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HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Temple Isaiah

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 7:30 PM
SELICHOT

Royce Hall - UCLA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 8:00 PM
EREV ROSH HASHANAH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9,
9:00 AM ROSH HASHANAH MORNING
FAMILY SERVICE

11:30 AM ROSH HASHANAH
MORNING SERVICE

Santa Monica Beach

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 4:00 PM
ROSH HASHANAH AFTERNOON
TASHLICH SERVICE

Temple Isaiah

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 10:30 AM
2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 6:15 PM
SHABBAT SHUVAH

Royce Hall - UCLA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 5:00 PM AND 8:00 PM
KOL NIDRE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9:00 AM YOM KIPPUR MORNING
FAMILY SERVICE

11:30 AM YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE

2:00 PM YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON
DISCUSSION
"A Deeper Look at
Immigration Reform"

3:30 PM YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON,
YIZKOR AND NEILAH

FROM RABBI KLEIN



One thing I ask of the Lord, only that do I seek, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, to frequent God's Temple....Psalm 27:4

It is traditional to recite Psalm 27 every day of the month leading up to the High Holy Days. Each year I hike through this great psalm as if it is a beautiful terrain, and I encourage you to do the same!



*Wherever we are, we dwell
in God's house, vibrating
with radiant pixels of color.*

What does it mean to only ask for this one thing: to live in the house of the Lord? If it literally means to live at Temple Isaiah, given the percentage of my adult life I've spent here, my psalm has been answered. I suspect, however, God's "house" encompasses more. Wherever we are, we dwell in God's house, vibrating with radiant pixels of color.

Exploring a trail, immersing in another's story, looking into the face of one you love, tasting a handful berries... Each moment the invisible walls between self and starlight disintegrate so that we feel our connection with everything in a moment as we gaze upon the beauty. Perhaps this is the one thing the psalm suggests we seek: To live in awareness of the luminescent filigree which weds the world together.

This is my eleventh year serving Temple Isaiah. In sheer hours, I am confident that I have frequented God's Temple! This year, for the first time, I will be taking a three-month sabbatical from December through February. I am very grateful for the chance and encouragement to renew and grow. I

plan to learn from my clergy colleagues through study and worship and to collect many gems to share upon my return. I hope to build a website which addresses people's fears about mortality. Most importantly, of course, I plan to spend special time with my family.

I look forward to being together with you for the harmonies of High Holy Days and the blast of the *shofar* calling us to a year of blessings and opportunities. □

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FROM CANTOR KENT



SUKKOT: A TIME FOR GRATITUDE AFTER THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

The High Holy Days begin with the opening strains of Rosh HaShanah and continue until the closing verses of the *Neilah* prayers and the mythical gates are closed. But our tradition teaches us that those gates are not fully closed until the end of Sukkot.

This year our Erev Sukkot service will inaugurate the establishment of Temple Isaiah's Center for Wellness and Gratitude with a special service featuring renowned singer/songwriter Debbie Friedman.

I knew Debbie Friedman before I really knew Debbie Friedman. As a long time URJ camper and NFTY member, Debbie provided the soundtrack for much of my adolescence. At camps and conclaves we would sing her English setting of *V'ahavta* ("And thou shalt love the Lord..."), and at Chanukah we would joyfully sing refrains of "Not by Might and Not By Power."

As a college student and later as a cantorial student at HUC in New York, I became aware of how Debbie had started to create new blessings from ancient texts. She had begun to write musical *midrashim* - songs that through soulful melodies and carefully crafted texts attempted to find a place and a voice for those individuals - usually our ancestral mothers - that the Hebrew Bible neglected to fully include in the sacred narrative.

Friedman's "*L'chi lach*" reminds us that not only did Abraham hear the call from God to leave

his homeland but Sarah did as well. "Miriam's Song" recalls the role that Miriam and the women had in the role of the Exodus story, and "Deborah's Song" adds new life and vitality to the tale of one of the few female Biblical judges.

But it is in the realm of music for healing that Debbie Friedman most certainly stands out. She single-handedly may be responsible for the inclusion of the "*Mishebeirach*" prayer from one recited at the Torah service to a major element in our Friday night liturgy. Some liturgical scholars have even asserted that Friedman's setting of "*Mishebeirach*" not only restored the prayer to our liturgy but was responsible for providing the impetus for a nationwide healing movement. Because of the "*Mishebeirach*" we began to acknowledge illness and sickness in our midst as a congregation and we were given a forum by which to share names and express caring.

As Temple Isaiah launches its new Center for Wellness and Gratitude, it is natural that Debbie Friedman will be with us at the synagogue to celebrate this milestone in the life of our community. On Erev Sukkot (Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:30 p.m.), Debbie will join with me, our *chazzan sheini* Lorna Lembeck and the rabbis to celebrate the beginning of our harvest festival. We will join together in prayers and songs of thanksgiving and gratitude as traditional elements of the Sukkot celebration are interwoven with contemporary prayers for healing of body, soul, spirit and even the earth.

