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Come Celebrate Passover!

Please join your Temple Emeth friends and family as we celebrate
the second night of Passover at the annual



Congregational Passover Seder Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



Please reserve your place by April 7, 2022 so we can seat your party together.

For questions, or if you would like to help set up, serve, or clean up,
please contact Rachel Eastman at amandasmommy@optonline.net

Please return this completed form with your payment to Temple Emeth Attn: Passover Seder

Congregational Passover Seder RSVP

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ @ \$48 each

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Children under 5 _____ (no charge)

Phone _____ Email _____

Please tell us if you have any special seating needs (wheelchair/end of table)
or dietary restrictions (vegetarian/kosher): _____

I would like to sit with: _____

Please make checks payable to Temple Emeth.

Total enclosed \$ _____ (\$48 for adults \$24 for children ages 5-12)

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS APPLY. It is important that you reserve early
so if our plans need to change, due to COVID, we can know how to proceed.



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Message From the Rabbi

In March, oral arguments were held in New Jersey Superior Court in a case that has broad implications for civil rights in our state. The arguments were made in *Latino Action Network et. al. v. State of New Jersey* four years after several civil rights groups sued the state arguing that public education statewide is unconstitutionally segregated by race. This has been documented in both demographic studies and by the state's own statistics. Yet the state constitution, in Article 1, Paragraph 5, prohibits the segregation of any person "in the public schools because of religious principles, race, color, ancestry or national origin."

State law, of course, does not mandate segregated schooling like the old Jim Crow south. In fact, it does the opposite. But we have, nonetheless, one of the worst de facto segregated systems in the country. This is the result of decades of policies such as redlining and housing segregation; a racial wealth gap affecting Black neighborhoods that impacts the tax base upon which public schools rely; and school district boundaries, which in our state often match municipal boundaries. It is an entrenched and, in many cases, reinforced reality in New Jersey.

Segregation, whether de jure or de facto, does harm to students of all races. It makes race a stigmatizing social status and leaves them unprepared for a diverse world filled with all kinds of people. Desegregated schools and classrooms, in contrast, help students engage across difference, understand different perspectives, and develop empathy.

The judge in the *Latino Action Network* case must weigh the anti-segregation clause of the constitution against our tradition of "home rule," by which control of things like drawing boundaries rests with local municipalities and maintains that students should be educated near their home. It will likely be several months before a ruling is announced, and we do not know what that ruling will be. What we do know is

that both sides have vowed to appeal, and that it is likely to be elevated to the state supreme court.

We also know that this is an opportunity for us as Reform Jews to express and live out our values. Our movement has long been in favor of civil rights legislation and court decisions. Recently our community has been out in front on issues like voting rights and police accountability.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

With this as background, the Religious Action Center of New Jersey (RAC-NJ) is preparing to advocate for equality for education for all New Jersey students. This is in the spirit of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling from 1954 which declared that "separate is inherently unequal." It is also in alignment with Jewish values emphasizing education,

honoring the divine potential in every human being, and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

As you know, my view of Torah and history has made me a passionate advocate for racial equality. And I am not alone. In the 1960's Rabbi Louis J. Sigel advocated for the desegregation of the Teaneck schools, though it wasn't always a popular position.

So when Sarah Blaine, the lead organizer of RAC-NJ asked if I would be part of our movement's response to the upcoming ruling, I said yes. We don't know exactly what this response will be. But we do know that, as with every issue the RAC takes on, it will involve both education and advocacy. It will be rooted in Jewish texts with an eye toward making sure that everyone enjoys the blessings of liberty as we have on these shores.

Stay tuned as I meet the other Reform Jewish leaders—both clergy and lay—who have committed to working on this issue. We believe that Reform Judaism can be a force for positive change, enabling our state to live up to the ideals articulated in our constitution.

From the Religious School

“Kol Dichfin, Let All who are Hungry Come and Partake” The Haggadah

The month of April corresponding to the Hebrew months of Adar II and Nisan is a very busy time with lots of important and memorable holidays and events. When you receive this Bulletin, we will be just days away from celebrating our first seder - Friday, April 15th. We need the full seven days of Passover to experience the seriousness of freedom and the power of song emerging from a united people. Our tradition teaches us that it was only on the *seventh day*, after the Israelites “passed over” the sea, onto the dry land, that they united as one to sing “the Song of the Sea,” affirming their faith in God. The Haggadah tells us that in every generation, “B’chol Dor VaDor” we are obligated to see ourselves as leaving Egypt.

