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**B'yachad Breakfast  
via Zoom  
SUNDAY,  
APRIL 18, 2021  
at 10:30 a.m.**



Please join us for a virtual Zoom B'yachad Breakfast (BYOBagel)  
and discussion on April 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., via Zoom,  
as Rabbi Sirbu presents:

## **Lessons from the Pandemic**

Now that we are more than a year into the coronavirus pandemic, we see how quarantine affects how we pray, study, celebrate, and mourn. Every Jewish organization has had to adapt, and every Jewish tradition has been reimagined. Rabbi Sirbu will offer his assessments on what will go back to "normal" once the pandemic is over, and what changes in our practices and attitudes are here to stay.

The Zoom link and password for this B'yachad Breakfast will be distributed the week before the B'yachad presentation.



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# Message From the Rabbi

On May 10, 1948, Golda Meyerson, who would later become Golda Meir, dressed as an Arab woman and went to Amman on a secret trip to meet with King Abdullah of Transjordan. Her goal was to convince the king not to attack when the Jewish community in Palestine declared an independent state. Though it was a cordial meeting, in the end it was not successful. Abdullah would not abandon his position that Palestine should be part of his country and that the Jews would have 50 percent of the seats in the Parliament. Golda, of course, refused. According to Francine Klagsbrun in her 2017 biography of Golda Meir, Abdullah wanted to know why the Jews were in such haste to declare an independent state. She writes that Golda responded, “A people who had waited two thousand years could hardly be described as hasty.”

Golda returned immediately to Tel Aviv to report to David Ben-Gurion. It was clear by this point that the British were soon going to end the mandate and that the Jews would have their chance to declare an independent state. After reporting on her meeting with King Abdullah to the Administrative Council, she could have left the meeting. Instead she stayed as they debated whether to declare statehood. She could not vote in this meeting, but that did not prevent her from speaking strongly for independence, dismissing more timid proposals. “We cannot zigzag,” she said. The vote was 6 to 4 in favor of declaring the state.

Following the meeting, Ben-Gurion dispatched Golda to Jerusalem to coordinate with the British High Commissioner. She was to travel on a two-seater Piper Cub plane, and she was crestfallen that she would not be present for the declaration of the state that she had risked so much and argued so passionately to establish. Her plane had engine trouble, however, and the pilot was forced to return to Tel Aviv.

It was only because of this mechanical failure that Golda, now wearing her best dress, was able to attend the declaration ceremony at the Tel Aviv Museum at 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 1948. She was one of two women who signed the document after Ben-Gurion read it aloud. According to Klagsbrun, “Golda’s hands shook and tears flowed from her eyes as she signed ‘Golda Meyerson.’ She thought about the signers of the

American Declaration of Independence she had learned about as a child, and about her journey from Russia to this moment. She thought about people who were missing, who should have been there, and she couldn’t stop weeping.”

As we prepare to celebrate Israel’s 73rd anniversary of independence this month, it is useful to remember this story. While Israel exists today because of the tireless work of leaders like Golda, even they

were sometimes redirected by forces beyond their control. Golda lacked a vote in the Administrative Council, but she recognized that she had a voice, and she used it to sway her colleagues and change history.

Israel’s declaration of independence is now an historical event that no longer elicits tears. But even today, we can appreciate the establishment of the state less than 50 years after the First Zionist Congress as one of the greatest achievements of the Jewish people. We can see the restoration of sovereignty on our ancestral homeland just three years after the Holocaust as an incredible testament to our resilience. And we can affirm that the ongoing support of world Jewry for the State of Israel is an ongoing affirmation of k’lal Yisrael, the connection of all Jews to one another.

Happy Yom Ha’atzmaut. May Israel always know peace and prosperity, and always work for justice and equality.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu





# From the Religious School

“If you will it, it is no dream”

Theodor Herzl

The month of April corresponding to the Hebrew months of Nisan and Iyar is a very busy time in the Jewish calendar with many important and memorable holidays and events. When you receive this Bulletin, we will be in the midst of Passover. Our tradition teaches us that it was only on the seventh day after the Israelites “passed over” the sea onto dry land that they united as one to sing *SHIRAT HAYAM* - “The Song of the Sea” affirming their faith in God.

