

CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER



It is no surprise that we have had to cancel our second night Seder. Special thank you to Rachel and Michael Eastman, chairs of our second night Seder, for their time and hard work on all the details of our Temple Emeth tradition.

While we are saddened that we can't celebrate the second night of Passover with you in person, we are looking forward to seeing you virtually on Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. for a special Seder to be conducted online by Rabbi Sirbu. Log-in details for joining us will also follow.

Because we know some Temple Emeth families have had to readjust their plans for their first-night Seder as well and may not have haggadot on hand, we would like to make our Temple haggadot available to you. Please email our Temple Administrator Suzannah Mercado (smercado@emeth.org) no later than Friday, April 3 to let her know if you would like to borrow some. We will arrange to get them to you in a way that maintains adequate social distancing. If you are unable to leave your home, we will try to get someone to drop them off at your door.

Even though we're all physically separate, we're socially connected. Let's remain the strong, caring congregation who we are.

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From the Editor - In order to ensure that everyone's articles are published in the Bulletin please limit them to half a page.
Remember, flyers are for the Mid-month email and should be sent to
Suzannah Mercado at admin@emeth.org cc: ehanan@emeth.org

For Mid-month emails, all materials are due by **4:00 p.m.** on the date of the deadline.

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Message From the Rabbi

When the Israelites witness the covenant at Sinai, they hear God's voice amidst the thunder and lightning, and they retreat. "You speak to us," they said to Moses, "and we will obey; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." (Exodus 20:16) The Israelites' first reaction to this unprecedented and unimaginable event is fear and withdrawal. Moses tries to put them at ease, but they continue to remain at a distance. Later, Moses, having written down all the commandments, reads them aloud to the Israelites. This time they respond with courage, even enthusiasm: "All that the Eternal has spoken we will faithfully do!" (Exodus 24:7) The Israelites

have accepted their new covenant with God, both the responsibilities and the benefits, and they no longer respond out of fear.

The coronavirus pandemic understandably invokes fear in many people. The virus is highly contagious and can cause serious health problems. Perhaps most frightening is that it can incubate in a person for up to two weeks before symptoms appear. The severity of the outbreak and the intensity of the response are themselves unprecedented and perhaps unimaginable too. Fear can prompt us to behave in selfish or animalistic ways; footage on TV showed scuffles in grocery stores over household items. But acting out of fear generally benefits no one. I went grocery shopping in mid-March as the quarantine orders were being announced. I'm glad to say that my fellow shoppers were calm and orderly. If they were afraid, they didn't let their fear undermine their sense of

community.

I believe in time, our response to the virus and the many restrictions currently imposed on our activity will parallel that of the Israelites. No one likes surrendering personal freedom or autonomy, and the responsibility to maintain social distancing can be



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

burdensome. But we understand that we do this not only for ourselves, but also for the susceptible in our community. We are upholding an unspoken social contract, a covenant of sorts. I pray that these sacrifices attain their desired result quickly and that infection rates decrease in the next few weeks.

Judaism relies deeply on our sense of community, and that is why the closure of our building and the suspension of our programming is such a significant sacrifice. We will do our best to maintain communication with you via email, texting and Facebook, but it goes without saying that this cannot replace the sacred feeling of sharing prayers together or exchanging words of Torah with one another. We are still a strong community, and this crisis simply challenges us to express our community values in a different way.

Like our ancestors, let us transform our response to this unimaginable from fear to resolve. Let us understand that the root of "sacrifice" is "sacred," and that we do an important mitzvah by refraining from activities that could spread the disease. And let us search for new ways to strengthen the community of which we are all a part, especially in these trying times.

From the Religious School

“B’chol Dor V’Dor”...

In every generation...

The month of April, corresponding to the Hebrew months of Nisan and Iyar, is a very exciting time in our Religious School with lots of important and memorable holidays and events. When you receive this Bulletin, we will be just a week away from celebrating our first seder - Wednesday, April 8th. Most of us get excited about Passover Seders. We pay attention to all the items on the seder plate and sing songs of the Haggadah. But we need the full seven days of Passover to experience the preciousness of freedom and the power of song from a united people. The Haggadah tells us that in every generation, “B’chol Dor V’Dor,” we see ourselves as leaving Egypt.