Debbie Friedman and I finally met years after I had begun singing her songs. Recently Debbie relocated to Los Angeles, and she is a much welcomed addition to our Southern California Jewish music community. It is an honor to call her a friend and colleague; and an even greater honor that she joins us for Erev Sukkot.

I wish you all a sweet New Year, a reflective Yom Kippur and a Sukkot filled with health, gratitude and overflowing blessings. □

SUKKOT AT TEMPLE ISAIAH

THE HOLIDAYS CONTINUE WITH SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 7:30 P.M.

Celebrate Erev Sukkot and the inauguration of Temple Isaiah's Center for Wellness and Gratitude with acclaimed Jewish songwriter and performer Debbie Friedman.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7:00-9:00 P.M.
ZIP CODE SUKKOT FOR ADULTS**

Celebrate Sukkot and Havdallah in your neighborhood. This year, over twenty Temple Isaiah families will be opening up their homes and their Sukkah for you. This evening's Sukkot celebration will feature your neighbors, pot-luck dessert and Havdallah. Call Julie Moldo at the Temple office to find a Sukkah in your neighborhood: (310)277-2772.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2:00-4:00 P.M.
ZIP CODE SUKKOT FOR FAMILIES**

This Zip Code Sukkot is a time for families with younger children. Join together with neighborhood families to celebrate the fall harvest and wave the lulav and etrog.

We are still looking for Zip code Sukkot hosts. If you are interested in building a Sukkah, would like to open your Sukkah to the Temple Isaiah community or want exciting ideas on how to decorate your Sukkah, call Cantor Kent, and he, along with our team of "Sukkah Mavens," will be glad to help you. Please call Julie Moldo at the Temple office to find a Sukkah in your neighborhood: (310)277-2772.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:15 P.M.
SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION**

Celebrate the cycle of Torah! We finish reading the last verses of Deuteronomy and begin immediately with the story of Genesis. The joy is magnified with Israeli dancing and dinner following the service.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 8:30 A.M.
SIMCHAT TORAH YIZKOR SERVICE**

CELEBRATE SUKKOT WITH DEBBIE FRIEDMAN



Wednesday September 22, 7:30 PM

Share in a service of dedication as our community welcomes Debbie Friedman, world renown Jewish singer and composer, sharing songs and prayers of healing, wholeness and praise, as we launch Temple Isaiah's Center for Wellness and Gratitude. □





I always loved those moments in old movies or cartoons when you knew that royalty was en route. Someone dressed in an interesting uniform would stand out in the middle of the street and take a horn and play a loud melodious tune that would announce

the presence of royalty. Everyone should know that the king and queen are on their way and will be in that exact spot in just a few moments. In the same light, it is always fun to hear “Hail to the Chief” when the President enters a room. There is fanfare, joy and excitement about the important arrival of a great leader.

Now think for a moment about the High Holy days. Shouldn't there be fanfare and blasts of a trumpet that announce the arrival of this important season? In fact, there is such a moment: the sounding of the *shofar* rings in this season along with the daily recitation of Psalm 27. The *shofar* is the blast that tells of the great thing about to happen. But what is that great thing? We do not need a *shofar* to sound every time God is present in our midst. Even if it is the season of the High Holy Days, we feel God's presence at other moments throughout our lives and throughout the year.

The *shofar* announces a season that challenges us, a season that calls us to action and a season that inspires us to reflect on our lives as they are and on our lives as we hope they might become. I recently read a book entitled, *The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven* by Ron Wolfson. Having read this book on the airplane, some were inclined to turn their heads and find out what this book is about. This book is not a discussion of the afterlife but more so a guide to living a more meaningful life.

To find out more about the seven questions, I suggest that you read the book. I do want to make mention of one of the questions as we approach this High Holy Day season. Perhaps this question will help you to prepare for the reflection that lies in the days and weeks ahead. The fourth question that Dr. Wolfson proposes we ask ourselves is, “Did you have hope in your heart?” To hope in my heart is the ability to dream, it is the possibility of connecting in meaningful ways to the people I love and it is the opportunity to be a part of something greater than I am.

We often begin sentences with the words “I hope...” When we do so, we indicate a profound sense of gratitude for the world around us and an understanding that when we hope we turn inward to the core of our very existence and beliefs and we hope. When we lie waiting

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for results of a test or await the outcome of something that is unknown to us, we hope. Abraham Joshua Heschel once wrote (*God in*

Search of Man, p. 225, “He who carries the torch of hope kindles enthusiasm and wins acclaim.”) Hope is the optimism that lies within the spectrum of possibility. Hope is knowing that good can come from something even when we fear the worst. I once attended a lecture by Michael J. Fox who responded to a question about fear, “If I fear the worst and it happens, then I have lived it twice.” Hoping for the best brings an outlook on life in which we can dream about the possibilities and know that the possibility of recognizing the blessings in our lives is on the horizon.