Kol Dichfin, the opening line in the Passover Haggadah invites all of us, children and adults alike, to partake of the rich banquet that is the Passover Seder. Our tradition teaches us that the foods, rituals, songs, and stories of the seder feed our bodies as well as our souls.

Our students are analyzing the order of the seder and all special “steps” we take on our journey from “Mitzrayim (Egypt, that is literally “narrow places”) to

liberation. The seder is the perfect setting to involve your whole family in meaningful memory building and experiences that will last a lifetime. Encourage your family and guests to add their own family history to this glorious holiday.



Dora Friedman

The pursuit of personal and national liberation takes more than one holiday evening. It is an ongoing quest...

From our family to yours - A ZISSEN PESACH!

B’vracha
Dora Geld Friedman

Looking Ahead:

We close the Jewish month of Adar II with a Family Shabbat Service on **April 1 at 7:30.**

Spring/Passover break will be observed from **Sunday, April 10 through Sunday, April 17.** School resumes on **Wednesday, April 20.**

Our 6th and 7th graders will lead the Shabbat Service on **Friday, April 29 at 8:00 p.m.**

The special **Kabbalat Siddur** ceremony will be celebrated that evening as well.



Please join us for a combined B’yachad and Social Action Breakfast on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

This will be a hybrid event. The presentation will be held in the Social Hall with breakfast and will be simultaneously shown via Zoom.

We will start by screening a short movie, “The Sacrifice Zone,” which depicts the environmental problems of the area of Newark known as “Ironbound.” Most of the film is narrated by members of the community and community activists. Ironbound is home to an incinerator, a fat-rendering plant, and a power plant which have contributed to a high level of air pollution, causing locally elevated levels of illnesses such as asthma and cancer. A new power plant has been proposed for the area, energized by fossil fuels, which would add to the pollution burden of the Ironbound community. Many environmental organizations, and citizen groups are opposing this power plant.



A speaker from “Food and Water Watch” an environmental activist organization will lead a discussion at the conclusion of the film.

- All attendees must show proof of vaccination
- All attendees must wear masks at all times, except while eating or drinking
- Advance registration is required for the breakfast meal (sorry, no walk-ins for breakfast)
- Walk-ins are welcome to attend the program without the breakfast
- **Special price** - \$5.00 per person for breakfast
- The Zoom link will be distributed the week before the presentation

Any questions, please contact Michael and Gayle Goldberg at Byachad@emeth.org

Message from President Michael Robinson

Hello, Temple members. Today, as I write, we have beautiful weather and it is Daylight Savings Time. Spring is just around the corner, and I even had a chance to ride my bicycle 20 miles. Yay! A sure sign that spring is coming are two of my favorite holidays.

First, Purim. For the first time we collaborated with six other congregations in Bergen County to celebrate the holiday together by creating “The Whole Megillah: Purim Across Bergen.” As a kickoff for the weekend, Temple Emeth hosted a service with members of four other congregations: Temple Sinai, Kol Dorot, Avodat Shalom, and Barnert Temple. It was very well-attended. With three rabbis and four cantors, we experienced a variety of sermon styles and beautiful music. And for our own celebration of the holiday, Cantor Tilem and Rabbi Sirbu played with the theme of 101 Dalmatians. Once again, it’s great to be back in the building and celebrate holidays together.

The other holiday that is just around the corner is Passover. The Seder is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to celebrate our people’s transition from slavery to freedom. Temple Emeth is having a

second night Seder. Thanks to Rachel Eastman for coordinating this celebration.

In other events, we had the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with guest speaker Rabbi Eric Wisnia. He spoke on spirituality, dietary laws, “does God care what we eat,” and finally a discussion of Jews in the Civil War and the slave trade. Truly a wonderful and informative weekend for our Temple membership.

