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING HEBREW?

Temple Isaiah will be offering two opportunities to learn Hebrew beginning this fall. We will offer a course in **conversational Hebrew** that will meet every other week on Tuesday evenings, and we will also offer a

course in beginning Hebrew for those who wish to learn to read the letters. **Beginning Hebrew** will take place weekly on Tuesday evenings. If you have questions or are interested in taking either of these classes, contact Rabbi Kellner at RabbiRick@templeisiah.com. Register now using our secure log-in on the temple website.

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST SHABBAT SCHMOOZE

**JOIN WITH NAAMA HAVIV,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
JEWISH WORLD WATCH**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 - 8:00 P.M.

Join us Friday evening as we discuss Genocide, Congo and the Sudan and how we can respond to the cries of injustice heard around the world. Our Shabbat Schmooze will take place at 8:00 p.m. following Shabbat services. Dinner can be ordered by contacting Nancy in the Temple office.



SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE FEATURING FATHER GREGORY BOYLE OF HOMEBY INDUSTRIES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 - 7:30 P.M.

Join Father Gregory Boyle as he speaks about his work and his bestselling book, "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." This event is in collaboration with Children's Book World. Father Boyle's book will be available for purchase during this event as well as prior to the event at Children's Book World. Boyle's Homeboy Industries is the largest gang intervention program in the country, offering job training, tattoo removal and employment to members of enemy gangs.



To learn more, visit www.homeboy-industries.org or www.childrensbookworld.com