

The Prophet

TEMPLE ISAAH
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I hope this Summer edition of The Prophet finds you enjoying some relaxation and sun! For me, the summer is usually a time of slower schedules, a bit of time away, as well as serving on the faculty of our URJ Camp Harlam in the Poconos. I am looking forward to being there and seeing our Jewish values in practice through the immersive experience that is summer camp! This year, Harlam is celebrating its 60th anniversary – marking the occasion with many events. If you or your family have roots there, you should check out the anniversary section of their website [here](#).

Among the gifts that my years at Harlam gave me is a deep connection to the People and the State of Israel. Arie Gluck z"l, the long-time director of Harlam, was an Israeli citizen and, well before the concept had spread across the Jewish camping world, he prioritized bringing a large delegation (in Hebrew "*mishlachot*") of Israelis to staff camp each summer. The very clear point of this was two-fold: first, to hire some of the most energetic young Israelis (primarily just-post-army-service) to serve as a connection point for American kids to their brothers and sisters in the Jewish state; and just as important (though slightly under the radar) to give these Israelis an experience with American Jews and Judaism that they rarely had any context for. Year after year, I had the experience of watching primarily secular Israeli young people discover that there was a way to be both religious and modern, to embrace Jewish tradition in a way that was vibrantly creative and liberal – one which often spoke to them in a way that they had never experienced before. One criticism of Israel is that those who consider themselves to be Secular Israelis have often ceded any connection to their Judaism to the ultra-Orthodox hegemony that has been the de-facto interpreter of "What is Jewish" since the founding of the nation.

Inside of Israel, for generations the non-Orthodox branches of Judaism (Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist) had tiny pockets of adherents, mostly those who had made Aliyah from the U.S. and other English-speaking countries where liberal Judaism was normative. As a result, these branches were seen primarily by secular native-born Israelis as foreign or inauthentic. The long-standing joke was that the secular Israeli said: "I NEVER, EVER go to the synagogue. But the synagogue I NEVER, EVER go to needs to be Orthodox!" This has started to change in dramatic ways over the past two decades – due, at least in part, to the experiences that Secular Israelis are bringing back to Israel from their travels in the U.S. and elsewhere, including these summer camp delegations.

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Sivan/Tammuz/Av 5777
Summer 2017

AT TEMPLE ISAAH THIS MONTH

Friday, June 16 Shabbat Service	8pm
Saturday, June 17 Torah Study Bar Mitzvah Ben Hulit	9am 10am
Friday, June 23 Family Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday, June 30 Shabbat Service	8pm
Saturday, July 1 Torah Study	9am
Friday, July 7 Outdoor Shabbat Service	7pm
Saturday, July 8 Tot Shabbat	10:30am
Friday, July 14 Shabbat Service	8pm
Saturday, July 15 Torah Study	9am
Friday, July 21 Shabbat Service	8pm
Friday, July 28 Family Shabbat Service	7pm
Friday August 4 Outdoor Shabbat Service	7pm
Saturday, August 5 Torah Study	9am

Native-born Israeli Reform and Conservative rabbis are being ordained, serving communities and influencing the broader community in places where nearly all of the participants are “Sabras.” They are, in fact, fashioning authentically Israeli Reform (*Tenuah HaMitkademet*) and Conservative (*Masorati*) Jewish practices and identities. There has even been some significant movement in Israeli government support and subsidy for the limited role of non-Orthodox rabbis and synagogues. One result of this progress is the die-hard opposition it is provoking in the *Haredi* ultra-Orthodox camp (religiously and politically).

This month, there has been broad media attention focused on a rift between the government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and the major Diaspora partners in the pro-Israel camp – including our Union for Reform Judaism and the Jewish Federations of North America (parent body of HoCo Federation). The conflict is over Netanyahu’s decision to capitulate to ultra-Orthodox pressure and renege on his government-brokered compromise to create a space for prayer at the Kotel (Western Wall) area that would be open to non-Orthodox prayer, where both women and men had equal religious privileges and where the prayer practices of Reform and Conservative Jews would be honored/permitted. The impacts of this insulting decision are still becoming clear – but I am (together with most of my non-Haredi colleagues) outraged.

However, more so than the anger I feel at this betrayal, I am even more energized to recognize the significant progress that has sparked this opposition. To borrow the words of MLK, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” I will continue to love Our Homeland, and to engage in the debates that bend it toward justice. I look forward to sharing reflections from my family’s Israel journey this summer with you at the High Holy Days in just a few short months!

