

#### **Dear Congregants**

On behalf of Temple Isaiah, I wish to thank you for being a vital part of this wonderful congregation and community. Our members are truly the heart of our synagogue. May we always be worthy of the trust and faith that you have bestowed upon us.

I am very proud of Temple Isaiah's culture as an inclusive and welcoming community. We encourage participation from all who seek a connection to Jewish life and want to be part of our sacred community, regardless of religious background, race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We are committed to being an open tent, a place that welcomes all people who are seeking a caring and compassionate congregation, dedicated to a contemporary, progressive and joyful expression of Judaism.

Every week, more and more people are discovering Shabbat at Temple Isaiah.

Our Friday night Erev Shabbat service continue to be a wonderful place to connect both spiritually and socially, with a joyful and highly participatory worship experience.

We continue to have the only weekly, in-person Nosh and Drash Torah study and discussion on Shabbat mornings in the Coachella Valley, as well as on-going Bereavement Support Group. Our expanded Jewish University and Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes in person and via zoom allow for greater participation. Additionally, our annual Chanukah and Sukkot BBQ's have become perennial favorites with great fun and delicious food!

We are truly blessed to have a committed Temple board, led by our president, Mitchel Karp, who continually goes above and beyond, helping to chart a bright future for our congregation and cares so much about Temple Isaiah, both in his words and deeds.

Our "In Conversation" series continues, featuring discussions vital to many different segments of our community. These topics ranged from issues affecting LGBTQ+, seniors, concerns about rising rates of anti-Semitism, as well as well-known authors and Emmy Award winning producer Kirk Ellis. We also expanded our partnership with UCR in offering some dynamic lectures, this year online and in the future back to in-person.

This past year has brought some tremendous successes. We came back together for the Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival and had record attendance, with outstanding movies and in person appearances by many of the actors, producers and directors; Temple Isaiah celebrated Modernism with sold out tours, Mitchel Karp's epic fashion show and the Curated Vintage Event, all which had tremendous attendance from across Southern California and beyond. In spite of so many challenges, we had beautiful In-person High Holiday services and Chaggim. With all of these activities and more, it is very clear that Temple Isaiah has become the vital Center for Jewish Life in the Coachella Valley.

This year's Pride Shabbat service was a great success with wonderful attendance. Our guest speaker, Pastor Tim Edmondson from River of Hope Church was truly inspiring.

As the High Holidays approach, Temple Isaiah will again be blessed with our amazing musical team, consisting of Cantor Ken Cohen, cantorial soloist and Ba'al Koreh, Dr. Sarah Sela, master cellist Hillary Smith and our wonderful Ba'al Tekiyah, David Bent, who all help elevate the majesty and awe of our High Holy Day services.

A special thank you to Dr. Sela, who, in addition to a very busy medical practice, is also our Cantorial Soloist throughout the year.

As we continue to build a Vital Center for Jewish Life for the Greater Palm Springs area, the most important ingredient is YOU! I thank you for the continued commitment, generosity and support you provide to our wonderful community. We need your involvement now more than ever, as we endeavor to continue creating innovative and community building programs. You have an important role in helping grow our congregation, where everyone has a seat at the table, no reservations needed.

From innovative, relevant and welcoming Shabbat services to robust, eclectic and highly participatory education programs, as well as social and cultural opportunities, this will be an exciting year of growth and renewal.

I am always available, if you would like to visit for a while, either in person or by phone, video chat or text/email. Please feel free to get in touch with me at 956-566-9358 or email me at <a href="mailto:rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com">rabbisteven.rosenberg@gmail.com</a>

Let us build together in friendship and community. Blessings,

Rabbi Steven Rosenberg



#### **Dear Congregants**

It is with great pleasure that I write you as Temple President. We have had a great year of Membership and dues are approaching this month. We have had an awesome year filled with countless opportunities for congregants to attend, become involved, and even host as we are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> year serving the Coachella Valley. As we send you the invoice for annual dues, we require your financial help and support to continue to keep our doors open for everyone. Costs have skyrocketed since the pandemic and we are in an aged building which needs a lot of refurbishing. Our elevator needed 32K worth of repairs and ongoing plumbing issues exceed 100K to name a few are examples of large amounts of money that require your support. We cannot do it without you. There is no sugarcoating this for the congregation to remain solvent. We need to raise a large substantial amount of money and that means we need your help otherwise we will not be here next year. I am hoping we will be a priority for you.

We are committed to making the Palm Springs Jewish Community Center and Temple Isaiah the center of Jewish life in the Coachella Valley. We host meaningful and joyous Shabbat services in our inspiring historic synagogue. Rabbi Steven Rosenberg has continued to conduct our services, torah studies, Jewish University, life-cycle events and fascinating lectures and discussions. Rabbi Rosenberg is always willing and able to spend time speaking with and caring about each of us. Temple Isaiah offers solitude, comfort and spiritual growth for all its members.