Debra, Zoe and I wish you a year filled with hope for you and your families. May you always feel the hope of blessings on the horizon, and may you always know that the presence of hope in your lives connects you to community and to people who love you. □

RACHEL ACKERMAN, RABBINIC INTERN

As the summer winds down, there is one nagging thought I have: the High Holidays are really early this year. They are so early that Shabbat B'Yachad, does not even officially begin until after the holidays have passed.

Amidst the thoughts of preparations that need to be done for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I hear one of my teacher's voices in my head: “The holidays are never early or late. They always fall exactly when they are supposed to.”

For those who have meals to prepare, services to plan, sermons to write, gatherings of loved ones to organize, this statement is almost laughable. The beginning of September certainly feels early.

Nevertheless, it is true. The holidays fall on the same dates on the Jewish calendar every year. It is not the Jewish calendar that's changing; it is the way it coincides with our Gregorian oriented daily lives.

How do we reconcile the discrepancy between the calendar that rules our daily lives and the one that dictates our Jewish ones? For this we have *Elul*, the last month of the Jewish calendar. Traditionally marked daily by the blast of the *shofar*, it is a wake-up call saying, “The holidays are coming. Get ready.”

Once the holidays really arrive (especially this year), we are so bombarded with everything that needs to be done that the opportunity to do the spiritual work of the High Holidays has



Celebrating Havdallah

nearly passed. *Elul* is a built in time of reflection, a time of meditating on the meaning of *teshuvah* (repentance) and *selichah* (forgiveness).

Because, as a Shabbat B'Yachad community, we will not be able to prepare for the holidays together, it is my hope that each of us makes the time, either individually or with family or friends, to sit down during *Elul*, reflect on the year, and do the spiritual preparations now so that the holidays, early or not, happen for us when we are ready.

Shanah Tovah, U'Metukah! □

FROM THE PRESIDENT

SUSAN BARTHOLOMEW



The Rabbis of old taught that the construction of the Temple was not completed until everyone had contributed to the effort. Thus, the Holy Temple, the place where our people and God met, was dependent upon the good will and donations of each and every one of our ancestors.

In that spirit, the selfless commitment of our members to Temple Isaiah and to our High Holy Day Campaign has demonstrated an amazing dedication to our congregation and our people. It has enabled us to enhance our vibrant synagogue community built upon the traditional pillars of our faith: community, education and worship. Our entire membership is grateful to each donor for their generosity.

As we prepare again for another year of synagogue activities and service to the community, we ask you to make Temple Isaiah a philanthropic priority by contributing to this year's High Holy Day Campaign. This appeal, which is a critical part of our funding, is needed to help provide:

- Extraordinary clergy and staff who teach and inspire us.
- An outstanding religious school whose programs guide our children toward fulfilling Jewish lives.
- A truly amazing pre-school that provides our children with a wonderful Jewish foundation.
- The fulfillment of our commitment of *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World) and *K'LaL Israel* (the Jewish community worldwide).
- Magnificent worship services, life cycle events, festivals and celebrations.
- The assurance of the future of Reform Judaism at Temple Isaiah by enabling all who choose membership to do so without hardship or economic distress.

Many believe the Hebrew word *tzedakah* means charity, yet the words Hebrew roots convey much more — a combination of righteousness, fairness and justice. In Judaism, charity is not merely an act of giving; it is a moral commitment of our faith. In short, it is a fundamental part of Jewish living.

As the sounding of the *shofar* draws closer, we look to every member of the congregation to show their support of Temple Isaiah through our High Holy Day Campaign. We are counting on you to be a part of that. We are counting on your support this year and for many years to come. □

NOTES FROM THE GREEN TEAM

What mark are we missing?



On Yom Kippur, we recite the *Al Chet* prayer, in which we confess how we have missed the mark. For the prayer to be more than a mere recitation of words, we must thoroughly understand and be passionate about our marks and if we missed them.

In the wonderful Saturday morning slo-mo Torah study, we devoted an entire session to the commandment “Thou shalt not steal.” Many aspects of the concept were explored—the theft of property, of reputation, of peace of mind, of the withholding of wages until the next day...

Then we thought about the devastation in the Gulf, about annihilated rainforests and the people who depend on them, about the water that is contaminated where mountaintops are removed to mine coal, about the ancient majestic giant trees that are felled, about the health risks to the poor living near foul air generators, about the cars that only get 18 miles to the gallon... All of a sudden, we became profoundly moved by a new insight—**ALL THIS IS REALLY STEALING.**

According to the Torah, the earth is God's, and we are its custodians. It is ours to till and to tend. If this is true, are we not only stealing from each other and from our children but also stealing from God? And isn't that a big mark to miss? □

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Talmud 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.