Wishing you a Good & Restful/Invigorating Summer!

Rabbi Craig Axler

BOARD SUMMARY

- Motion was approved for parking lot repairs
- This month Temple Isaiah welcomed four new members
- TIRS will be implementing a new Hebrew curriculum next school year
- Temple Isaiah currently has 492 members
- The board welcomes Alex Hoffman. Alex is the new Men's Club Representative on the Board.
- The board approved funds for mulch replacement and removal of two spinner toys on the playground



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



June is the end of Temple Isaiah's fiscal year, which means the end of my first year as President. I have immensely enjoyed my work at Temple Isaiah this past year and I feel privileged to also be able to serve as your President for the upcoming year. I am extremely proud of the Board, staff, clergy and volunteers who have made TI a vibrant, warm, positive, enriching community for us to study, learn, worship, socialize, connect and give back.

The best way to summarize this past year is to share with you my President's Report from the annual meeting. My report will give you a flavor of the enormous strides and accomplishments implemented by the Board since last July, keeping in mind that there were many more accomplishments throughout the year by temple committees, clergy and staff.

President's Report Temple Isaiah Annual Meeting, May 23, 2017

What's new this year?

- I. Membership
 - a. Our current member unit totals approx. 492- all qualified
 - b. Several new young families in the past month
 - c. Barbara Lisle, Membership VP has done an amazing job engaging and connecting with member prospects, new members and seasoned members
 - i. New initiatives this past year- name tags, birthday Shabbats, special pre-negs to celebrate milestone memberships.
- II. Staff
 - a. We are lucky to have Rabbi Plotkin join our staff this past year
 - b. The Board held a staff appreciation dinner
 - c. I have been and will continue to hold quarterly staff meetings to keep Board business transparent among our staff
- III. Board and Lay Leadership
 - a. We have had several people join our Board and be Board members for the first time- Rebecca Fields, Lisa Welch, Eric McCormick, Andrew Maslan, Michael Nord and welcomed Ellen Strichartz back to the Board
 - i. We are sad to see Ben Levitt leave our Board. Ben was trustee and liaison to the Men's Club. Ben also helped start the Security Committee and has been a driving force with DreamBuilders projects, among many other things he does at Temple Isaiah. Always willing to help and be supportive of others, Ben is a true mensch and leader and will be missed at our Board meetings.
 - ii. We welcome Alex Hoffman to take over Ben's position on the Board and are grateful to have his leadership.

SYNAGOGUE LIFE



... to our June B'nai Mitzvah Jena Bernstein, Zachary Lupo & Ben Hulit

... to Barbara & Marty Wasserman on the birth of their new grandchildren; Adam Matthew Wasserman born to their son Brad and Zoey Pearson Mandel born to their daughter Torrey

...Steve & Charlotte Sass on the marriage of their daughter Laura to JP Leach

...Rabbi Stephen & Vickie Fuchs on the birth of their grandson Logan Uli Fuchs



COMING SOON: A clean, new Temple Isaiah website where you'll easily be able to find everything you're looking for - and more! Search will be a cinch and the calendar will be better than ever.

Look for more simple and clearer communications all around. Emails will be more concise, details on the website will be more robust.

The new site, along with evolving print and social media communications will help Temple Isaiah fulfill our commitment to reaching and communicating with our growing, diverse congregation in ways that are both easy and meaningful to all of you - and to keep us all connected.

More details will be coming before the early fall launch. Stay tuned!

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Joan Isman

Joan Isman is the third child born to Orthodox parents in Corning, NY. The family affiliated with the Orthodox shul in nearby Elmira. However, with the small Jewish population, the need to travel to get to shul, and the absence of a Kosher butcher, it was difficult to comply with the customs; they changed to the only other option in the area - the Reform temple. While Joan knows of her family's Orthodox background, she was raised in a Reform home and went to a reform temple.