Later in the month of Nisan, on Sunday, April 19th, we will gather to reflect and remember the darkest period of our history. We invite you to join Rabbi Sirbu, Religious School staff, and students as our 7th grade students lead the Service of Remembrance at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Peter Adler will speak about his personal journey. Temple Members, parents of all students, friends, and extended family are encouraged to attend.

We conclude the month of April as we celebrate Israel’s 72nd birthday on Wednesday, April 29th, corresponding to the 5th day of the Hebrew month Iyar,

which is Yom Haatzmaut, Israel Independence Day. Our Religious School will gather to celebrate Israel with singing and dancing, food and stories. Mora Nancy will be sharing her story about her recent trip to Israel. As with all our programs and events, we hope to cultivate in our students and families an eternal bond to our culture and religion – a connection through space and time.



Dora Geld Friedman

From our family to yours, Chag Sameach. A Zissen Pesach!

LOOKING AHEAD:

- On Wednesday, April 1, our students are participating in Dor L’Dor – from generation to generation, visiting seniors. This is class for the day.
- Pesach Family Fun will be on Sunday, April 5th for students ages 4 – 7 with a parent, 9:45 – 11:00. RSVP (201) 833-8466.
- There is no school from Wednesday, April 8 through Wednesday, April 15.
- School resumes on Sunday, April 19th. Please join us then as our 7th grade leads “The Service of Remembrance” – Yom Hashoa.

B’vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



Yad workshop led by Danielle Feuer on March 4th



Family services on March 6th with Adam Kohane and seventh graders’ art projects



Message from President Nickie Falk

Chag Sameach

Call me crazy, but I was *that* kid whose favorite holiday was Passover, not Chanukah. I grew up in a close-knit family. Every Friday after dinner, my parents, my brother, and I would pile into the car for a 20-minute drive to Bayside to visit with my grandmother. Nana was the mother of three girls, my mother being the eldest. Nana lived in a two-family house with my mother's youngest sister, along with my uncle and two cousins. My other aunt and her family would often meet us there. So, our weekly drive to my grandmother's meant a visit with the entire family.

We got together with the family every holiday — domestic (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving) and religious. There was always lots of laughter, lots of political discussions, lots of eating, and lots of fun. But Passover was my favorite time.

Each year, hosting the seder was rotated between our house and my aunts', a tradition my brother and I still carry on. As the three sisters did the final food preparation, they'd be singing and giggling like schoolgirls, while my brother, cousins, and I would set the table. While the rest of us were working, my father and uncles sat in the living room drinking slivovitz. There was probably some giggling going on in that room as well.

The Seder meant special foods that were only made during Passover, my mother's favorite Haggadah, produced by Maxwell House coffee, of course, additional family members or friends, lots of Manischewitz, and lots of singing. My Uncle Bob, one of Nana's older

brothers, had a booming baritone voice and led us in song. I can still hear us all doing background "bim boms" as he sang. And then my mother and aunts would burst into their own songs, reminding us of a giddier version of the Andrew sisters. And each year, all the children were winners whether they found the

Afikomen or not; we each received a prize (usually a roll of pennies) for our efforts.



Nickie Falk

But let's get back to the food! I loved bringing hard boiled eggs and matzo to school. In fact, bringing a box of matzo to school was an instant friend-maker with both Jews and non-Jews alike. Then there were the special break-

fasts that my mother made for us — matzo brei served with applesauce or matzo meal pancakes. It didn't get any better.

Perhaps what I liked most about Passover was feeling part of a special community. It was the one time of year when observant and non-observant Jews at my public school were united in our open display of our Judaism. Feeling part of a community remains important to me. It's one of the reasons we joined Temple Emeth and remain active members.

So, at this special time of year, when we celebrate the biblical account of the Israelites' redemption and escape from 400 years of Egyptian slavery, let us also rejoice that as American Jews we are free to openly acknowledge our Judaism and come together as a community at Temple Emeth.

Chag Sameach.



Temple Emeth Spring Gala Starlight 2020 Saturday, June 13, 2020



Please join us in celebrating Marc Chelemer, Past President and Devotion Award Recipients:
Barbara Balkin and Carlene Fleishman by purchasing an ad or tribute in the Spring Gala Journal.