Regina and Michael Adler
 Laurie and Mark Aston
 Tamara Babaeva
 Allyce and Michael Balson
 Kimberly Becker
 and Michael Steinman
 Johanna and Doug Besterman
 Melissa and Saul Brand
 Michele Findler and Jason Buchalter
 Sonya and Adam Chapnick
 Marc Chessen
 Dawn Urbont and Matthew Corman
 Ramona and Harry Edery
 Jennifer and Michael Eisenberg
 Alyse Pelavin and Tim Farahnik

Tannaz and Tom Fouladi
 Lisa and Todd Friedman
 Eydie and Mark Grossman
 Lila and Robert Hanasab
 Amber and Daniel Handman
 Nathalie and Michael Huddleston
 Nori and Jeffrey Kaiser
 Maria and Bobby Kashani
 Stella and Leonard Kleinrock
 Yulia Neyman-Kleyner
 and Alex Kleyner
 Michelle Kumetz and James Knott
 Dana and Jodi Kravetz
 Alie and Daniel Lapidus
 Leanne Mouw and Andre Leb
 Mimi Lind
 Irene and Zachary Lodmer
 Shana and Jeremy Lutsky
 Alissa and Daniel Mafrice
 Jodi and Michael Mandel
 Bina Sahar and Jason Morgan

Risa and Gregory Morris
 Elizabeth and Michael Platt
 Liz and Tom Pollak
 Laura and Kenny Rogers
 Jennifer Holstein
 and Adam Rosenblatt
 Torrie Rosenzweig
 Mojgan and Ramin Sabeti
 Pantea and Afshin Salamanti
 Dawn and Paul Sapan
 Marlene and Bahram Shahramzad
 Orly and Morris Shemtoub
 Bari and Marshall Sherman
 Andrea and Gil Sklar
 Anthea and Larry Snegg
 Sharon and Sean Tabibian
 Jessica Siegel and Stephen Tsoneff
 Jackie and Simon Uwins
 Stacey Gordon and Steve Walpert
 Alyse and Guy Zaczepinski

Our Community

ISAIAH WOMEN!

Isaiah Women looks forward to starting our third exciting year. We will continue our popular events such as the 2nd Annual Women's Passover Seder, Bingo night and a Mah Jongg Tournament, and we will be adding many new and innovative activities.

Please join us by becoming a member or by renewing your membership for what will be a very successful and fun-filled 2010-2011 year.

We would like to introduce you to our wonderful and dedicated board for the upcoming year:

President: Ellen Canter

Vice President: Laurie Gantz

Vice Presidents (Programming):
Rochelle Neuburger and Sari Spiro

Vice Presidents (Membership):
Engel, Cathy Pollak, and Genise Reiter

Treasurers: Ginny Solomon and Lisa Turin

Recording Secretary: Suzanne Solig

Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Turk

Religious School/Preschool Liaison:
Diane Gross

Programming Committee:
Fran Wenger and Betsy Wuliger

Members-at-Large:
Cory Schwab and Gail Gottesman

Parliamentarian: Simonne Yaroslow

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 24th- Our next lunch bunch. Details to follow. Join us as we continue to try many different ethnic cuisines.

Tuesday, September 28th, 6:00 p.m.- Sukkot Dinner. This will be our third annual event with Rabbi Klein. Join us for dinner in our own sukkah. More details will be available soon.

ISAIAH WOMEN COOKBOOK

Isaiah Women is putting together a cookbook of all our best Jewish recipes. So gather your favorite recipes; appetizer, main course, side dish or dessert and send them to Gail Gottesman at gailgottesman@earthlink.net. This will be an opportunity for all of us at the temple to share and try new dishes or old favorites prepared a new way.

To become a member of Isaiah Women, please contact Lisa Engel at Lengel@ucla.edu or Cathy Pollak at cathy.pollak@gmail.com

Isaiah Women wishes you all a *Shana Tova* and a sweet New Year filled with good health, contentment and fulfillment. □



Temple Isaiah's softball team, the Hammerin' Hebrews, won the Division D Synagogue Softball Championship game on Sunday, June 19th. They beat the team from Leo Beck, 10 - 6! Michael Feigenbaum was the winning pitcher, and Michael Schesul made the final out for the winning team. Mazel Tov to all of the players!

A DAY AT CAMP ISAIAH

By Sarah Cohen

Our Camp Isaiah community starts the morning with an energizing version of the traditional prayer, *Modeh Ani*. Accompanied by our song leader and the upbeat strumming of his guitar, we give thanks, and I am filled with gratitude for the generous spirits of our counselors, the energy of our campers and the warmth of the Camp Isaiah families.

Throughout the day, our campers are engaged in many activities from creative crafts like spice boxes for *Havdallah* to sports like *gaga* (Israeli dodgeball) and a variety of *chugim* (electives). Along with fun activities, they are learning about Israeli and Jewish culture. I love to see campers sharing newly learned Hebrew words taught by our *shlichim* (Israeli counselors) or munching on bourekas made in our cooking chug.