Joan graduated from Purdue University in Indiana with a degree in Chemical Engineering. She chose Purdue because it had a great engineering program and a significant percentage of women in their engineering school. The town did not have a large Jewish population, but the university had a Hillel and her roommate happened to be Jewish. They visited the Hillel once and felt completely out of place. She attended High Holy Day services at the temple near campus but did not feel very welcome there either. Because of these experiences, she spent about 10 years away from organized Jewish life. After college, she was hired by Frito-Lay and later by Kraft, where she worked until retirement, predominantly in Research & Development but also in manufacturing and engineering roles. She lived in Louisville, KY, Dallas, TX and Dover DE yet it wasn't until she moved to New Fairfield, CT that she reconnected with Jewish life and joined a temple in Ridgefield, CT called Temple Shearith Israel. Joan and her husband Ken became actively involved with the temple and the local Jewish Federation. Over the more than twenty years of membership, Joan held many roles at the Temple including Membership Committee Chair, Program Committee Chair, Vice President, Executive Vice President, and President. She led the committee tasked with merging her temple with another nearby Reform temple which was smaller. The two temples successfully merged and were renamed Congregation Shir Shalom which means Song of Peace.

Three years ago, Joan's husband, Ken, was offered a position to teach at University of Maryland in College Park. This was his dream job, but he didn't expect it to become available so soon. Ken and Joan made the decision to have Ken move to Maryland to start the new job while Joan continued working for Kraft in NY. They remained members of their temple in Connecticut and commuted between the two locations. Kraft was purchased in 2015 which became the Kraft-Heinz company and with that was the decision to close her work site. While it was earlier than she expected, that was the impetus for Joan to make the move to Maryland. Once together again, Joan and Ken started searching for a home and a temple. They wanted a temple where music was important that could feel like a second home. Temple Isaiah was one of the later temples they visited but it almost immediately felt "right". It only took a few more visits to various services and programs and they knew this was the place for them. They started to get involved with the temple right away and signed up to be members in July, 2016.

Even though she is retired, Joan keeps herself very busy; she helps seniors with their taxes through AARP Foundation, she is on the Communications Committee of her Home Owners Association where she helps connect residents with the monthly newsletter and website updates, and she crochets blankets and donates them to people going through chemotherapy. She is a breast cancer survivor and participates as a Consumer Advocate in Scientific Peer Review of breast cancer research proposals seeking funding from the government. Joan is just as involved with Temple Isaiah. She is a member of both Renaissance and Sisterhood and helps around the temple as needed - covering the front desk during staff meetings, helping Helen as needed and working regularly at Isaiah Gifts.



Shabbat on the Lawn
7/7 – 7:00pm

Join us on First Fridays through September for a family-friendly, music-filled Shabbat service on our beautiful back lawn. We suggest bringing a blanket or lawn chairs.

Tot Shabbat
7/8 – 10:30am

Join us on the second Saturday of each month for a service full of stories and songs, followed by a snack and craft or time on the playground. Geared towards kids 5 and under.

ConnecTion Shabbat Picnic
8/4 – 6:00pm

Pack a picnic and join our 20s/30s group for a casual Shabbat dinner before our outdoor service.

Rosh Hashanah in the Park
9/21 – 2:30pm

We invite you and yours to join us in celebrating the Jewish New Year! Free, family friendly, and open to the community.

Temple Isaiah's **Youth Education Programs** create meaningful experiences for students that foster a joyful Jewish family life, engage them in a love of Torah learning and bond them to the blessings of being a part of the Jewish people.

All programs take place on Sundays.
Registration for the 2017-18 school year is now available.

Temple Isaiah offers dynamic programming, learning & worship for youth, adults & families.

We are welcoming of all, including singles, interfaith families & families with diverse backgrounds.

Explore all that our community has to offer!

Don't see what you're looking for? Want to learn more about these upcoming events?

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SUMMER FUN

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Splash Into Shabbat Schedule:

June 16:
Swansfield

July 21:
Roger Carter
(with PJ Library in HoCo)

August 18:
River Hill

Splash Into Shabbat

Friday afternoons, 3:00-5:00

Join us at the pool on the third Friday of the month to start your Shabbat with a splash! We'll have challah, popsicles, and other fun surprises!

Open to all; no RSVP required.

Note: pool entry fees may be required

Shabbat Playdates

Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:30

Celebrate Shabbat and enjoy time on the playground! Join us for summer fun with other families with young children. We'll bring the snacks!

Open to all; no RSVP required.