Lastly, a note about the war in Ukraine. As of this writing there has been an influx of 3 million refugees into eastern Europe. Almost half of these are children. I’m asking our membership to please donate to assist these people, as well as the people still in Ukraine who need humanitarian aid. Some examples of organizations that are involved in these efforts are HIAS, Jewish Federation of North Jersey, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Information as to how to do this can be found online.

I welcome your comments.

B’Shalom
Mike Robinson



Michael Robinson



Israel’s National Security and Civil Liberties: Balancing the State’s Objectives, with Rabbi Steven Sirbu

April 26, May 3, 10 and 17 at 8:40 pm on Zoom (Make-Up Date: May 24)

National Security and Civil Liberties are two values of the State of Israel that often find themselves in conflict. Using a curriculum prepared by the Center for Israel Education, Rabbi Sirbu will teach about the history of both in Zionist philosophy and Israeli institutions. The course will provide the nuance and context to appreciate the difficulty of pursuing both as national values.

The class text is available for digital download for \$19.99 by clicking here:

[Israel’s National Security and Civil Liberties | CIE \(israeled.org\)](https://israeled.org/).

You may also purchase a print version for \$20.00 by contacting the Temple office.

To join the class on Zoom use this info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82163056290?pwd=dHB5Q3RRc1VsdjdDVGhHakxRNUNCZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 6305 6290

Passcode: 001987

Rosh Chodesh Women's Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a special Rosh Chodesh Women’s Shabbat service on Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. The service will include Hallel, and Temple Emeth members will join clergy on the bimah to lead the service.



Celebrate Emeth!

The Ad Journal Has Gone Digital



- It will be available on the Temple Emeth website for one year
- It can be downloaded so you can print out selected pages or the entire journal



Celebrate Emeth Temple Emeth Spring Gala Saturday, June 11, 2022



Past President Honorees **Marc Chelemer** and **Amy Abrams**
Devotion Award Honorees: **Barbara Balkin** and **Carlene Fleishman**

Please join us in celebrating by purchasing an ad or tribute
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Celebrate Emeth Temple Emeth Spring Gala Silent Auction Saturday, June 11, 2022



Dear Temple members, friends, and supporters of our honorees,

We hope you will join us on Saturday evening, June 11, 2022 as we celebrate our Past Presidents, Marc Chelemer and Amy Abrams, 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

A week at a timeshare or vacation home

A meal in your home prepared by a Temple “chef”

A wine/cheese/gourmet food basket

Tickets to a Broadway show, sporting event, or concert

A car service to an airport

A massage, make-over, or day at a spa

Spring clean-up or de-cluttering services



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, e-mail, or text us with any questions.

Thank you,
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

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

See the gift donation form on page 9.

Temple Emeth Spring Gala / Silent Auction – June 11, 2022

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

I may be reached to discuss drop-off or pick-up of goods at _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____



A Message from the Celebrate Emeth Co-Chairs

Finally...it is happening! Celebrate Emeth on June 11th.

We have a dedicated and hardworking team preparing to Celebrate Emeth in so many ways. We can't wait to laugh, eat, dance and, most importantly, celebrate being together!

Our team has been creative in envisioning how to safely do our **first major fundraising event** since the start of the pandemic back in 2020. As of now, our plans include using the Social Hall for the Cocktail Hour, Silent Auction, and Dancing. The outside doors will be open, leading us to dinner which will take place under a spacious tent.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.
We are all looking forward to celebrating in person.

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NCJW Bergen County Section, Temple Emeth, and Temple Sinai of Bergen County Present

**Voices of Jews of Color: A Conversation Moderated by
Deitra Reiser of Transform for Equity -**
an organization working to build communities that promote
belonging for people of all backgrounds and experiences.

Panel Members:
Sound (formerly Julie) Brown – NCJW - BCS
David Diuguid – Temple Emeth
Soledad Laman – Temple Sinai



The discussion will be held on Zoom
Tuesday April 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Watch for registration material soon.

The **PAUL S. LAZAR CARING COMMITTEE** is available to help congregants in times of need. When congregants are dealing with illness, loss, or other crises, we can offer help by calling, visiting, providing and delivering meals, lending medical equipment, and/or assisting at a house of mourning. If you could use help from the Caring Committee, please email caring@emeth.org or call or text Gayle Goldberg at 571-278-8523.