Toward the end of our busy day, we gather to share our experiences and look forward to tomorrow. Finally, we gently wrap our arms around each other and peacefully sway while singing *Hashkiveinu*. I love starting and ending the day with these moments of gratitude and community, because I am truly lucky to be part of the Isaiah community. As I look forward to High Holy Days and a very busy year and to teaching for a second year for *Tiyul:Shabbat B'yachad*, I am energized by warm memories like the ones I have just shared with you, and I am elated by the prospect of happy moments yet to come. *L'shana tova tikatevu!* □



BEYOND SHELTER

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, OPEN ALL WEEK, November 15-19. 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 Rabbi Dara Frimmer at rabbidara@templeisaiah.com. □

SOVA FOOD PANTRY

SOVA food pantries provide free groceries and supportive

resources to nearly 10,000 men, women and children each month, and, sadly, the number continues to grow. During the High Holy Days, we will be collecting food AT TEMPLE ISAIAH. *We will not have a collection at Royce Hall. Please contact Rabbi Dara Frimmer in the Temple Office for more information. □



SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS: FOOD!

We will be collecting the following:

Food and Toiletries for SOVA (All Bins)



**BUILDING POWER
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CONGREGATION BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (CBCO)

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. To learn more, please contact Diana Hardy at dianaehardy@yahoo.com. □



BIRTHDAY BANK

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. □



GREAT IDEAS FOR A SHANA TOVA

Start the New Year with enriching ideas that feel good and do good.

1. For your holiday table, get some free copies of "Call & Response," JWW's High Holiday booklet filled with poems and simple advocacy actions to help the people

of Darfur (Sudan) and Congo. Available at the Temple or from Susan Silver at ssilver@posorg.net.

2. Join us October 5 at the Geffen Playhouse for the 2009 Pulitzer-Prize-winning play Ruined, a powerful portrayal of the human spirit triumphing in a war-torn country. The play is rich with humor, hope and humanity and features a "talk back" with the cast afterwards. The playwright will be presented with JWW's annual iWitness Award. Very limited seating. Purchase tickets at www.jewishworldwatch.org.

3. For your next milestone event, do as JWW Isaiah team member Ann Weinman did for her retirement—in lieu of gifts, request donations be made to JWW. Thank you, Ann, for your kindness in helping others! □



AUGUST 2010 UPDATE



PRESCHOOL



Tamar Andrews
Early Childhood
Program Director

HI! HOLY DAYS

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur do not hold that same allure for a young child that Hanukkah, Purim and Passover do. This is simply because of the way a child thinks. The first two holidays are constructed so that we think about others. The latter three holidays are constructed so that a child can be his regular selfish self and think about the presents, foods and costumes he will receive in honor of the holidays. However, I find it most interesting that the high holidays fall at the same time as the beginning of the school year. This allows us to start off each new school year on new footing. As parents, we can use the fact that these holidays coincide with the new school year to teach valuable social and ethical lessons to even our youngest children. We start by describing and then allowing the child to describe back to us those characteristics that we hold most dear in our friends: trust, respect, compassion, honesty and shared interests. We can further expound on how we should strive to



champion for others to enjoy these rights as well. The one word you need to take away from this is the word *mensch*. The most important lesson that you can teach your child this time of year is how to behave like a *mensch*: a person with integrity and honor.

I know that at this time of year we adults tend to be reflective and look to our deeds of the past year in the hope that we have measured up to our potential and that along the way we did not cause bodily or emotional harm. Children, however, are still on a sharp learning curve, and their days

are replete with pushes, shoves, knocks and even bites. Children say the darndest things, and sometimes even hurtful words escape their adorable mouths.

Teach your children to say “Hi!” to the High Holy Days and to learn, even at this young age, to embrace the message of the holidays and strive to become the *mensch*es we all hope they can be.

Shana tova, and may you only be surrounded by *mensch*es. □

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Joshua Mason-Barkin
Director of
Congregational
Learning

You are probably familiar with the traditional greetings on Rosh HaShanah. We say, *Shanah tovah* (happy new year), or *Shanah tovah umetukah* (happy and sweet new year) or even *L’shanah tovah tikateivu* (may you be inscribed for a good year).

If you grew up in the Sephardic tradition, you may be familiar with a different greeting: *Tizku l’shanim rabbot* (may you merit many years). When someone greets you in this way, there is also a traditional answer: *ne’imot ve’tovot* (pleasant and good ones!).

I like this traditional Sephardic greeting because of the second part, which reminds us that it is not just about how much time you have but about how you spend it. We do not just hope for many years but for years that are full of pleasantness and goodness.

As we look toward to the approaching school year, the message of the Sephardic greeting rings in my ears. It

is not about how much time we have in the school day but rather about how we make that time full of joy and meaning. In this first year of my tenure as director of the school, my core goal is to make the most of every educational moment.

One important piece of this goal will be our school’s newly articulated focus on the deeper purposes of Jewish education. Learning facts and information is good, but our real goal (to paraphrase Rabbi Klein) is to give our students the gifts of identity, community and faith. In the coming months, I am looking forward to showing you examples of this mission in action.