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Temple Emeth / 1666 Windsor Road / Teaneck, NJ 07666 / Attn: 2020 Spring Gala
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Ad Deadline – May 1, 2020

QUESTIONS:

Contact Gayle and Michael Goldberg, Ad Journal Chairs at adjournal@emeth.org

In order to continue to foster our sense of community, even in a time of social distancing, I am pleased to announce that four major pieces of Temple programming will now be held via Zoom. Zoom is a user-friendly online videoconferencing platform used by many synagogues. Optimally, participants log into Zoom using a computer or cell phone with a built-in camera, microphone and speakers. But it is also possible to participate audio-only by calling in on your telephone.

Weekly Zoom events include:

Lunch and Learn, Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday from 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Shabbat Morning Torah Study, Saturday from 9:00 to 10:15 am

Shabbat Morning Kiddush, Saturday from 11:30 am to 12:00 noon



**B'yachad and
Social Action
invite you to a**

**TEMPLE
EMETH
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ACTION**

Special Presentation on Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Event will include a breakfast, the movie "Just Eat It" and a talkback led by Paul Kaufman.

Food waste is a major contributor to both hunger and environmental degradation. A shocking statistic is that 40% of the food produced in this country is not eaten, but ends up in landfills or incinerators. The movie "Just Eat It" is the story of a young couple who vow to spend six months eating only that food which is considered "waste" by society and its institutions. Their ingenuity and dedication demonstrate how they were able to keep their vow without succumbing to hunger or health problems. All of us will learn lessons about shopping and eating wisely and conserving precious food.



This RSVP form must be filled out and returned with the \$6 fee per person by April 12th for the breakfast. If you RSVP after that date, the cost is \$8 per person. If you do not RSVP, you are welcome to attend the discussion but not the breakfast.

April 19 B'yachad breakfast RSVP

Name _____

Telephone # _____

Email address _____

Number attending _____ Total Enclosed _____



Temple Emeth Spring Gala
Starlight 2020
Saturday, June 13, 2020



Dear Temple Members, Friends, and Supporters of Our Honorees,

We hope you will join us on Saturday evening, June 13, 2020, as we celebrate our Past President Marc Chelemer and Devotion Honorees Barbara Balkin and Carlene Fleishman.

This event includes a Silent Auction of items donated or solicited by Temple members and friends. Gifts and services that have done well at previous Silent Auctions include:

- Foreign language lessons, academic tutoring or a computer tune-up
- Golf instruction
- A week at a timeshare or vacation home
- A meal in your home prepared by a Temple "chef" or wine/cheese/gourmet food
- Tickets to a Broadway show, sporting event, or concert
- A car service to an airport
- Hand-made or one-of-a-kind items
- A massage, make-over, or day at a spa
- Spring clean-up or de-cluttering services
- Theme-based gift baskets of smaller items

You can be creative and think "outside the box":

- What talents or skills do you have that might benefit other Temple members?
- What experiences (entertaining, athletic, educational) do you have access to that others might enjoy?
- What businesses do you patronize that might make a donation?

Your contribution, with a "value" attached to it, can be dropped off at Temple Emeth. You may also contact us for pick-up. Please feel free to call, email or text us with any questions.

Thank you,

Nancy Wolinsky

nanwolinsky@optonline.net

Jodee Fink

jodeefink@yahoo.com

Silent Auction Co-Chairs

*All donors will be recognized in the auction catalog and will receive documentation of their gift for tax purposes.

Temple Emeth Spring Gala / Silent Auction –
June 13, 2020

YES, I will be happy to contribute (goods and/or services) valued at _____ to the Silent Auction.

Name _____

I may be reached at: Telephone: _____

Email _____

(To discuss drop-off or pick-up of goods.)

TEMPLE EMETH SPRING GALA
STARLIGHT 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020



GIFT DONATION FORM

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Date _____

Please submit the completed form to Temple Emeth or Email the information to:

Nancy Wolinsky – nanwolinsky@optonline.net

Jodee Fink – jodeefink@yahoo.com

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Items for the Temple Emeth
Silent Auction
at Starlight 2020
can be dropped off in the Social Hall
on
Sunday, April 19,
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Services and S'machot

10th of Nisan 5780
Friday, April 3rd

Shabbat Hagadol
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

*Oneg is sponsored by Karyn and Gary Richards in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Aaron Kent Richards*

Saturday, April 4th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Richards
at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Tzav: Lev. 6:1-8:36

Haftarah - Malachi 3:4-24

15th of Nisan 5780
Wednesday, April 8th

First Seder

Thursday, April 9th

Collaborative Festival Service at Temple Sinai in
Tenafly at 10:30 a.m.