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Nancy Wolinsky – nanwolinsky@optonline.net

Jodee Fink – jodeefink@yahoo.com



Julie Weisman and Nancy Miller weeded, prepared the beds, and planted peas in the Temple Garden. Next planting day will be on Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. All are invited.

Marla Levine's Kindergarten class celebrated Purim and made Tzedakah donations for the Passover Food Drive.



Services and S'machot

29 Adar II 5782
Friday, April 1

Saturday, April 2

Torah Portion – Tazria
Leviticus 12:1-13:59

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

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom
Rosh Chodesh Women's Shabbat at 10:30 a.m.

Haftarah – II Kings 4:42-5:19

7 Nisan 5782
Friday, April 8

Saturday, April 9

Torah Portion – Metzora
Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Shabbat Hagadol
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.
NCJW Shabbat

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

Haftarah – II Kings 7:3-20

14 Nisan 5782
Friday, April 15

Saturday, April 16

21 Nisan 5782

Friday, April 22

21 Nisan 5782

Friday, April 22

Saturday, April 23

Torah Portion – Acharei Mot
Leviticus 16:1-18:30

First Night of Passover
First Seder, No Shabbat Evening Service

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom
Collaborative Festival Morning Service at
Temple Sinai in Tenaflly at 10:30 a.m.
Second Night Seder at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

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

Shabbat Acharei Mot I

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

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

Haftarah – Ezekiel 22:1-19

28 Nisan 5782

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

Torah Portion – Acharei Mot
Leviticus 16:1-18:30

Shabbat Acharei Mot II

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.
6th and 7th Grades lead services
Kabbalat Shabbat Siddur Ceremony

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

Haftarah – Ezekiel 22:1-19

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 29th of Adar II 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	2 1st of Nisan 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
3 2nd of Nisan 5782 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 10:30am - 12:00pm B'yachad Breakfast @ Social Hall 12:00pm - 1:00pm Confirmation Class @ Lounge 1:00pm - 4:00pm Youth Program: Dor L'Dor Visitation Program @ Lounge	4 3rd of Nisan 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM 7:00pm Social Action Committee Meeting	5 4th of Nisan 5782	6 5th of Nisan 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 6:00pm - 6:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	7 6th of Nisan 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	8 7th of Nisan 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - NCJW Shabbat @ Sanctuary	9 8th of Nisan 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
10 9th of Nisan 5782 NO Religious School 2:00pm Viewpoints DEI Orientation @ ZOOM	11 10th of Nisan 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	12 11th of Nisan 5782	13 12th of Nisan 5782 NO Religious School 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	14 13th of Nisan 5782 5:30pm - 6:00pm Pre- Passover Gathering and Food Distribution @ Parking Lot 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	15 14th of Nisan 5782 6:00pm - 7:00pm First Seder - No Shabbat Services	16 15th of Nisan, Passover Begins 9:00am - 10:00am Collaborative Torah Study with Temple Sinai taught by Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Collaborative Festival Morning Service hosted by Temple Sinai @ Out of building 6:00pm Second Night Passover Seder @ Social Hall
17 16th of Nisan, Passover NO Religious School	18 17th of Nisan, Passover 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	19 18th of Nisan, Passover 7:30pm - 9:30pm NCJW Jews of Color Event @ ZOOM	20 19th of Nisan, Passover 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 6:00pm - 6:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge 7:30pm - 8:30pm Caring Committee Meeting @ Library 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	21 20th of Nisan, Passover 7:30pm - 8:30pm Book Group - Summerwater by Sarah Moss @ ZOOM	22 21st of Nisan, Passover Ends 10:30am - 12:00pm Seventh Day Passover Service with Yizkor @ Sanctuary 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	23 22nd of Nisan 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary 5:00pm - 10:00pm Confirmation Class Night Out
24 23rd of Nisan 5782 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room	25 24th of Nisan 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM 7:30pm - 8:30pm Movies that Mattered @ ZOOM	26 25th of Nisan 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Israel's National Security and Civil Liberties," with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	27 26th of Nisan 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 6:00pm - 6:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge 7:30pm - 8:30pm Teaneck Yom Hashoah Online Commemoration 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal (Tentative) @ Sanctuary	28 27th of Nisan, Yom HaShoah	29 28th of Nisan 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service- 6th and 7th grades lead & Kabbalat Siddur Ceremony @ Sanctuary	30 29th of Nisan 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary

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 member
Rubin Ferziger.*

Condolences to...