In the meantime, *Tizku l’shanim rabbot, ne’imot, ve’tovot*. May we all merit years that are many, pleasant and good. □

B'NAI MITZVAH



JOSHUA KAHN

Son of Maureen and Michael Kahn
Saturday, September 11, 2010



PIERCE CHASE

Son of Barry Chase and Julia Ganchev
Saturday, September 11, 2010

YOUTH GROUP

Temple Isaiah provides a unique and exceptional opportunity for people in grades 4-12 to gather and celebrate Jewish life and have FUN. Similar to a Jewish club, programs are designed to give participants a chance to interact socially and in a safe environment while exploring their Jewish roots. Our goal is to foster friendship and Jewish identity and to increase the likelihood of staying connected to the temple and to each other through high school and into young adulthood.

ITY (Isaiah Temple Youth for grades 9-12) and Jr. ITY (for grades 7-8) are run by a board of teens who are voted in each year by teens at the temple. The ITY board meets twice a month to plan, organize and run ITY's monthly events. CLUB 456 (for grades 4-6) has an event every 6-8 weeks and is programmed by the youth advisor. The boards, events and programs are overseen by Lisa Greengard, Youth Director.

Temple Isaiah members and friends from other synagogues are invited to our events and activities. We gather with other youth groups from other Southern California regions. We hope to see you at an event! For more information, please contact Lisa Greengard at (310) 277.2772 ext. 23 or lisa@templeisaiiah.com.



Please go to the Temple Website and click on the Calendar to see a listing of all Youth activities.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER CALENDAR (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

CLUB 456

Sunday, October 17 Deck Party

JR. ITY

Saturday, October 16

Event – Welcome BBQ

ITY

Tuesday, September 28

Intro to Youth Group

October 1-3

NFTY Leadership
Training Institute (LTI)

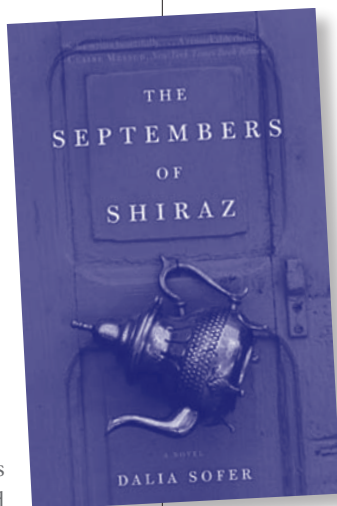
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LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

By Ellen G. Cole, Librarian SEPTEMBER, HOW TO REMEMBER?

September. Everyone is afraid. The wrong religion, the wrong friends mean imprisonment or death in post-revolutionary Iran. Suddenly a Jewish family is a painful example of life under fanatic Muslim mullahs. An innocent father, a helpless mother, their daring preteen daughter, their son abroad: this quartet humanizes the terror as once again Jews struggle to survive. Author Dalia Sofer captures the fear in her debut novel *The Septembers of Shiraz*.

The Jewish Amin family works hard to succeed in business and marriage which allows them a luxurious life style and social contact with the Shah. Furious, now powerful revolutionaries falsely accuse Isaac Amin of spying for Israel;



they arrest him without warning. His terrified wife Farnaz cannot find him. No one contacts her, fearing involvement; she suspects their long-time housekeeper is a spy for the regime and stealing household valuables.

Their daughter decides she can help; Shirin steals government security files, which she finds in their housekeeper's cellar and buries them in her family garden. Their son Parviz, studying in New York, wrapped up in his own world, cutoff from support, becomes involved with a Hasidic family, jolting him to evaluate his religious background.

Sofer's lyrical prose and philosophical handling of events do not detract from constant danger and tension. The story unfolds through four different points of view as family members alternate narrating

chapters, heightening suspense. Farnaz visits the extended Amin family: readers gain more personal and political clues. Everyone is a victim; everyone admits to character flaws in their earlier, happily blinkered life. We hold our breath as the family plans to solve their plight.

How hard to let go of a life, a lifestyle, a homeland! We sympathize. We wonder how we would face the unraveling of our lives, especially at the High Holy Days, when we expect God to dominate our spirits, when we plan to have holy thoughts, not those of escape and survival. Despite our people's history, we fail to anticipate our destiny. Once September in Shiraz meant hope. It morphs to pain, then melancholy memory, then, once more, hope, in this emotional, powerful, realistic novel. □

LIBRARY HOURS:

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Thursday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

By Mary MacVean (Co-Chair of Temple Isaiah's CSA)

Every Tuesday for the better part of a year, someone from the McGrath Family Farm has driven a truck to Temple Isaiah and unloaded boxes of fresh-picked vegetables and fruit. You might have noticed the boxes stacked in the garage or the front courtyard. The food inside is fresh and nutritious, but it is much more than the ingredients for a meal.

Last summer, Temple Isaiah began a relationship with Phil McGrath and his family's farm, near Camarillo. People who decided to take part made a commitment to support the farm, to eat the food that is in season, even when that has meant more - and more varied - greens than most of us have previously encountered.