Shabbat Playdate Schedule:

June 3:
Cedar Lane West

August 26:
Blandair

For more information, contact Rachel at 301-317-1101 or Rachel@templeisaiah.org

For last-minute weather updates, check www.facebook.com/Templeisaiah

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SISTERHOOD

“Bonding, connecting, serving, creating ruach”

Summer is here, which means this is my last column as Sisterhood President so I wanted to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU!

Thank you to a wonderful board (Amy Kaplan, Barbara Lisle, Rebecca Fields, Stacey Harris, Doris Geisler, and Sara Magden), without whom we wouldn't have had such a wonderful year.

Thank you to all the members who participated in our social, educational, charity, and religious activities.

Thank you to our wonderful TI staff, including Beth Luntz, Helen Winoker, Lori Levitas, Rachel Petroff Kessler, Rabbi Plotkin, and, of course, Rabbi Axler.

It has been said that "it takes a village"... in this case, it takes a Temple.

It's been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Sisterhood President for the past two years. I leave you in the supremely capable hands of Amy Kaplan and the incoming board!

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Allison

Thank you for supporting our *Sisterhood Casino Night*. You helped us make this event a great success!

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

I am so grateful to all those who have helped make my first year leading the Temple Isaiah Religious School so successful and fulfilling: The Temple Isaiah clergy and staff, the amazing faculty and Madrichim along with students eager to learn and parents willing to invest in their child's Jewish education. As we enjoy the summer, here's a few pictures to take one more look at the year that was (in the next "Prophet" we'll turn our attention to the year that will be).



Registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. [Click here](#) to download the registration packet.

—Rabbi Daniel Plotkin



It's summer...
Love is in the air!



Summer Hours

WEDNESDAYS, 11am-1pm:

6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23 & By appt.

- ✦ Wedding gifts/Bridal registry
- ✦ Ketubot, Tallitot, Kippot, Chuppah glass
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2016-17: A Few Highlights

Youth Groups

We continue to have successful collaborations with other youth groups, this year with Beth Shalom and Bet Chaverim Participation in NFTY-MAR events increased 300% compared to last year

Look for: changes to our youth groups to better align with our school programs, the launch of “lounge hours” – hybrid homework/hang out/leadership development/programming time



Family Education

Every grade K-6 had two family programs this year, with either Rachel Petroff Kessler, Rabbi Axler or Rabbi Plotkin. Some grades were also joined by shlichah Hadar Shahar

Look for: our Family Giving Circle integrating into our fifth grade program



Families with Young Children

Babies and Bagels maintained high participation as we transitioned back into the building
Tot Shabbat and Munchkin Minyan have continued to be engaging and meaningful for families

Look for: “Splash into Shabbat” on the 3rd Friday of the month June-August, opportunities for families to come together and engage in community service



Adult Education/Programming

ConnecTion continues to grow as members are taking on a greater leadership role planning events
Grandparents Circle in the Fall was very successful, held a reunion in the Spring

Look for: Adult Study Retreat, Torah Study meeting every week, an Adult B'nai Mitzvah class, and more !



SYTI—SENIOR YOUTH TEMPLE ISAIAH

Dear Parents and Teens,

As school winds down, the time has come to turn our attention to the year ahead. I'm excited to announce that this coming year we'll be launching lounge hours, in response to feedback from our teens. Lounge hours, happening monthly on Sundays, will be drop-in time that teens can participate in as their schedule allows – each will feature opportunities for homework, hanging out, leadership development and fun programs. I have dates for you to put on your family calendar (See Page 17). I am hoping to have as many teens come to our August Leadership Meeting – its open to all, and we'll be planning our lounge hour activities for the year.

SYTI is a part of the North American Federation of Temple Youth – Mid-Atlantic Region (NFTY-MAR), which means that SYTI members have the chance to develop friendships not just locally at Temple Isaiah but throughout the region. Participating in youth group is a great way for your teen to not only socialize with other young Jews, but also to develop a strong Jewish identity. As a former youth grouper myself, I can say that participation in my local and regional youth group was an incredibly positive experience and an important part of my high school years.

All teens in grades 8-12 are eligible and encouraged to attend any of our events and become SYTI members. I hope that you will encourage and support your child(ren)'s participation in local SYTI and regional NFTY-MAR events. All of these programs are supervised by adults and programmed so that they are safe and there is always plenty to do.