On the twenty sixth day of Nisan, we observe *Yom Hashoah V’Hagvurah* - Holocaust Remembrance Day.

*Yom Hashoah* (April 8) is observed by Jews all over the world in many ways - talking with survivors, reading and listening to stories, saying prayers, and lighting memorial candles as we remember the darkest period of our history.

This tragic period is quickly followed by *Yom Ha’atzmaut* – Israel Independence Day.

On this “73rd birthday” we again celebrate our deep connection with the land, culture, language, and people of the modern State of Israel.

We are looking forward to a renewed spring 2021.

B’yvraha,  
Dora Geld Friedman



Dora Friedman

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Friday, April 2** - Family Shabbat Service @ 7:30. Mora Dora will be reading “Nicky and Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued,” by Peter Sis, who will be joining us with Rabbi Sirbu for a Zoom discussion about his book.

**Wednesday, April 7** - Religious School classes resume after Passover break.

**Sunday, April 11** - Mora Marla’s class with parents on Zoom- T’filah- prayer with Rabbi Sirbu @ 9:30.

**Sunday, April 11** - Everyone is invited to join Rabbi Sirbu and our students in grades 4 – 7 for a discussion with author Peter Sis about his book “Nicky and Vera” @ 10:00 on Zoom.



Mora Marla’s 2nd and 3rd grade students’ Passover art projects - afikomen bags.

## SHABBAT HONORS—MAY WE INCLUDE YOU?

In every Jewish community worldwide, it is a mitzvah to participate in a Shabbat service by reciting a blessing or having an aliyah, truly time-honored traditions. During our livestream or Zoom Friday evening Shabbat Services, congregant honors include the blessings for the lighting of the candles, saying *Kiddush* over wine, and for our Zoom services, reciting the *Motzi*. These honors are inclusive in that a non-Jewish partner or spouse can also participate through the reading of a passage in English before the blessing is recited. During our livestream or Zoom Saturday services, a congregant is invited to have an *aliyah*. (Pre-pandemic and post-pandemic services offer other opportunities for congregants’ participation and we look forward to extending those opportunities again when it is safe to do so.)

Because of the unique circumstances of this time period, congregants have the choice how to complete their honor. One can opt to attend services in the Sanctuary, socially distanced from our clergy and with only members of their household. Alternatively, one can fulfill his or her honor remotely. Training is provided by having a short phone-based tutorial with a member of the Temple’s Technology Committee. Either way, with your participation, you will become involved in the Shabbat service while simultaneously honoring yourself and your temple community.

So, why this information? For years, I have volunteered to send step-by-step instructions to individuals who have accepted having an honor or an aliyah. If needed, I have practiced the prayers over the phone and answered any questions one might have. Prayers can be said in Hebrew or in English. I know that based on some members’ eager responses to participate in this mitzvah, there may be more people who would like to be included. I can assure you that this is a mitzvah that is both accessible to all, unchallenging, and for that moment, the honoree becomes an important link to our past, present, and future.

Members of the Ritual Committee know there are members of our Temple who would like to have an honor or an aliyah. *WE JUST DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHO!* We want to increase our outreach and include you, should you desire. If so, please email me, Nancy Scher, at [njls1127@gmail.com](mailto:njls1127@gmail.com) or call 201-664-9479.



# Message from President Nickie Falk

## Planning to Reopen the Building: It's a Process

It was just over a year ago — March 13, 2020 at 3:00 in the afternoon — that we closed our building due to the pandemic. As I said during our recent Town Hall meeting, I know I'm not the only one who has been on an emotional rollercoaster this past year. It has been a year of tremendous losses to the fabric of our Temple Emeth family and, at the same time, incredible, unforeseeable gains as our clergy and volunteers have demonstrated their creativity, delivering programs and even worship in ways we previously couldn't have imagined.

For those of you who were not at the Town Hall meeting (those who were can skip to the next article!), let's answer the question I'm sure that's on everyone's minds: When will we reopen?

Let me assure you, we are on the way, particularly now that more people in our community have begun to be vaccinated.

We have already begun a phased reopening, with strict protocols in place, established by your Officers. Our office staff has been back in the building for a while, masked and separated by plastic barriers, but back in the building. On the few times that we have had to close due to inclement weather or illness, we are lucky that our Administrator Suzannah Mercado has set up remote access for everyone so they could still work from their homes. (In fact, just two weeks after we closed down last March, our staff was fully functioning remotely.) Our tenant, the Bergenfield Public School, has been back in our building since October, observing strict protocols established by their school district.

