



ADULT ED

2018-2019

Our Adult Education Committee is continuing its tradition of putting together a wonderful program, one that is both rich and diverse in its many opportunities for learning. The committee is offering new, exciting, and thought-provoking classes as well as ongoing programs, all chosen to appeal to a variety of interests.

There is no charge for Temple Emeth members for most of our programs (except those that mention a fee, provide meals, books or trips).

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

Saturdays, from 9:00 to 10:15 am in the Youth Lounge.

Join us whenever you can for a lively discussion of the Torah. Coffee, tea, bagels and shmeers are served.

LUNCH AND LEARN with Rabbi Steven Sirbu Wednesdays, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm beginning on October 3.

Join us weekly for stimulating discussion. Our study text this year will be, "Seven Days, Many Voices," edited by Rabbi Benjamin David. This book, published by CCAR Press, offers several chapters on each day in the Biblical story of creation, each written from a modern perspective. Every six weeks or so, we set our books aside and discuss a topic of current events.

SPEAK, LAUGH AND ENJOY YIDDISH

Mondays, at 10:30 am beginning on Oct. 15.

Mameloshen: The Temple Emeth Yiddish Class is a unique opportunity to cultivate your knowledge of Yiddish. The class will focus on conversation utilizing multimedia, gezang (songs), written as well as oral stories and a variety of other materials. Be a part of a worldwide resurgence to make certain Yiddish continues to be alive and well! There is a small fee for all students.

KOL EMET CHOIR:

AN ADULT JEWISH LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Rehearsals most Wednesdays at 7:45 pm.

Do you like to sing? Are you looking to sing in a supportive, fun environment? Would you like to become comfortable with the order of the service, pick up some Hebrew, learn about Jewish music and music in general? Join Kol Emet, Temple Emeth's adult volunteer choir. All are welcome!

We sing at Erev Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur and about 5 Shabbat services during the year. Contact Carol Shansky, at carolshansky@gmail.com.

FALL 2018

B'YACHAD BREAKFAST. Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 am Historian Marty Schneit's presentation on the Catskills and the Borscht Belt

B'YACHAD BREAKFAST. Sunday, November 18 at 11:00 am (following the Town Hall Meeting). Sandi Klein will discuss her career in radio broadcasting and podcasting with a Jewish angle.



VIEWPOINTS

The Viewpoints Committee celebrates the diversity of the Jewish community. We present programs to highlight different kinds of Jewish families, especially from the Interfaith, LGBTQ, and interracial families.

Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 10:30 am. Viewpoints will cosponsor the B'yachad breakfast. The speaker is Chani Getter, an ordained interfaith minister raised in the Jewish tradition. She is a counselor and spiritual teacher who is known for her work with people leaving the Hasidic community. She will speak about "The Process of Change" and her personal story of change.

In addition Viewpoints 2018-19 schedule includes a December 8 Shabbaton; we will screen "Trans" - the movie. On February 10, Jane Larkin will talk about her book on intermarriage and Jewish Continuity. On March 3, Sarah Aroeste will present "Sing and Tell" a program of Ladino music. And on June 14 Viewpoints will celebrate a "Pride" Shabbat.

RABBI JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE with guest lecturer **Rabbi Stanley M. Davids**. Friday, October 12 at 7:30 pm.

"The Fragile Dialogue" Among Those Who Love Israel.



From the earliest days of the State of Israel, when the Reform Movement sent Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg there as part of a fact-finding delegation, American Jews have been concerned about

the nature and direction of Israeli society.

When "The Fragile Dialogue" was published by the CCAR Press last year, it showed a different set of concerns -- primarily the inability of North American Jews to have civil, meaningful conversations about our profound differences regarding the contemporary State of Israel. This lecture, presented by the co-editor of the book, will explore how together we can bridge gaps and heal wounds within our own community.

MINI UNIVERSITY 1

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13 (Make-Up Class November 20) from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

"Stories from a Jewish Perspective"

This popular course is taught by participants on a rotating basis, giving us an array of authors and genres and a variety of teaching styles. Yet each class has something in common -- a group of people who love the written word and Jewish ideas. Come join the conversation. (Teaching a class is not a requirement of attendance.) Among the authors that will be studied are Saul Bellow, Philip Roth and Bernard Malamud.

8:40 pm to 9:40 pm - "The Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu. Following the format of a recent book by the same name, Rabbi Sirbu will choose one prophet per class session. We will learn more about the prophet's back-story and public message, and determine how his or her message can be applied today.

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Sundays, September 30, from 9:00 to 10:00 am, October 28 and December 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. "The Three Books of the Bible You've Never Heard Of (and Why They Matter)" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu.

Most of us have heard of the five books of the Torah, and probably the Psalms too. But what are we missing if we don't know the other books? Over the course of three Sundays, Rabbi Sirbu will select three of the Bible's more obscure books and lead a discussion on their influence today.

Saturday, January 12

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY SHABBATON Exploring the themes of "Among the Living," a novel by Jonathan Rabb.