Last Spring, we saw a huge increase in the number of teens attending (and loving!) regional NFTY-MAR events. I believe that this trend will continue and SYTI will be stronger as a result. I don't think it's too soon to say that I think this year is going to be a great one for SYTI. I hope that your teen will be a part of it! If you ever have any questions, concerns, ideas for a great event, or would like to be more involved in supporting SYTI, please don't hesitate to be in touch at rachel.millstein@gmail.com or my cell phone is (301) 332-9340.

I look forward to getting to know you and your teen throughout the course of the year.

Best,

Rachel Millstein

PRESCHOOL

Here are some highlights from my annual meeting report.

TIPS has had a very full and successful year. We finished the year with 82 children. This number was well dispersed among the ages and included 17 adult/child pairs in our TIPS for TOTS class warranting a second section of this class. This is the highest enrollment we have had at our school since 2013.

Exciting things from this year include:

Four well attended enrichment classes, taught by Creative Enrichments. In 8 week sessions throughout the year we have run Young Chefs, Zany Brainy Science, Amazing Athletes and Yoga. Out of school field trips for our threes and fours are very exciting. This year they went to TLV farm, Matzah Factory, Toby's Theater.

Our children enjoyed many special in school programs such as Yoga classes, a presentation by Columbia Orchestra, a workshop for our fours by Columbia Youth Theater, our school wide pajama day with special PJ activities, the annual festive Purim party and of course, regular music classes with Pam Axler and Shabbat Sing-a-longs with Rabbi Axler.

The TIPS PTA is now 3 years old and has become a huge part of who we are as a school community. Each year our PTA volunteers work to enhance our programming with fun and inclusive activities for both our students and their families. In addition to popular PTA programs such as the Back to School Playground Playdate, first day of school coffee, Breakfast and Blocks, Transportation Day, Cooking for Grassroots, and teacher appreciation lunch. They also launched some successful parent programs such as a book club, parents only game night and discussion session with Rabbi Axler. I am extremely grateful to them for their dedication, energy and support of our school.

Our Bubbe and Zayde program is in its fourth year. We have grown from a program of just one class Bubbe, one very special class Bubbe, to a program of seven which includes five Bubbles and two Zaydes. The children and their teachers, just adore these special classroom visitors, the games they play, books they read, activities they help with and relationships made.

On Friday May 26th we hosted a special "Thank you Shabbat" for our Bubbles and Zaydes. The classes baked special treats to share and had something special to present to their class Bubbe or Zayde. Then, we all met in the sanctuary for our Shabbat B'Yachad sing-a-long with Rabbi Axler. Last year, we did a test run of Market Monday but this year it was a regular part of our preschool program. You may have seen our market stand in the preschool hallway. Each Monday morning the children bring in a piece of fruit, bunch of berries or grapes or a fresh vegetable and drop it off at our market stand on the way in. Throughout the week children take turns shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables to help wash, cut and serve at snack time.

We began, what will hopefully be an annual art activity. Earlier this year all of the classes took part in creating a piece of art to hang in the hallway. This year a large piece of canvas was passed from room to room with each class adding their own touches to it. Our four year olds took it outside to splatter paint it. The two year olds then added small sticks they collected and painted flower shaped corrugated cardboard to be glued on as well. The three year old classes finished it up by adding various colors of ribbon and yarn and painted then glued on pine cones as well. The children were very excited to see their creation formally displayed in our preschool hallway. We look forward to adding another school wide masterpiece next year. (Con't page 20)

CONTRIBUTOR'S GUIDE TO FUNDS

Temple Isaiah strives to be a place where prayer, learning and *tikkun olam* are vital and fulfilling components of our Jewish community.

Temple Isaiah's General Fund

"Where It's Needed Most": For the general benefit of TI to support and enhance programs, allowing for the greatest flexibility in fulfilling our mission

A House of Learning – *Beit Midrash*

Religious School Fund to be used for equipment and special activities that support the religious school.

Preschool Fund to be used for equipment and special activities that support the TI Panoff preschool.

Andy Goldberg Tuition Assistance Fund to be used to provide financial assistance for tuition to Religious School and Preschool families. Andy was a life-long member of TI who died at 40.

Library Fund to be used for books and materials that support TI's Library. This fund honors Dalia Feldman, TI's long-time B'nai Mitzvah tutor.

A House of Prayer – *Beit T'filah*

Prayer Book Fund to be used to purchase and maintain prayer books. The fund honors Michael Brunner, TI's 3rd president, who passed away at a young age.