Last fall, we had our first in-Sanctuary Bat Mitzvah. Until now, guest lists have been limited to 20 people to allow for distanced seating in our Sanctuary. Recently, the Board of Trustees voted to also allow other once-in-a-lifetime lifecycle events to take place, including weddings, baby namings, Auf Rufs, funerals, and our 2021 Confirmation. Along with this, the Officers recently increased the in-person attendance at these events to 40 people by opening up our walls between our Sanctuary and the Social Hall.

To help examine the questions that need to be answered



Nickie Falk

before we can fully reopen, I recently established an Ad Hoc Committee on reopening the building. The Committee is chaired by our first vice president, Michael Robinson, and includes officers Flip Bernard and Marty Breznick; Board member Elaine Nissen, who is also the Temple's pro bono attorney; Dr. David Duiguid, who many of you know as our House Physician for the High Holidays; and Jason Hochstadt, a parent of a Religious School student. Rabbi Sirbu and I serve as consultants to the committee.

In addition to keeping up-to-date on CDC and New Jersey Department of Health Guidelines, the Ad Hoc Committee is researching best practices of other synagogues and religious institutions. While our ultimate goal is to get everyone back in the building, we need to make sure that as much as possible, we can protect the congregation from each other and of course protect our clergy and staff.

As Michael pointed out at the Town Hall meeting, "We are dealing with a very fluid situation. There are many moving parts." The Ad Hoc Committee is currently developing a survey that will be sent to the congregation so we can find out what members would like to see, and what members would feel comfortable with, before returning to the building.

To make sure that your voice and your concerns are heard, please fill out the survey. It will be conducted on Survey Monkey, with an email link sent to you through our Constant Contact email system. You can also email Michael ([firstvp@emeth.org](mailto:firstvp@emeth.org)) or me ([president@emeth.org](mailto:president@emeth.org)). Ultimately, the Committee will develop guidelines as well as a timeline for reopening, which will be presented to the Board for implementation.

The Board appreciates your patience as we work through the necessary steps so that we can all return to our beloved Temple Emeth and to one another in a safe fashion. But as we've learned from this past year, we are more than a building; we are, indeed, a K'hillah Kedoshah—a sacred community.

Sending virtual hugs...Nickie

## Social Action in Action

1. At the March 12th Shabbat service, the Social Action Fund was formally renamed the Janice Preschel Social Action Fund.

2. Janice Preschel Social Action Fund has approximately \$2,290 in it. We just received an anonymous donation of \$250.

3. Amy Abrams brought new business; the concern is that many people, especially older people have had trouble booking vaccination appointments. Do we know how to reach people who might still need help making or getting to their appointments? Regina Fink and Amy are getting in touch with the Caring Committee to check in re: Temple Emeth congregants. Amy and Jodee Fink are checking in with the community.

4. Paul Kaufman requested a donation for Israel beach cleanup of \$200 to the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI). The committee voted yes. Paul also requested that the committee co-sponsor virtual clean energy forum on March 25th. Other sponsoring organizations include Hackensack Riverkeeper, Committee to ban Unsafe Oil Trains, Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County, and Central Bergen Circle of GreenFaith – all organizations with whom we've co-sponsored events in the past. There is no financial commitment involved in this co-sponsorship. Committee voted yes.

### Other news:

a) The Delaware River Basin Commission voted unanimously to ban fracking within the entire Delaware River watershed area. This is a major victory for environmentalists in preserving the purity of the drinking water provided to millions of residents



from this watershed.

b) A bill was recently passed by the state Senate prohibiting the use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids, which are deadly to pollinators such as bees. The same bill in the Assembly, which is co-sponsored by Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, was reported out of committee and is poised for a vote by the full Assembly.

c) Bills which would prohibit the use for any purpose of waste water from fracking enterprises are in the Environment Committees of both the Senate and the Assembly. The Assembly measures have a large number of co-sponsors, including Gordon Johnson, Valerie Huttie, and Lisa Swain. The outcome of these bills is uncertain.

5. Alissa brought us this NorthJersey.com story about Family Promise and how the homeless are making it through the pandemic.