9:00 am. Text study. 10:30 am. Shabbat Service incorporating the Themes of the Book. 12:15 pm. Festive Luncheon. 1:00 pm. Program and Discussion.

MINI UNIVERSITY 2

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22

(Make-Up Class January 29)

from 8:00 to 9:30 pm. "The Jews and FDR: A Complex History", with Irwin Yellowitz.

There is much controversy over the role of

President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning Jewish immigration from Germany in the 1930s, and actions the United States could have taken during World War II to mitigate the horrific effects of the Holocaust. We will examine these issues in historical context, and also consider why American Jews who lived through the 1930s and 1940s were such strong supporters of FDR. As usual, there will be ample time for questions and discussion.



February 12, 19 and 26 (make-up date March 5) from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. "From Bimah to Broadway: Understanding the Jewish Influence in American Musical Theatre" taught by Cantor Ellen Tilem. This class will combine Jewish cultural history with illuminating perspectives on the origins and meanings of some of Broadway's most beloved songs, stories, and shows. We will examine the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. Looking at specific examples of the most well known Broadway luminaries, we will provide insight into how their Jewish upbringing influenced their art.

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Saturday, January 26 URJ NEW JERSEY AND FRIENDS SHABBATON. A day of prayer, study and fellowship at Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield, NJ. This event will require separate registration and payment through the URJ Shabbaton Committee.

Saturday, February 2 at 6:30 pm "SWEET TASTES OF TORAH". At Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff, NJ. This annual program, sponsored by the North Jersey Board of Rabbis, and co-sponsored by Temple Emeth, offers the chance to study with rabbis from across the Northern New Jersey region. This year's keynote speaker is Rabbi Josh Weinberg, President of ARZA and a contributing author to "The Fragile Dialogue."

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY YEAR-END PROGRAM. Time and Place TBD

MINI UNIVERSITY 3

April 9, 16, 30, May 7 and 14 (make-up date May 21) from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

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"The Challenges of Liberal Zionism" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu.

Zionism's beginnings as a movement to create a liberal, secular state for the Jews has evolved over the last century.

Now, with a right-wing government in place and increased power in the hands of the rabbinate, those who still believe in Israel's founding values struggle to maintain their support. This class, drawing on chapters in "The Fragile Dialogue," will identify the challenges and set a course forward for our continued engagement with Israel.

MOVIES THAT MATTERED

A Film Series Follow-Up to Dr. Eric Goldman's "The Jewish Experience Through Cinema"

The Adult Ed Committee has been overwhelmed by the great success of our film series program! The series is based on the film list distributed by Dr. Eric Goldman, the presenter at the 2017 Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Program. Refreshments are served.

Crossfire (1947)	Tuesday, September 25
The Stranger (1946)	Thursday, October 18
Cast a Giant Shadow (1966)	Tuesday, November 27
Avalon (1990)	Tuesday, December 18
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1974)	Saturday, January 19
White Palace (1990)	Tuesday, February 5
Liberty Heights (1990)	Tuesday, March 12
Keeping Up With The Steins (2006)	Tuesday, April 23
Defiance (2008)	Tuesday, May 28
Private Benjamin (1980)	Tuesday, June 18

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**RABBI LOUIS J. SIGEL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND, April 12 to 14, 2019
With Rabbi David Saperstein**

Celebrate the legacy of learning bequeathed to us by Temple Emeth's beloved rabbi of 32 years (1960-1992). This biennial weekend combines scholarship, prayer and festive meals so that we may have a deeper sense of our texts and tradition.



We are pleased to announce that Rabbi David Saperstein will be our Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence on the weekend of April 12-14, 2019.

Rabbi Saperstein is the Director Emeritus of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, where he was the voice of the Reform Movement for 40 years in our nation's capital. He is now a Senior Advisor to the URJ for Policy and Strategy. From 2015 to 2017, Rabbi Saperstein served in the Obama Administration as the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom.

*Friday Night, April 12 -- Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm. Evening Service at 8:00 pm followed by Lecture.
Saturday Morning, April 13 – Torah Study at 9:00 am.
Shabbat Morning Services at 10:30 am including D'Var Torah Parashat Shemini.
Saturday Afternoon, April 13 – Kiddush Lunch at 12:15 pm followed by Presentation at 1:00 pm.
Sunday Morning, April 14 – Bagel Breakfast at 10:00 am.*

The Adult Education Committee would like to hear from you, the members of our congregation, about any ideas or suggestions for classes, programs, Shabbaton topics, Sunday trips, etc. Please contact Linda Poskanzer, Chair of the Adult Education Committee by dropping a note in the Adult Ed mailbox, or e-mailing your suggestions to adulthoodeducation@emeth.org, and mentioning "Adult Ed" in the subject line. Your input will be very much appreciated. And remember, new members for the Adult Education Committee are always welcome!

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All at 7:45 pm: Tuesdays, February 7, April 4 and June 6, 2019

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