Judaica/Life Cycle Fund to support life cycle events as well as the worship needs of the temple, sanctuary and ritual objects.

A House of Gathering – *Beit Knesset*

Building Enhancement Fund to be used to enhance and beautify our building.

Mortgage Reduction Fund to be used to reduce the principal of the building's mortgage balance.

Programming & Cultural Funds – *Tarbut Yehudiah*

Shir Isaiah Fund to be used to cover the costs of our adult choir.

Cultural Arts and Speaker Fund to be used to support enrichment programs such as speakers, concerts, lectures and performances.

Discretionary Funds

These funds accept contributions in appreciation of the Rabbi and President and are to be used at their discretion to support temple families in need and programs:

Rabbi Axler's Discretionary Fund

Rabbi Plotkin's Discretionary Fund

President's Discretionary Fund

Youth Funds

Ben Topus Shabbaton Fund Ben Topus Shabbaton Fund to be used to support the annual Shabbaton for teens. Ben died tragically as a teenager. His love for the Reform Jewish youth movement is the spirit behind this program for our youth.

Youth Fund to be used to support youth activities and programs (including camps and leadership conferences). This fund also supports special needs children, assisting in providing them access to TI programs and activities. The Youth Fund honors three TI members: Dick Goldberg- an early leader and past president of TI, Ellen Brill- a teenage member of TI who passed away at an early age and Rabbi Richard Sternberger- the Mid-Atlantic Director of UAHC who helped form TI.

Repairing Our World – *Tikkun Olam*

Social Action Fund to be used to support social service agencies and social action projects. This fund honors Jonathan Altman, a TI member who tragically died in his twenties while serving on the TI board; this fund remembers his commitment to social action causes.

Caring for Each Other – *G'milut Hasadim*

Financial Assistance Fund to be used to provide financial assistance for dues to families in need.

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SUMMER DATES

Tuesday, June 27 • 8pm	ConnectIon Trivia Night at Frisco Tap & Grill
Wednesday, June 28 • 11am-1pm	Gift Shop Open
Friday, June 30	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, June 30 • 8pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, July 1 • 9am	Torah Study
Tuesday, July 4	OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday, July 6 • 7pm	Sisterhood Board Meeting
Friday, July 7	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, July 7 • 7pm	Outdoor Shabbat
Saturday, July 8 • 10:30am	Tot Shabbat
Wednesday, July 12 • 11am-1pm	Gift Shop Open
Friday, July 14	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, July 14 • 8pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, July 15 • 9am	Torah Study
Friday, July 21	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, July 21 • 3:00pm	Splash Into Shabbat at Roger Carter Rec Center
Friday, July 21 • 8pm	Shabbat Service
Tuesday, July 25 • 8pm	ConnectIon Trivia Night at Frisco Tap & Grill
Wednesday, July 26 • 11am-1pm	Gift Shop Open
Friday, July 28	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, July 28 • 7pm	Family Shabbat
Monday, July 31 • 8pm	Tisha B'Av Service
Tuesday, August 1 • 7pm	Sisterhood Board Meeting
Friday, August 4	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, August 4 • 6pm	ConnectIon Shabbat Picnic
Friday, August 4 • 7pm	Outdoor Shabbat
Saturday, August 5 • 9am	Torah Study
Wednesday, August 9 • 11am-1pm	Gift Shop Open
Friday, August 11	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, August 11 • 8pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 12 • 10:30am	Tot Shabbat
Friday, August 18	Office Closes at 2pm
Friday, August 18 • 3pm	Splash Into Shabbat at River Hill Pool
Friday, August 18 • 8pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, August 19 • 9am	Torah Study
Saturday, August 19 • 8pm	"Downy Ocean, Hon" Havdallah

2017-18 SYTI CALENDAR

Date	Time	Activity
August 20	10-4pm	Leadership Retreat (Lots of Food!)
August 27	10-4pm	Leadership Retreat (if Needed)
September 10	1-6pm	Lounge Hours/ Fun Event
September 15-17	NFTY-MAR LEAD	
October 8	1-6pm	Lounge Hours/ Sukkot Activity
October 27-29	NFTY-MAR Fall Kallah	
November 5	1-6pm	Lounge Hours/ Fun Event
December 3	1-6pm	Lounge Hours/ Chanukah Activity
December 15-17	NFTY-MAR MAJYK (for 6 th -8 th graders)	
January 7	1-6pm	Lounge Hours/Fun Event
January 12-15	NFTY-MAR Winter Kallah	
February 11	1-6pm	Lounge Hours/ Fun Event
March 16-18	NFTY-MAR TheVent	
April 15	1-6pm	Lounge Hours/ Movie/ Campfire
April 19-22	NFTY-MAR Spring Kallah	

More details about lounge hour activities will be available after our August leadership meeting.