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/03/05/bergen-county-nj-homeless-shelter-survived-covid-using-motel-rooms/6747889002/>

6. Both Gordon Johnson and Valerie Huttie have now come out against the county signing contracts with ICE to house immigrants in county jails.

7. By the end of the month both RAC National and RAC-NJ will have chosen an issues campaign to work on in the next six months. How will they choose? We will have a big say in how it will be decided. Via separate email, I'll explain how it will be done and what part, we, individually will make in the decision and how you can get involved. Stay tuned.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 10, 2021, 9:45 a.m.

## ESTABLISH A TEMPLE EMETH ENDOWMENT

Establishing a Temple Emeth Endowment Fund is a meaningful way to show your commitment to Temple Emeth. The fund can be in your name(s) or can be named to pay tribute to loved ones.

There are two types of named endowment funds. A named unrestricted fund, in which the proceeds go to the Temple operating account, may be established with a contribution of \$5,000 or more. An example is the Grunstein-Liberman Family Temple Emeth Fund. A named restricted fund, in which the proceeds go to support a specific activity at Temple, may be established with a contribution of \$15,000 or more. An example is the Ned and Doris Siner Music Fund. All named funds are recognized with a plaque in the hallway by the Library. Once established, you or others may make smaller contributions as you would to any Temple Emeth fund.

The Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation (TEEF) was established in 1991 to safeguard the endowment funds of the congregation. TEEF is a charitable, non-profit corporation which operates exclusively for the benefit of and to carry out the charitable, educational and religious purposes of Temple Emeth. All TEEF Trustees are Temple members. TEEF currently has assets of \$450,000. In addition to providing Temple Emeth with an annual income, TEEF is available to make short term loans or mortgage loans to the Temple. The Board recently lowered the amount for an unrestricted named fund from \$10,000 to \$5,000 so more congregants can be a part of this important way to support Temple.

For more information, contact TEEF President David Fox at 201-836-0260 or [jdjmfox@aol.com](mailto:jdjmfox@aol.com).

## Services and S'machot

**21 Nisan 5781**  
**Friday, April 2nd**

**Saturday, April 3rd**

*Torah Portion - Exodus 15:1-26*

**Seventh Day of Passover**  
**Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m. Livestream**

**Torah Study led by Rabbi Noah Fabricant**  
**at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**  
**Shabbat and Passover Morning Service with Yizkor**  
**at 10:30 a.m. Livestream**

*Haftarah - Samuel II 22:1-51*

**28 Nisan 5781**  
**Friday, April 9th**

**Saturday, April 10th**

*Torah Portion - Sh'mini: Leviticus 9:1-11:47*

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 5:45 p.m. Zoom**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Livestream**  
*Haftarah - Samuel II 6:1-7:17*

**4 Iyar 5781**  
**Friday, April 16th**

**Saturday, April 17th**

*Torah Portion - Tazria-Metzora:*  
*Leviticus 12:1-15:33*

**Shabbat Evening Service featuring duets with**  
**Cantor Ellen Tilem and Amanda Eastman at**  
**8:00 p.m. Livestream**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. Livestream**  
**Bar Mitzvah of Sam Pobutkiewicz**  
*Haftarah - Kings II 7:3-7:20*

**11 Iyar 5781**  
**Friday, April 23rd**

**Saturday, April 24th**

*Torah Portion - Achrei Mot-Kedoshim:*  
*Leviticus 16:1-20:27*

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m. Livestream**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Zoom**  
*Haftarah - Amos 9:7-9:15*

**18 Iyar 5781**  
**Friday, April 30th**

**Saturday, May 1st**

*Torah Portion - Emor*  
*Leviticus 21:1-24:23*

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 a.m. Livestream**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Livestream**  
*Haftarah - Ezekiel 44:15-44:31*



# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 19th of Nisan, Passover 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officer's Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>2</b> 20th of Nisan, Passover 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Live Stream	<b>3</b> 21st of Nisan, Passover Ends 9:00am Torah Study Hosted by Rabbi Noah Fabricant of Kol Dorot @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:30pm Shabbat and Passover Service with Yizkor @ Live Stream
<b>4</b> 22nd of Nisan 5781 No Religious School @ ZOOM 10:00am - 12:00pm Drive by Pick up for Wine and Spirits Tasting Fundraiser @ Parking Lot 7:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>5</b> 23rd of Nisan 5781 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>6</b> 24th of Nisan 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Education with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	<b>7</b> 25th of Nisan 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School Resumes 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>8</b> 26th of Nisan, Yom HaShoah 7:30pm - 8:30pm Teaneck Yom Hashoah Commemoration	<b>9</b> 27th of Nisan 5781 5:45pm - 6:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat @ ZOOM	<b>10</b> 28th of Nisan 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 11:00am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Live Stream 7:00pm - 9:00pm Wine and Spirits Tasting Fundraiser @ ZOOM
<b>11</b> 29th of Nisan 5781 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 11:00am Viewpoints DEI Pilot Group Presentation @ ZOOM 4:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	<b>12</b> 30th of Nisan 5781 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>13</b> 1st of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Education with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	<b>14</b> 2nd of Iyyar 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>15</b> 3rd of Iyyar, Yom Ha'Atzmaut 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Club An Odyssey: A Father, A Son, & an Epic @ ZOOM	<b>16</b> 4th of Iyyar 5781 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service @ Live Stream	<b>17</b> 5th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Sam Pobutkiewicz 8:00pm - 10:00pm Confirmation Class Havdalah and Movie @ Out of building
<b>18</b> 6th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm B'Yachad Breakfast Co-Sponsored with Viewpoints @ ZOOM 4:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	<b>19</b> 7th of Iyyar 5781 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>20</b> 8th of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Education with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	<b>21</b> 9th of Iyyar 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School	<b>22</b> 10th of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 9:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting (Tentative) @ ZOOM	<b>23</b> 11th of Iyyar 5781 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service @ Live Stream	<b>24</b> 12th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 11:00am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ ZOOM
<b>25</b> 13th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 1:00pm - 2:00pm Confirmation Class @ ZOOM 1:30pm - 2:30pm Zoom Program on Refugees with Guest Speaker Rabbi Lee Bycel @ ZOOM 4:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	<b>26</b> 14th of Iyyar 5781 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>27</b> 15th of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Education with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	<b>28</b> 16th of Iyyar 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School	<b>29</b> 17th of Iyyar, Erev Lag B'Omer 7:30pm Gala Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>30</b> 18th of Iyyar, Lag B'Omer 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service @ Live Stream	

For up-to-the-minute event information, additions, cancellations, or make-up classes go to [www.emeth.org](http://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 member... David Kohane, and sends condolences to his wife, Wendy Kosakoff and sons Danny, Josh, and Adam Kohane.*

### Condolences to...

*Idajean Fisher on the loss of her cousins, Marlene and Ted Gourley.*

*Lisa Abrams on the loss of her stepfather, Frederick Towers.*

*Michael Newman on the loss of his brother, Robert Newman.*

### Mazel Tov to...

*Damary and Ace Zaken on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Maya.*



Bat Mitzvah of Maya Zaken on March 20th.

## Meet the Author

Temple Emeth is co-sponsoring this event which is being hosted by the United Synagogue of Hoboken. Rabbi Sirbu will be moderating this event.

**The United Synagogue of Hoboken**  
invites you to an online event:

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL**  
**25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1:30 PM**

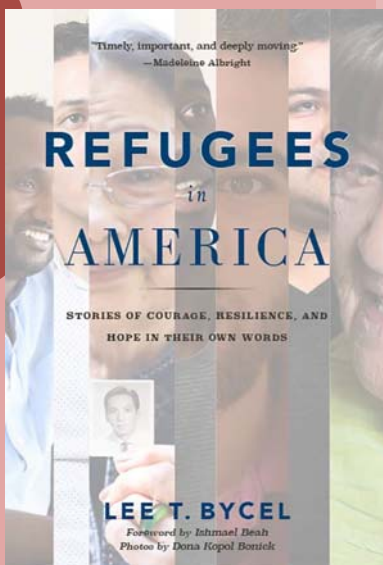
## Meet the Author

Join **Rabbi Lee Bycel** for a discussion of his book *Refugees in America*, about the personal stories of refugees. With moderator Rabbi Steven Sirbu.