Pauline Hecht on the loss of her friend, Laura Mallie.

*Florette Koffler on the loss of her brother-in-law,
Robert Koffler.*

*Wendy Kosakoff on the loss of her uncle, Gabriel
Kosakoff.*

*Fran LaBarbera on the loss of her sister-in-law,
Karen LaBarbera.*

*Marla Levine on the loss of her uncle, Gilbert
Rabin.*

*Risa Rosenberg on the loss of her brother-in-law,
Jan Kamil.*

Mazel Tov to...

*Paula and Michael Dillon on the wedding of their
daughter Rebecca to Gage Bates.*

Social Action in Action

**Thank you so much, Temple Emeth, for generously donating food to the Northern
New Jersey Jewish Federation March Mega Food Drive.**

We hope you'll join us for April activities.

Sunday, April 3, in collaboration with B'yachad, Social Action is sponsoring a breakfast at 10:30 a.m. at the Temple (yes, in person). This is a hybrid event - it will simultaneously be shown by Zoom. We will show a short movie, **"The Sacrifice Zone"** which is about the environmental problems of the Ironbound area of Newark. Ironbound is home to an incinerator, a fat-rendering plant, and a power plant. All of these have contributed to a high level of pollution, causing locally elevated levels of illnesses such as asthma and cancer. A speaker from **Food and Water Watch** will lead a discussion at the conclusion of the film. Take a look at "This Week at Temple Emeth" to find the Zoom link. If you are attending in person and eating breakfast, there will be a \$5 per person fee.

Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom, Viewpoints Committee will be hosting "Voices of Jews of Color: A Conversation." Panel Members:

Sound (formerly Julie) Brown – NCJW - BCS

Dr. David Diuguid – Temple Emeth

Soledad Laman – Temple Sinai

Here is a background article, "Beyond the Count," that may be of interest. The article gives the results of a survey of 1000 Jews of Color and has some interesting data. It can be accessed at:

The Beyond the Count report. https://jewsofcolorinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/BEYONDTHECOUNT.FINAL_.8.12.21.pdf

Friday, April 22, we will be hosting an **Earth Day Shabbat** service, in collaboration with GreenFaith. More to come later in the month.

With RAC-NJ, we are continuing to work on the passage of S1966 A247, same day voter registration. We've done well to promote it and to lobby our legislators, though there's more to be done.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

DONATE to the garage sale!
We need your new and gently
used household items, purses,
jewelry, toys and games,
shoes, DVDs and CDs, and
more. Let's make this garage
sale a huge success!

Temple Emeth Garage Sale
Sunday, April 24th
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

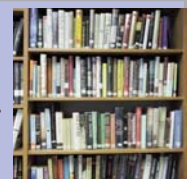
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See you there!

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Monthly News Update: Uncomfortable Situations

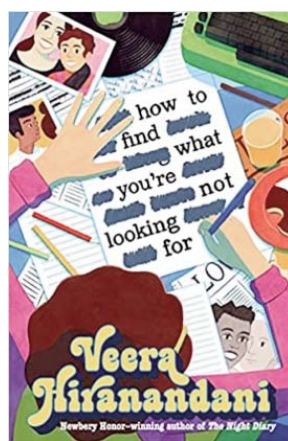
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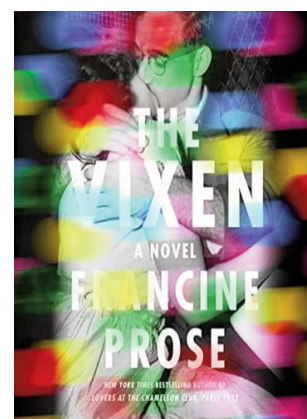


When you are young and finding your way in the world, you may face some difficult situations. That is true for the main characters in two new books we've added to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library. Both authors have won prizes for their writing. Both novels are set in the past.