17th of Nisan 5780
Friday, April 10th

Shabbat Chol HaMo'ed Pesach
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

21st of Nisan 5780
Wednesday, April 15th

Seventh Day Passover Service with Yizkor
at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Chol HaMo'ed Pesach: Ex. 33:12-34:26 Haftarah - Ezekiel 37:1-14, Song of Songs is read

24th of Nisan 5780
Friday, April 17th

Shabbat Sh'mini
Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
B'nai Mitzvah Learner's Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Sh'mini: Lev. 9:1-11:47

Haftarah - Ezekiel 36:22-36

1st of Iyar 5780
Friday, April 24th

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Tazria/M'tzora: Lev. 12:1-15:33

Haftarah - II Kings 7:3-20 or Isa. 66:1-13, 23

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7th of Nisan 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Junior Youth Group Dor L'dor Mitzvah Project @ Youth Lounge 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	2 8th of Nisan 5780 5:00pm - 6:00pm Aaron Richards Final Rehearsal @ Sanctuary 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officers' Meeting @ Lounge	3 9th of Nisan 5780 7:06pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary 8:30pm - 9:30pm Oneg @ Social Hall	4 10th of Nisan 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Richards @ Sanctuary
5 11th of Nisan 5780 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room	6 12th of Nisan 5780 Bergenfield School Closed 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	7 13th of Nisan 5780 Bergenfield School Closed	8 14th of Nisan, Passover Begins Bergenfield School Closed First Seder 4:00pm - 6:00pm No Religious School 5:00pm - 5:30pm RS Music Program @ Youth Lounge	9 15th of Nisan, Passover Bergenfield School Closed 10:30am - 12:00pm Collaborative Festival Service at Temple Sinai in Tenafly @ Out of building	10 16th of Nisan, Passover Bergenfield School Closed 7:13pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary 9:00pm - 10:00pm Oneg @ Social Hall	11 17th of Nisan, Passover 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
12 18th of Nisan, Passover No Religious School 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge	13 19th of Nisan, Passover 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	14 20th of Nisan, Passover 9:00am - 12:00pm NJCW Board Meeting @ Youth Lounge 6:00pm - 10:00pm Erev Seventh Day of Passover (No Meetings)	15 21st of Nisan, Passover Ends No Religious School 10:30am - 12:30pm Seventh Day Passover Service with Yizkor @ Sanctuary 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	16 22nd of Nisan 5780 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "The Ministry of Special Cases" @ Library 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ Youth Lounge	17 23rd of Nisan 5780 7:20pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Music Service @ Sanctuary 9:00pm - 10:00pm Oneg @ Social Hall	18 24th of Nisan 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 9:30am - 10:15am Sixth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation II @ Sanctuary 10:30am - 12:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Learner's Service @ Sanctuary 5:00pm - 9:00pm Rental - Kaufman - Tentative @ Youth Lounge
19 25th of Nisan 5780 Family Promise 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 9:00am - 10:30am Yom Hashoa Service Led by 7th Grade @ Sanctuary 10:00am - 12:30pm Byachad Breakfast @ Youth Lounge	20 26th of Nisan 5780 Family Promise 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	21 27th of Nisan, Yom HaShoah Family Promise 12:00pm - 3:00pm NCJW General Meeting @ Social Hall 7:30pm - 9:30pm Yom Hashoah Commemoration at Teaneck HS @ Out of building	22 28th of Nisan 5780 Family Promise 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Jordana Hart BM Rehearsal @ Sanctuary 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 5:00pm - 5:30pm RS Music Program @ Youth Lounge 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ Lounge 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	23 29th of Nisan 5780 Family Promise	24 30th of Nisan 5780 Family Promise 7:28pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary 9:00pm - 10:00pm Oneg @ Social Hall	25 1st of Iyyar 5780 Family Promise 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
26 2nd of Iyyar 5780 Family Promise 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room	27 3rd of Iyyar 5780 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	28 4th of Iyyar 5780 9:00am - 12:00pm NCJW Executive Committee Meeting @ Museum 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Education: "Path of the Prophets," with Rabbi Sirbu @ Library	29 5th of Iyyar, Yom Ha'Atzmaut 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 5:00pm - 5:30pm RS Music Program @ Youth Lounge 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	30 6th of Iyyar 5780 5:00pm - 6:00pm Jordana Hart Final Rehearsal		