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Register for Zoom link: [bit.ly/byceltalk](http://bit.ly/byceltalk)

## Request from the Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Committee to congregants

The Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Committee asks your help in identifying congregants who need assistance. Although we quickly hear about deaths, we don't always learn about illnesses or other situations in which we could offer help - with vaccination scheduling, phone calls, shopping, meals, etc. Please contact [caring@emeth.org](mailto:caring@emeth.org) if you or someone you know needs help. All communications are kept strictly confidential.



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**Barbara and Harvey Rosenfeld** in memory of their parents, Walter and Irmgard Hann, Sidney and Minnie Rosenfeld

*Wendy Kosakoff, Danny, Josh, and Adam Kohane are grateful for the love, caring, and warm support from our Temple community.*

## PRICE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS INCREASES JULY 1

The Bergen County Reform Temple Memorial Association is a cemetery association founded in 1954 to serve Temple Emeth. Prices for graves will increase from \$900 to \$1200 per grave effective July 1, 2021. This is the first price increase in seven years. While the \$1200 price is still well below market value, we encourage you to consider making a purchase while the \$900 price is still in effect.

Family plots of four graves or larger are available in our sections in Cedar Park and Beth El Cemeteries on Forest Avenue in Washington Township. Single graves and multiples thereof are available in our section in Riverside Cemetery located on Market Street in Saddle Brook. In accordance with the cemeteries rules, we may sell graves only to Temple members for use by those who at the time of their death are of the Jewish faith.

For more information or to purchase graves, contact David Fox at 201-836-0260 or [jdjmfox@aol.com](mailto:jdjmfox@aol.com).





# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

## Monthly News Update: Some DVDs

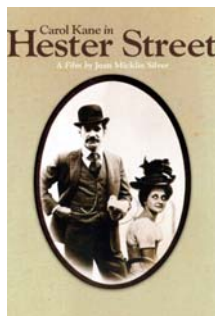
By Marion Wolf

### ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION



The Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library has more than just books! We also have some DVDs, which might be just the thing you need while stuck at home.

**Hester Street** (92 minutes) is a 1975 romantic film based on Abraham Cahan's Yekl: A Tale of the New York Ghetto. Joan Micklin Silver adapted that 1896 novella and directed the film, which stars Steven Keat and Carol Kane (who was nominated for an Academy Award for her performance). The main characters are Eastern European immigrants to the Lower East Side in 1896. Yankel has quickly assimilated, but Gitl is having a harder time forsaking her Old-World ways. Much of the dialogue is in Yiddish, and the film accurately details challenges faced by immigrants at the turn of the century. Deemed "culturally or historically significant" by the Library of Congress, **Hester Street** was added to the National Film Registry in 2011.



**Shoah** is a 1985 documentary about the Holocaust, directed by Frenchman Claude Lanzmann. Eleven years in the making, the film is over nine hours long. It presents interviews with survivors, witnesses, and perpetrators during visits to German Holocaust sites across Poland. A unique and eloquent film, **Shoah** is considered a masterpiece by some, has won many awards, and can help viewers understand how the unthinkable became reality.

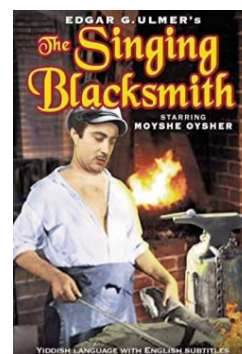


**The Yiddish Cinema**, made in 1991, is an hour-long introduction to Yiddish cinema narrated by play-

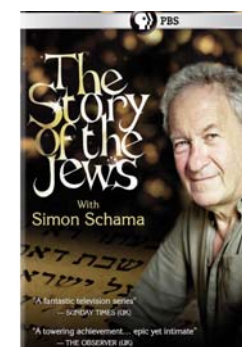
wright David Mamet. "Nourished by Yiddish literature and theater, Yiddish film production in Eastern Europe and the United States flourished between the two world wars." **The Yiddish Cinema** features interviews, archival photos, and film clips; it also delves into various reasons for the decline of Yiddish cinema.



**The Singing Blacksmith** (one hour 55 minutes) is in Yiddish with English subtitles. It is an operetta from 1938 that stars renowned cantor Moishe Oysher. He plays a shtetl blacksmith. Yankl is a swaggering, womanizing, hard-drinking man who must struggle against temptation to become a mensch. The film is a musical version of David Pinski's classic 1906 play "Yankl der Schmid." (Please note: there is one explicitly raunchy scene in the forge.)