Want to know more about NFTY-MAR? I'm happy to answer any questions you have and/or put you in touch with teen participants and their parents.

You can also check out www.midatlantic.nfty.org

President's Column Continued:

- b. We held a Board retreat facilitated by a URJ staff member to learn about Board leadership and bond with one another
- c. Board created a Board mission statement that reads as follows:
 - i. It is the mission of the Temple Isaiah Board of Trustees to meet the wide ranging needs of our congregants; provide leadership and preserve the values of Reform Judaism through sustainable, innovative programs, policies, and procedures; protect the well-being of our synagogue and serve as financial stewards.
- d. Board created a Volunteer Corner in the Prophet, run by Board Trustee, Eric McCormick, to highlight each month the great work of our volunteers
- e. Board passed approx. 16 motions and the Finance Committee awarded over \$70K in financial assistance
- f. Board has its own Google website to communicate
- g. Board is engaged in the Tent, URJ's communication platform, where they actively communicate and retrieve up to date and relevant information concerning synagogue life

IV. New Committees

- a. Security Committee- lead by Rick Maltz and Ben Levitt, to enhance and implement security measures as needed
- b. Communications committee – lead by Wendy Scherer and Jeffrey Goldscher, to provide TI with a strategic plan for communications and marketing.
 - i. Hired a website development company to make improvements to our website
 - ii. Purchased digital signage with the generous gift from a TI member
- c. Kitchen Committee – lead by Diana Newman, helping establish more efficient use of kitchen and new kitchen design
- d. Lay Leadership Committee- lead by Michael Miller to help with shiva minyans
- e. Personnel committee- lead by Denny Rapport, not new this year but worth mentioning because they are doing tremendous work to ensure our staff is treated fairly and that, as an organization, we maintain personnel policies and procedures that will enable us to do business in a fluid, organized and professional manner for well-being of our students and congregants.
 - i. New initiatives- staff evaluations, document management and salary administration.
- f. Library Committee- lead by Mike Levinson and Ed Gillis, working diligently to organize and document all library material and evaluate the use of library space
- g. TI's 50th Anniversary Implementation Committee –lead by Ellen Strichartz to determine TI's plan for our 50th celebration
- h. Mechadeish- Singles Group lead by Ilene Glickman for widows, widowers and divorced members
- i. TI2020 Implementation Committee- lead by Mary Haar to determine from TI2020 survey analytics what initiatives to pursue and develop task forces to lead them
- j. Social Action Committee- lead by Susan Lower, to oversee all social action/social justice groups and committees as an information source to those who want to help on a committee or want to start a committee or initiative.

- V. Building Enhancements and Security
 - a. Hired a professional team to assess our building and properties for reserve for replacement
 - b. Added maintenance hours
 - c. Repaired the sidewalk and added double handicap doors for wheelchair access
 - d. Added security to preschool access doors and provided security guard on Saturday mornings during B'nai Mitzvahs
 - e. Replaced the refrigerator and AC unit

- VI. Enrichment
 - a. Granted our young leaders financial support to attend leadership training
 - b. Purchased ipads for the preschool
 - c. Participation in URJ's Communities of Practice pilot program to enrich and improve our religious school's curriculum

- VII. Policies and Guidelines
 - a. Kashrut policy established
 - b. Rabbi and Lifecycle Events policy established
 - c. Kitchen cleanliness/usage policy established

- VIII. TI2020
 - a. Survey was done
 - b. Survey analytics are done – a huge thanks to Bohne Silber for doing the analytics and for Marshall Kohen for working with Bohne
 - c. Survey summary is being drafted now which will be shared with the congregation by end of June- a huge thanks to Amy Levitt for drafting the summary
 - d. Implementation committee will determine what initiatives we should undertake led by task forces

- IX. What's ahead in the pipeline currently?
 - a. URJ's Emerging Leaders training – leadership development training
 - b. Social Action Committee
 - i. Additional social action programs established
 - c. TI2020 task forces established and working
 - d. New Temple Isaiah branding across all TI groups
 - e. We are hiring a new part-time staff person to handle TI communications, incl. social media.
 - f. TI 50th anniversary plans

Thank you for a tremendous year. I am excited to see Temple Isaiah reach even bigger heights in the year ahead.