For up-to-the-minute event information, additions, cancellations, or make-up classes go to www.emeth.org
 A version of the calendar is online at <http://www.emeth.org/monthly-calendar>

Good & Welfare

*The congregation mourns the loss of
Jack Sparrow and sends condolences to
his wife, Deborah Schachter.*

Condolences to...

*Phyllis Friedland on the loss of her brother,
Allan Gelbart.*

Mazel Tov to...

*Cynthia and Barry Massarsky on the birth of their
grandson, Elliott Brian Massarsky.*

*Eley Kohn and Barry Obut on the birth of their
granddaughter, Arya Ocean, and to the
parents, Rachel Kohn Obut and Joshua Scott.*

*Selma and Neil Berger on the birth of their
grandson, Harrison Alden Romano, and to
the parents, Elyse Berger and Andrew Romano.*

*Madelyn Wolf Eichen and Rich Eichen on the birth of
their granddaughter, Ayla Sage Wolf, daughter
of Benjamin and Samantha Wolf.*

Get Well Wishes to...

Brenda Weiss

Richard Koffler

Phil Keusch



Guitar Service with
Wendy Kosakoff and
David Kohane on
February 21



Service with
Amanda Eastman
on February 28

"MOVIES THAT MATTERED"
A Film Series Follow-Up to
"The Jewish Experience
Through Cinema"



The next movie is
"Denial" on Tuesday,
May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Deborah Lipstadt is an American professor of Holocaust studies whose speaking engagement is disrupted by David Irving, a Nazi Germany scholar. He files a libel lawsuit in the United Kingdom against Lipstadt and her publisher for declaring him a Holocaust denier in her books.

Upcoming movie: "Boys from Brazil" on June 9.

Social Action in Action

Mitzvah of the Month: Passover food drive - Jewish Family Service.
\$300 to be donated to Community Scholarship Fund of Teaneck.

Family Promise - Our week to provide shelter starts April 19. They have one family (single mother and her child). Rumor has it that Family Promise is negotiating to buy St. Cecilia's to be a permanent shelter.

Environment - Oil Train legislation did not pass NJ assembly, so it will be re-introduced this year. Newest issue: A NJ Transit power plant is proposed for the western side of the Meadowlands, but there are ecological concerns. The power plant proposal is intended to provide backup power for the entire rail system in the event of a power failure caused by a natural or man-made event. There is a solar alternative. Efforts are being made to stop the fossil fuel plant and replace it with a solar version. More to come.

Immigration Follow Up - Northern NJ Sanctuary Coalition is having their annual fundraising dinner on Sunday April 19 at 6 pm at Central Unitarian Church, 156 Forest Avenue, Paramus. Tickets are \$25. The coalition appears to be reorganizing with a new leader. We determined that SAC will donate \$100. In addition, we will have a table. Participants include: Ina Miller, Alissa Sandler, Eva Sandrof, Phyllis Burman, Holly Clark, Lynn Chaiken, Steve Chaiken.

To buy tickets go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-nj-sanctuary-coalition-annual-benefit-dinner-tickets-92280837469>

Food Waste Follow Up - Sunday, April 19, 2020

B'yachad Breakfast, Sunday morning April 19 event, 10:00 am - "Just Eat It" movie and a talk back. Movie summary: We all love food. As a society, we devour countless cooking shows, culinary magazines, and foodie blogs. So how could we possibly be throwing nearly 50% of it in the trash? Filmmakers and food lovers, Jen and Grant, dive into the issue of food waste and pledge to quit grocery shopping and survive only on discarded food for six months. This film features interviews with author, activist, and TED lecturer Tristram Stuart; food waste expert Dana Gunders; and acclaimed author Jonathan Bloom. "Just Eat It" examines our systemic obsession with expiration dates, perfect produce, and super portion sizes. The documentary is both deliciously entertaining and truly shocking.