**The Story of the Jews** is a British series that aired first on the BBC and then here in the U.S. in 2014 on PBS. There are five hour-long episodes that explore the story of the Jewish people from ancient times to the present day. The host is historian Simon Schama. Schama looks at Torah and the birth of Judaism, Jewish life in medieval times, Jewish integration into mainstream European culture, the world of the shtetl, the Holocaust, and the creation of Israel.



If you would like to borrow any of these DVDs or books from the Temple library please contact Teri Binder at [twbinder@aol.com](mailto:twbinder@aol.com) or Marion Wolf at [marionewolf@yahoo.com](mailto:marionewolf@yahoo.com).

## CONTRIBUTION FORM

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### Yom Ha'Atzmaut Fundraiser



Join our Temple Emeth community for Yom Ha'Atzmaut & fundraise while raising a glass in celebration of Israel Independence. We will learn all about Israeli wines and spirits from Milk & Honey Distillery. You will have the choice of receiving 2 bottles of wine and 1 bottle of whiskey, 2 bottles of wine and 1 bottle of gin, or 2 bottles of wine and 1 bottle of whiskey and 1 bottle of gin. You will also receive 4 tasting cards with information about the Milk & Honey Distillery products.



**When:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

**Details:** Drive-By Pick-Up details & the Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants.

**Cost:**

**Package 1:** \$100 for an individual or household with 1 tasting event bag (bag includes 2 full bottles of wine 1 white and 1 red, Milk & Honey Levantine Gin, and 4 tasting cards).

**Package 2:** \$110 for an individual or household with 1 tasting event bag (bag includes 2 full bottles of wine 1 white and 1 red, Milk & Honey Classic Single Malt Israeli Whiskey, and 4 tasting cards).

**Package 3:** \$140 for an individual or household with 1 tasting event bag (bag includes 2 full bottles of wine 1 white and 1 red, Milk & Honey Levantine Gin, Milk & Honey Classic Single Malt Israeli Whiskey, and 4 tasting cards).

**\$30 for an individual:** (this will allow you to join the event with a partner, spouse, or friend, without having to purchase wine/spirits).

**Ordering ends March 28th. For participation only, RSVP by April 9th, 2021**

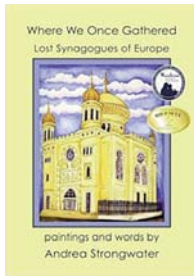
**Registration:** Temple Emeth members (or those who have a Shul Cloud account):

<https://www.emeth.org/event/wineandspirits>

For non-members (or those who do not have a Shul Cloud account): please call the office at 201- 833-1322 to register.







Mark your calendar for a virtual Zoom B'yachad breakfast (BYOBagel) and discussion  
on  
**Sunday, May 23rd at 10:30 a.m.**  
when Andrea Strongwater presents her project  
"Lost Synagogues of Europe"

Andrea Strongwater, a distinguished artist, will present "Lost Synagogues of Europe," her project that documents 83 synagogues across Europe which were destroyed during the Third Reich. This presentation will be a short overview of her work as a visual artist and a discussion of how she got into the project. She will provide details of several of the synagogues that she painted at their best and describe the communities that built each building. Images will be projected throughout the presentation.

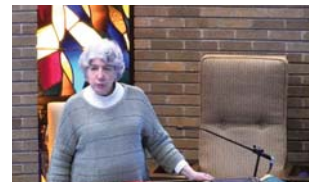
Andrea Strongwater has been an artist all her life. She lives in Manhattan. Her work can be seen in galleries, museums and shops around the world. In the past few years Andrea has focused on creating exceptional art for books. Her first published work won two independent book publishers' awards. Andrea's work is very diverse and includes art-work for gift items, teaching manuals for women in Afghanistan, jigsaw puzzles for Cornell University and lectures on her big project documenting synagogues across Europe destroyed during the Third Reich.

The Zoom link and password for this B'yachad breakfast will be distributed the week before the B'yachad presentation.

Wine tasting event and wine distribution organized by Stacey Butler.



Elaine Nissen,  
Marty Breznick, and  
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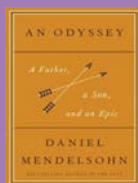
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