Through a project called Community Supported Agriculture, we have agreed to pay for our food a season at a time - before we know what we will be buying. CSA communities share in a farm's risks and in its bounty. McGrath's bounty has included

astonishingly delicious strawberries, sweet beets in several colors, fresh fava beans, plus a regular assortment of other produce. Did I mention greens? Lots of greens?

The CSA boxes are, of course, full of food. But they are also full of connections. They enable families to show children new foods, and to explore what comes each week. They give us a strong connection to eating locally and seasonally. They help us connect to the public agenda of food: childhood obesity, diabetes, a planet in danger, 1 million Angelinos relying on food banks and a first lady growing a garden.

Could you buy the same food at a farmer's market? Or at Whole Foods? Of course. But we hope that, over time, our commitment to one farm, to a farmer we can get to know and to our community of Jews in this together gives our food some added value.

Our CSA community is smaller this summer, our third season, than we would like. We have had members try the CSA and decide it's not

for them. In part, our CSA's struggles reflect our great good fortune: 120 farmer's markets in Los Angeles County, incredible local produce all year long. People in other parts of the country are not so lucky, and we hear from CSAs that their members are really eager for their one three-month season.

As we begin our New Year, we invite you to consider a new commitment: to healthy eating, to creative cooking, to learning and connecting through food.

If you think a CSA might be right for you, talk to Mary MacVean, Beth Goss or Rabbi Dara Frimmer. Our fall season begins on Tuesday, September 21! Check out our links on the Temple Isaiah website.

A note from Rabbi Dara: The High Holy Days are a time of reflection. I invite you to consider how food might provide us with blessings of strength, health, justice, sustainability and sweetness! □

ROOTS AND WINGS: A MENTORING PROGRAM

Last fall, twelve Isaiah members embarked on a journey that took them to South Central Los Angeles.

The location was Santee Educational Complex, a high school with 3,600 students where the graduation rate stood at 65%. Our immediate goal was to influence the lives of twelve Santee students through mentorship, conversation and exposure to new experiences.

The initial visit in November of 2009 followed nearly a year of planning with Rabbi Klein, Santee administrators and students and a committee of Isaians. Isaiah partnered with Jewish Big Brothers and Big Sisters to process applications, interview mentors and mentees and make appropriate matches.

After our first meeting in November, we faced a three month hiatus while the students were on a winter break; however, we managed to gather seven students and their mentors for a program at Temple Isaiah, an excursion to Fox Studios and lunch at Factor's in early February. While the mentors ordered matzoh ball soup and corned beef sandwiches on rye, the mentees opted for hamburgers, fries and cheesecake.



When we returned to Santee for our second formal mentorship meeting in March, conversations resumed, and two new mentees, brought in by other students, and two new mentors joined the program in April. In May, four more students signed on after word spread that mentees were benefiting from meaningful conversations, personal attention and group interaction. We marked the end of the school year in June with a celebration of food, conversation and planning for next year.

Our overarching goal is to create a temple/inner city school partnership that benefits both institutions through purpose-driven dialogue, empowerment and relationship building- a partnership that will serve as a model to other faith communities and public schools. The time commitment is the second Thursday morning of every month, with a potential optional meeting on the fourth Thursday. We would love for you to join us!

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Suzanne Solig at slsolig@aol.com or Jan Lipschutz at janlipschutz@gmail.com, co-chairs of the Santee Mentorship Committee.

MENTORSHIP - RICHARD ORKAND

Last year during High Holy Day services Rabbi Klein introduced us to two students, the vice principal and the effort that our temple was making to promote a positive relationship with one of our inner city public high schools, Santee Learning Center.

There was to be an opportunity for temple members to become mentors to tenth grade students.

As I had experience mentoring MBA students and school principals, I thought that it might be an interesting challenge to mentor a teenager. So I signed up and was assigned a 16-year-old young man.

We have now had the opportunity to meet on four different occasions. Even though the sessions are short, there is a connection. He shares some of his personal problems, his home environment, his goals for college, his academic achievements and his love for sports. He even has an interest in my life and what I did for a living.

All in all, it has been a positive experience. If I can help him reach his goal to go to college, then my reward will be one that I will never forget. □

LIFECYCLES

Mazel Tov to Soo-Jin and Brandon Behrstock on the birth of their daughter; Mazel Tov to Toni and Paul Friedman on the birth of their son; Mazel Tov to Denise and David Ghermezian on the birth of their son; Mazel Tov to Diana Hardy and David Viner on the adoption of their daughter; Mazel Tov to Kelly and Stephen Hinden on the birth of their daughter; Mazel Tov to Renee and Chuck Hurewitz on the birth of their grandson and granddaughter (twins); Mazel Tov to Caroline and Aaron Marzwell on the birth of their daughter; Mazel Tov to Dr. Celina Nadelman and Dr. Eugene Liker on the birth of their son; Mazel Tov to Jordi Schuster on her wedding; Mazel Tov to Leslie and Steph Sebbag on the birth of their daughter.

SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to the following Temple members and their families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Karen Brantley on the loss of her sister, Judy; Edward Chayet on the loss of his mother, Bessie Chayet; Sheila Gan on the loss of her mother, Mildred Ash; Meredith Lipsky on the loss of her grandmother, Viola Venables; Denise Mand-Livker on the loss of her mother, Ruth Mand; Galia Nis on the loss of her mother, Behira Nis; Eva Vollmer on the loss of her sister-in-law, Ilse Kahn; Lynn Weger on the loss of her husband, Sid Weger; Madeline Wolf on the loss of her mother, Belle Owens.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

The following Temple members or their loved ones have been ill and we want to wish them well: Ralph Amado, Rich Baron, Sylvia Berger, Harriet Bond, Nancy Cronenwalt, Jay Cronenwalt, Sherry Garfield, Shoshana Kinsbursky, June-Ellen Miller, Joel Peck, Charles Shamash, M. Craig Singer, Norman Solomon, Diane Weinstein, Betsy Wuliger, Jodi Zimelman.

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Sol Winnick

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Jacob Banoff
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Jay Kaplan
Anna Korn
Ida Leinow
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5:45 P.M. PRE-ONEG
6:15 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICES
7:30 P.M. ONEG

Fourth Friday - September 24

6:00 P.M. FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE
6:30 P.M. FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER
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Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Study with Rabbi Zoë Klein every Shabbat morning, exploring Torah verse by verse

**4 SELICHOT SERVICE:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | 7:30 P.M.**
Our Selichot service begins with a presentation of Debbie Pearl's play "Fathers and Sons." This thoughtful and challenging play and the melodies of the High Holy Days will help usher in the Yamim Noraim.

**11 HEARTS & MINDS:
A TORAH ROUNDTABLE:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 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, SEPTEMBER 11 | 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.

**12 WELCOME BACK PICNIC FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.**
Join the Religious School for a welcome picnic on Vollmer Deck. Contact the Religious School Office with questions- (310) 277-2661.

**BACK TO SCHOOL PRESCHOOL PICNIC:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**
Join the Preschool for a welcome picnic at Cheviot Park, right behind the playground. Contact the Preschool Office with questions- (310) 553-3552.

**15 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**16 GREEN TEAM MEETING:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 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

**21 T.I.N.G. MEETING:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 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.

**22 EREV SUKKOT FEATURING DEBBIE FRIEDMAN:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 7:30 P.M.**
Renowned Jewish song-leader Debbie Friedman joins us to lead an unforgettable, special event to welcome Sukkot.

**25 SHABBAT B'YACHAD:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 10:00 A.M.**
An alternative Shabbat program for families with at least one child in K-2 (you must pre-register). Contact the Religious School Office with questions- (310)277-2661.

**ADULT ZIP CODE SUKKOT:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 7:00 P.M.**
Information to follow.

**26 FAMILY ZIP CODE SUKKOT:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 2:00 P.M.**
Information to follow.

**28 ISAIAH WOMEN SUKKOT EVENT:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**
Join Isaiah Women in the Sukkah for dinner. More details to follow.

**29 SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 6:15 P.M.**
Celebrate Simchat Torah at Temple Isaiah with fun, music, and dancing.

**30 YISKOR SERVICE:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 8:30 A.M.**

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SEPTEMBER 9**

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SEPTEMBER 30**

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LIFELONG LEARNING

IT'S TIME TO BECOME AN ADULT BAR OR BAT MITZVAH!

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 until 8:15 beginning October 12. The class will culminate with an Adult B'nai Mitzvah ceremony in May of 2011. The fee for the class will be \$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 or are interested in taking the class contact Rabbi Kellner at RabbiRick@templeisaiah.com. Register now using our secure log-in on the temple website.

TEMPLE ISAIAH'S ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL RETURN IN THE FALL

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 to 7:30 beginning October 19th. The fee for the class will be \$90. We will study Theology, Spirituality and 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@templeisaiah.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@templeisaiah.com. Register now using our secure log-in on the temple website.



HOW DOES TORAH APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

Each week Temple Isaiah is proud to offer two opportunities for Torah learning. Join us for Torah Study each Shabbat morning at 9:30 AM with our Senior Rabbi Rabbi Zoë Klein to dive into the hidden meanings of the Torah. The group studies Torah verse by verse; nothing is left uncovered.

On Wednesday mornings from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM, our Daughters of Torah group meets with longtime member and Hebrew Union College Graduate Elaine Diamond. Using the newly published Women's Torah Commentary, the group looks to find deeper meaning in the Torah portion of the week.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FIRST SHABBAT SCHMOOZE- OCTOBER 8

JOIN WITH NAAMA HARIV, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF JEWISH WORLD WATCH

Join us for an evening as we discuss Genocide, the 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 PM following Shabbat services; dinner can be ordered by contacting Nancy in the temple office.