We Need More Volunteers. Shearit Ha Plate is a food pantry for the Orthodox. They have extra food which needs to be taken from Teaneck to a church in Hackensack. We have signed up to help on Friday mornings. Andy Benesch, Mary Jane Tucker, Lynn and Steve Chaiken, Ina Miller, Jane Kalfus, Eva Sandrof, and Hetty Geller have volunteered. We need more help. It's easy, quick, and a good Shabbat Mitzvah. We're working on a schedule now.

New Business: Phyllis Burman made us aware of S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents From Prostitution) training on Sunday, March 22nd, 1:00-5:00. Two Bergen County Plaza, 1st floor conference Center, Hackensack. Help save local missing children, stop modern slavery, and prevent sex trafficking in NJ by giving hotels and motels bars of soap. Participate in a training and outreach mobilization.

Alissa Sandler brought up the importance of the 2020 Census campaign. We will consider the very many informational posters out there to showcase a Census campaign at the Temple.

https://2020census.gov/en/partners/outreach-materials.html?utm_campaign=20190805msprts1ccpupnl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

The next Social Action meeting will take place on Sunday, April 12 at 9:45 a.m.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Anti-Semitism

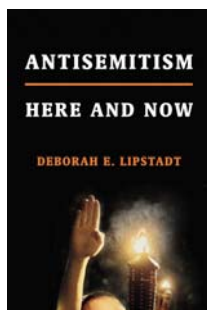
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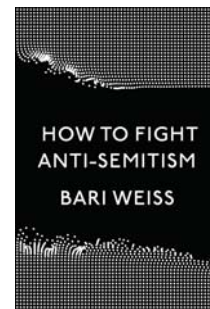
We have all watched with dismay as violent anti-Semitic acts have proliferated in recent years. To understand what's going on, we can turn to several books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Library. Two have anti-Semitism as their theme; a third touches on stereotypes about Jews and money.

Antisemitism: Here and Now is the work of Deborah E. Lipstadt, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University. She has written prize-winning books about the Eichmann trial and the Holocaust, events of the recent past. But this latest book deals with contemporary anti-Semitism, coming from both left-wing groups on college campuses and white nationalists on the right. Is today's anti-Semitism the same or different from what we have seen before? Is it about Israel? And how can we combat this evil? The author has organized this book as a series of letters to an imaginary colleague and an imaginary college student, who are both perplexed by the resurgence of this ancient hatred. In a note to readers, Dr. Lipstadt states that this was a challenging book to write, since not only was the subject painful but every day some alarming new development would demand analysis and inclusion. She wrote in August of 2018, "...by the time this book appears there will have been new examples of antisemitism that should have been a part of the narrative."



Indeed. On October 18, 2018 a shooter killed people worshipping in Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue, the shul where journalist Bari Weiss had her bat mitzvah. She had never imagined such horrors could happen in America, with its promise of religious freedom and tolerance. She responded by writing How to Fight Anti-Semitism. In this slim volume, she talks about the same conspiracy theories of both the left and right which are detailed in Professor Lipstadt's book. She also examines the

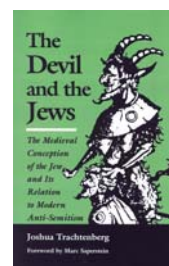
spread of Islamist ideas. She concludes by urging us, in the words of Ze'ev Maghen, "to defy anti-Semitism not with Jewish pleas and Jewish hand-wringing but with Jewish learning, Jewish observance, Jewish strength and Jewish achievement." Weiss asks, "What is more attractive than people confident in themselves, grateful for their historical legacy, and proud of their culture?" Weiss calls us to action. Many of us discussed her concrete suggestions in Torah Study last month with Rabbi Sharon Litwin.