We welcome all of you to continue to be a part of our community.

Our Executive Administrator, Shawna Owens spends her time coordinating the day-to-day operations of the Temple along with special events, tenant requests and various needs of the building. Doug Morton heads our membership, special events and the amazing Jewish Film Festival.

We are fortunate and very appreciative of all amazing volunteers who help run the Temple. We currently have armed security guards for Temple events to make sure the building is safer for everyone. Our Board and staff continue to work in concert to obtain emergency funding so that we meet our financial obligations and continue to remain open.

Below is a sampling of current programs for our Temple.

- o Bi-weekly in person service.
- Weekly Shabbat services brought directly to your home via Facebook live
- Weekly Torah studies
- Weekly Jewish University
- Weekly B'nai Mitzvah classes
- Weekly bereavement group

- o Discussions with Rabbi Steven Rosenberg and his interesting guests
- o Passover Seder
- Monthly Cantor visits for Shabbat
- o Shavuot services with a cheesecake party
- o Sukkot Outdoor Bar B Q
- o Gift shop with exciting Jewish items
- o Hanukah and Purim parties in our Temple
- Modernism Week tours of Temple Isaiah, Fashion Show and Vintage shopping for unique shopping opportunities
- o An incredible annual Palm Springs Jewish Film Festival, now working on our 11<sup>th</sup> Festival!
- o A committed TI Auxiliary with whom we could not function without

Please join us and find where you best fit in. We want you and will help you accomplish just that. We relish having volunteers with great ideas. Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings to share and learn about our community.

Our dues for all members will increase slightly due to increasing costs for the forthcoming year. We offer a discount to members who pay their dues early. If you have financial constraints contact us to work with you, nobody will be turned away. We look forward to seeing you at services and getting involved!

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Mitchel Karp

President, Board of Trustees

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# HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

# Havdalah/Selichot

# Saturday, September 9th 7:30 PM

# Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah/Erev Shabbat Friday, September 15 7:30 PM

First Day Rosh Hashanah /Shabbat Saturday, September 16

Preliminary Service 9:00 AM
Torah Service 10:00 AM

Tashlich - Immediately following Services

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 17

Preliminary Service 9:00 AM
Torah Service 10:00 AM

# Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre	Sunday, September 24	7:00 PM
Yom Kippur	Monday, September 25	
Preliminary Service		9:00 AM
Torah Service		10:00 AM
Mincha		4:30 PM
Yizkor		5:30 PM
Ne'ilah		6:00 PM

Break the Fast immediately following final blast of the Shofar Contact office or website for Break the Fast ticket(s)

#### Sukkot

Erev Sukkot/Erev Shabbat Friday, September 29 7:30 PM
First Day of Sukkot/Shabbat Saturday September 30 10:30 AM
Sukkot Day Two Sunday, October 1 10:30 AM
Sukkot Community BBQ Sunday, October 1 2:00 -5:00 PM

# Shemini Atzeret

Shemini Atzeret/Shabbat/Yizkor Saturday, October 7 10:30 AM
Havdalah/Erev Simchat Torah 7:00 PM
Simchat Torah Sunday, October 8th 10:30 AM

# L'shanah Tovah



#### **Membership Categories**

We are pleased to once again offer our 10% "Early Bird" dues special. To receive the discount, your dues must be paid by the last day of July.

If you are requesting dues adjustment, please contact the office at 760-325-2281

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	<u>DUES</u>	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT			
Regular					
Family/Significant Other	\$2160	\$1945			
Single Membership	\$1242	\$1118			
Menorah  Family/Significant Other \$3303 \$2973  Single Membership \$1715 \$1543  Includes:  ☐ Regular Membership benefits, plus: ☐ Two additional High Holy Day tickets ☐ Services of clergy and use of facilities for life cycle events ☐ Name recognition in our lobby					
Recognition in Chai Lights  Megillah					
Family/Significant Other	\$5082	\$4574			
Single Membership	\$2541	\$2287			
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Yom Kippur Pledge					
All Yizkor Book Tributes					
Affiliate	\$769	\$692			
For people who belong to a congregation in another community and live in the Desert 6 months/year or less. This membership category does not include High Holiday tickets.  Name/location of home synagogue:					
Dues are non-refundable					



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#### **MEMBERSHIP RECORD**

Please return the Membership Record, Payment Form, Yizkor & Yahrzeit forms with your payment option.

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#### HIGH HOLIDAY ANGEL FUND

We invite you to help enhance and beautify our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services by becoming a "Temple Angel." Contributions may be made on the Payment Form.

#### EXTRA HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

Do you plan to bring guests to High Holiday Services? The cost is \$250 per adult, with no charge for children 12 and under. Include payment on the Payment Form. Tickets will be mailed to member