L'Shalom,

Donna Kasoff
President

Preschool Column Continued:

Our school was chosen by UMBC to be a field placement for one of their education students. Since mid-winter we have had a student teacher working in one of our two year old classes. It was a really great experience for the student teacher and our classroom teachers. The whole class benefited from the extra attention she gave them. She was wonderful with the children and will be working as an assistant teacher in our summer program for most of the summer.

Summer Fun Club, our summer camp program began June 20th. Two changes we made for this year included changing our days to Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday instead of Monday/Wednesday/Friday and running weekly “specialty camps” instead of themes. Our specialty camps this year are cooking, science, gardening, photography, music, drama and sports.

We have 26 children signed up for our summer program and the number of children enrolled per week is greater than it has been any other year that I have been here with many children enrolled for most or all of the weeks. We are excited to have 7 teen volunteers this summer. Five of them are returning teens from last summer, which is awesome.

Although we have the whole summer ahead of us, we have been busy planning for 2017-2018 since January. Our early registration incentive continues to be successful. Our enrollment for the fall is currently:

- 15 two year olds
- 17 three year olds
- 26 four year olds
- 10 toddlers

This totals 68 children to date. This time last year we had 52 children registered.

We will continue to partner with Howard County Public Schools PALs program, The Care Center and Child Development Consultants. All three were active parts of our program this past year and are tremendous resources to us for teacher training and provide helpful support for children with developmental or behavioral challenges and their families.

I have begun working with our PTA to plan and get dates on the calendar for next year. Our PTA board positions for 2017-2018 are:

- Co-presidents – Becca Fecteau and Judy Solomon
- Secretary – Randi Leshin
- Treasurer – Allison Weil
- Communications – Sara Miller
- Synagogue/Board Liason – Danielle Leder

We have switched to an online automated electronic form system for the many licensing and school forms our parents fill out each year. The feedback I have gotten so far is good and that it is much faster this way for parents. On our end it should reduce the time spent checking forms for completeness and organizing information as well as ensure that we can read all of the emergency information and make it accessible from mobile devices.

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iPad minis were purchased for each classroom and the teachers have started to use them in their classrooms. These will be used primarily by the teachers to document the children's activities and work through photo, video and voice recording, communicate with families and share the documentation more easily and fully, research with the children when they have questions or to get more information with them on a topic of study, share and play music for singing, dancing or movement games and to access online documents and forms. I have a feeling we will find many other helpful ways to use them that we haven't even realized yet.

It takes a village to run a preschool and I am very grateful to our village. Many thanks to my preschool committee: Drew Maslan, Dara Glenn, Jennifer Wilson, Amy Kramer and Heidi Rutzen for their time and help as well as the TI executive board for their continued support of our preschool. We are also, as always, very appreciative of the financial support we have received from the Jewish Federation of Howard County.

We are all looking forward to another great year!

Amy Snyder

Preschool Director



A business card for Joody Carton Photography. On the left, there is a purple umbrella icon with the name "Joody Carton" written in a cursive font across it, and "Photography" written below in a similar font. To the right of the umbrella, the text reads "Specializing in B'nai Mitzvahs, Weddings, and Portraits". At the bottom right, the website "www.joodycphotography.com" and phone number "443 745-1315" are listed.



A dental advertisement for Ben Sandler, D.D.S. The top left features the text "We Care" in a cursive font above a cartoon tooth character holding a dental mirror. Below this is "About Comfort" in a cursive font. The top right says "Old-Fashioned *Caring* With Modern-Day *Comfort*" followed by "BEN SANDLER, D.D.S." and "FAMILY DENTISTRY". Below that, it says "New Patients Welcome" and "410-750-9330". At the bottom right, the address "Normandy Business Center 8492 Baltimore National Pike Ellicott City" is provided. At the bottom left, it says "Insurance Accepted" with logos for Visa, Discover, and American Express.

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