Rabbi Mary Zamore, editor of The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic, spoke about *her* book right here at Temple Emeth as last fall's Trachtenberg lecturer. One section of this essay collection is called "Uncomfortable Conversations." There we find a history of Jewish moneylenders and cringe-worthy stereotypes that fuel anti-Semitism. The more we know about the origin of these notions the better we can refute them. It should be said that The Sacred Exchange is about much more than anti-Semitism—its focus is on how Jewish ethical principles can guide us in our use of money. Its aim is to help us find a balance in how we spend, earn, waste, save, and donate our money.



One last book about anti-Semitism deserves mention here. It was written by our library's namesake, Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg! The Devil and the Jews is a classic, a study of medieval superstitions about Jews. It can be found on our shelves along with these three newer books. It is too bad that we have needed an update on this subject, but at least you know where to learn more about it.



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Purim Megillah reading with ETC and Sandi Klein



Summary of Minutes from the February 13, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting

Treasurer's Report – Gary Richards reviewed the Funds Statement. Review is ongoing as there are many funds; some of which cannot be merged. The budget comparison for the six months June 2019-February 2020 was presented and discussed. Budget meetings begin March 4th.

Financial Secretary's Report – Alan Winters reported that as of February \$490,608 Voluntary Commitments made. 84% are collected totaling \$413,921.

Administrator's Report – Suzannah Mercado noted that there are some problems with Shul Cloud; there is less support from them, which is leading to delaying email notifications of options available to congregants. A discussion of other programs was brought up, however there are not many other options to Shul Cloud available.

Security – Amy Abrams presented a detailed review of Security Notes for Greeters, including welcoming members and guests, how to identify those who want access to the building safely, procedures in case of emergency, and a review of the 'Greeter Phone.'

Details are included in the envelope where the phones are kept and it was suggested that everyone who greets review these guidelines. A meeting of everyone who is eligible to greet was suggested in order to ensure that they are aware of the security measures that we have.

Gala – Silent Auction – Board members must bring in or provide 3 items for the Silent Auction. There are many types of donations – vacation homes, services, gift items, gift certificates, etc. that can be donated. Contact Nancy Wolinsky and Jodee Fink for Silent Auction. Ad Journal solicitations also welcome of course. Ad Journal is looking for someone to do the layout of the ads. Suggestions should go to Michael and Gayle Goldberg.

President's Report correction: \$180 donation made to the Yom Hashoah event, as in previous years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kantor
Assistant Secretary

Committee Reports

B'yachad On May 17th Rabbi Rebecca Sirbu will discuss the current goals and developments of Hadassah. Send us your ideas for future speakers and/or topics.

ETC-Emeth Teen Community Pixie Pierce. The ETC (On The Road) trip to NYC took place on Sunday, February 23rd. They were joined by the 7th graders to visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage and have a guided tour of "Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away." After the tour they stopped to visit Hudson Yards and got to climb Vessel. With an unseasonably warm day, this was a treat for all. On Sunday March 8th, all ETC teens worked together to set up and run the Purim Carnival. In addition, Amanda Eastman, along with a group of about 8 teens worked with the Cantor to help fill the Rabbi's shoes in planning and performing in the Purim service. They did an amazing job! The next ETC event will be on March 29th, to attend the Jewish Film Festival in West Orange, NJ

Emeth Gardeners Julie Weisman. Be sure to check for first blooming of the daffodils in front of the Temple on Windsor Road. They will pop any day now and will be spectacular. You don't want to miss it! Early Spring plant-

ing (peas, spinach, and milkweed) was planned for Sunday, March 15 at 10:45 a.m.

Fundraising Task Force Alan Winters. The committee is in the process of planning a theater event for May to be held at the temple. We're exploring the idea of a fundraising campaign called 'Raise the Roof' to replace the roof.

Kol Emet Marcia Bronsnick and Jill Kantor. Kol Emet is starting rehearsals in preparation for Pride Shabbat on June 12th.

Marketing Laaren Hort. We've placed several ads in the Jewish Standard recently, promoting the Israeli Film Festival organized by Viewpoints (the first was an especially successful ad, with about 100 people attending the screening) and the upcoming Holocaust concert. The newspaper wrote a story about Rabbi Sirbu's trip to the Mexican border and will have another about the Holocaust concert next week. On Facebook, Barbara Balkin has posted lots of great photos of different events, especially our ever-photogenic Purim events. We have some money in the budget to promote events, so please contact me if you have something interesting coming up.



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