Veera Hiranandani has won a Newbery Honor for children's literature. Her latest book is How to Find What You're Not Looking For, which focuses on twelve-year-old Ariel Goldman. It is 1967, and Ariel's older sister has just eloped with a young man from India. Ariel's parents disapprove. The U.S. Supreme Court has only recently decided in *Loving v. Virginia* that banning interracial marriage is unconstitutional in all 50 states. Not only does Ariel have to deal with her parents' prejudice, she also confronts antisemitism at her Connecticut school (she is the only Jew in her class). Throw in her family's financial problems as well as a newly-diagnosed learning disability, and the girl has her hands full. In an author's note, Hiranandani—the daughter of a Jewish mother and Indian father—explains that she has drawn from her own family's story and has blended fact with fiction. Reviewing this book for the *New York Times*, Marjorie Ingall says that Hiranandani “handles this dead-serious subject matter lightly, suffusing it with kindness and subtle comedy without being sappy or reductive. It's a pretty astounding achievement.”



The Vixen is the work of Francine Prose, who has written 21 novels, garnering all sorts of prizes and critical acclaim. Here she tells the story of Simon Putnam, a recent graduate of Harvard. It is 1953, and Simon has just been hired by a distinguished WASP-y New York publishing firm. Despite his name (which makes Simon sound like a descendant of a Mayflower Puritan), he does not fit into this glittering three-martini lunch milieu. He is Jewish, a native of Coney Island; his family is middle class. The Vixen opens with Simon and his parents watching TV in horror as they learn of the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Simon's mother even knows Ethel personally! Almost the very next day, Simon is given a big assignment at work; he is supposed to edit a trashy novel that will shore up the firm's failing finances. The book is called The Vixen, the Patriot, and the Fanatic. It has an oversexed heroine called “Esther Rosenstein.” It is a terribly written, bizarre smear job of someone no longer alive to defend herself. But what is young Simon supposed to do? How can he balance his ambitions and his conscience? His dilemma grows thornier (and he grows hornier) when he meets Anya Partridge, the seductive author of the book Simon is editing. Nothing is what it seems as Simon navigates some very strange workplace challenges.



Discover how Ariel and Simon cope—come to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library to borrow these and lots of other books.

If you would like to borrow any of these books from the Temple library contact Teri Binder at twbinder@aol.com or Marion Wolf at marionewolf@yahoo.com.

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**Movies That
Mattered discussion
Monday night,
April 25, 2022
7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Life is Beautiful
starring Academy award
winning actor
Roberto Benigni**

In 1930s Italy, a carefree Jewish waiter named Guido starts a fairy tale life by courting and marrying a lovely woman from a nearby city. Guido and his wife have a son and live together until the occupation of Italy by German forces. In an attempt to hold his family together and help his son survive the horrors of a Jewish Concentration Camp, Guido imagines that the Holocaust is a game and that the grand prize for winning is a tank.

Ancestry@Emeth



What is your family story?

If you would like to participate in
the next Ancestry@Emeth
exhibit, please contact
Barbara Balkin at
dkrm505@yahoo.com

Book Group Calendar 2022



April 21st: Summer Water by Sarah Moss

May 19th: The Mayor of Casterbridge
by Thomas Hardy

June 16th : Planning Meeting

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Our building is now open.

Everyone entering the Temple for adult services must be masked and fully vaccinated.

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- Come to the office and show your vaccination card to any office staff member.
- Email a picture of the vaccination card to Suzannah at smercado@emeth.org
- Show your vaccination card to the greeter at services.

Unvaccinated adults and children are invited to attend Family Services where masks and social distancing will be required.



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This is a wonderful way to honor your departed loved ones by purchasing a permanent plaque in our Sanctuary. It will evoke fond memories to see their names on our Memorial wall. When you purchase these plaques, one is permanently placed on the Memorial wall and the second larger one is displayed on the actual week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375 FOR BOTH PLAQUES. You may also buy and reserve plaques in advance. Contact the office if you would like to make a purchase.



Shalach Manot packing and delivery, organized by Shel and Jeff Grossman.



Celebrating Purim at the Megillah service.



Music by Carol Shansky and Adam Kohane enhanced services.



Rabbi Louis J. Sigel
Scholar-in-Residence
Weekend March 25 - 27
featured speaker
Rabbi Eric Wisnia.





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