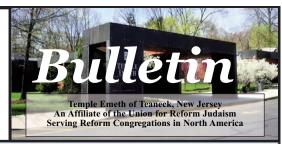
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# HAPPY PASSOVER

# CELEBRATE THE SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER AT TEMPLE EMETH, IN PERSON, WITH FAMILY **AND FRIENDS!** TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 AT 6:00 PM Catering by Foster Village Deli, Bergenfield, NJ Reserve your place by April 9th: (\$55 for adults/\$35 for children 5-18) after April 9th: (\$65 for adults/\$40 for children 5-18) **Deadline: April 19th** For questions, please contact Rachel Eastman at seder@emeth.org We will be setting up on Sunday, April 21 after the Viewpoints program. Hang around to lend a hand, and make fast work of it! Scan me to register! Reservations can be made at www.emeth.org/event/seder2024. Or please return this completed form, with your payment, to **Temple Emeth** Attn: Passover Seder 1666 Windsor Rd., Teaneck, NJ 07666 Passover Seder RSVP Name: # of Adults: # of Children (ages 5-18): # Children under 5 (no charge) Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Email: Special Needs: Dietary Restrictions: Whom would you like to sit with? Please make checks payable to Temple Emeth Total enclosed: <u>\$</u>\_\_\_\_\_

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# **Message From the Rabbi**

Earlier this year, I was accepted into a fellowship hosted by the Atra Center for Rabbinic Innovation. To qualify, an applicant had to be a rabbi (or have a similar rabbinic role) at a congregation in northern New Jersey and show potential for bringing change to the congregation and the community.

The fellowship, formally called the "Northern New Jersey Rabbinic (re)Design Fellowship," kicked off in March with a two-day seminar. Similar to the famous quote in Pirkei Avot about how the world stands on three things, we learned our program rests on three essential goals.

The first goal is strengthening relationships and building a network with local rabbis. There are 11 participants in this cohort, belonging to different denominations. While we all have friendships among our colleagues, we lack the opportunity to reach across movement lines and other lines of difference to meet regularly with a shared sense of purpose. For example, though I belong to the North Jersey Board of Rabbis and the local region of Reform rabbis, neither of these associations gives me the chance to form a strong relationship with my Orthodox colleagues.

The second goal is strengthening our skills and articulating an authentic rabbinic voice. There is no doubt that rabbis have a unique standing and authority in Jewish life. But we don't always know how to exercise this position for the benefit of our communities. As the Jewish people becomes more diverse, and as modes of communication increase, it is important for me to better understand how to use my voice effectively to implement a vision that will give us confidence in the future.

The third goal is strengthening our community and cultivating the capacity for experimentation. This is the goal that I believe will make this an excellent learning experience for me as the rabbi of Temple Emeth. We are all aware of the demographic changes that have impacted the Temple, and many of the ways that our leadership has sought to strengthen our congregation in light of these trends. Learning the ways that experimentation can be successful and add to the vibrance of Temple Emeth is a skill that will benefit us all.

> The Atra NJ Rabbinic (re)Design Fellowship is unique because it focuses on partnerships within a specific region. It is supported by a grant from the Russell Berrie Foundation, which has long funded Jewish strategic initiatives in the Northern New Jersey area. The foundation sees great potential for vibrant Jewish life in our area, and having talented rabbis who share a set of shared assumptions will help to realize this potential.

> My participation in the Atra fellowship is an 18-month commitment. On occasion, it

will require me to miss a Temple event, as was the case for Lunch and Learn on March 20. But as with any continuing education program, the long-term benefits are intended to outweigh the short-term sacrifices. I am confident that will be true in this case.

I look forward to sharing more about this in the future.



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Sirbu Wednesday, April 3 at Noon in the Library and on Zoom

On Wednesday, April 3, our topic will be the Haftarah for Parashat Shemini, II Samuel 6:1-7:17, the commentary for which is in "Prophetic Voices" on pages 197-200. We will also read the section for Baseball Opening Day on pages 452-453. You bring your lunch, and we provide the learning...and the coffee. Join on Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84261140680?pwd=TFZ4VlpsMlhCMlI2bzlzUE9HZlU3Zz09#success Meeting ID 842 6114 0680 Password 686599 For audio only, dial 929 205 6099



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

## Message from the President

Michael Goldberg

#### **Bergenfield Board of Education (BBOE)**

I am pleased to inform you that we have reached a renewal five-year lease agreement with the Bergenfield Board of Education for the lease of the school wing. We are currently in the last year of our second five-year lease which ends in August 2024. This new lease will run through August 2029.

To our newer members, you may not realize how important this contract is to our financial stability. This

rental agreement, which has minimal impact on Temple programming, represents about one third of the Temple's income. It is an essential way for us to offer such a vast array of programs and activities, and help to maintain our building.

Thank you to **Gary Richards**, Treasurer, and **Wendy Dessanti**, House Committee Chair and past president, for their advice and guidance during the negotiations, and to **Laura** 

**Kirsch**, a long-term member, past president, and a real estate attorney for reviewing the contract. Special thank you to **Robert Kravitz** who was responsible for connecting the BBOE with Temple Emeth over ten years ago.

#### <u>Thank You</u>

Thank you to Carol Shansky, Mindy Greenberg, Jacqueline Guttman, Paul Kaufman, Linda Poskanzer, and of course the musicians for such an enjoyable, informative, and excellently performed "A Celebration of Leonard Bernstein" concert, made possible at the bequest of Gilda and Robert Boyd Glazer.

Special thank you to Shel Grossman, for all of your hard work in leading Shalach Manot once again this year. Thank you to the Shalach Manot Committee, and all of the volunteers.

Thank you to **David Fox** and **Marion Wolf** for chairing the **Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend**. Thank you to **Elaine Pollack** for coordinating the meals, and **Barbara Balkin** for the beautiful flyers. Thank you to **Rabbi Sirbu** for providing our speaker, **Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin**, and for working with the Teaneck officials to change the name of Windsor Road in front of our building to the "**Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Way**."

## Upcoming Events

- April 14 Bazaar
- April 23 Second Night Passover Seder
- April 28 Active Shooter Security Training
- May 5-6 Yiddish Book Center trip
- May 10 Milestone Membership Shabbat
- May 16 Congregational Workshop, "Community
- Conversation Across Difference"
- June 1 Spring Gala
- June 4 Annual Congregational Meeting

#### Highlighting our Administrative Assistant, Alison Reiser

Alison has been at Temple Emeth for over three years. Alison has many responsibilities including greeting visitors, answering phones,

helping Barbara Balkin with the Bulletin, mailing weekly Yahrzeit reminders, composing donation acknowledgements, preparing mass mailings, compiling bimah announcements,

scheduling volunteers in the Livestream



Control booth, maintaining the Mi Shebeirach, Yahrzeit, and Yizkor lists, and helping Rabbi Sirbu with projects as needed. She previously worked at Sharsheret.

Alison grew up outside Philadelphia. Her parents were longtime members of Congregation Beth Or, a reform synagogue in Fort Washington, PA. Alison spent many summers as a camper and also worked on the specialty staff of URJ Camp Harlam. Alison studied journalism and political science at Penn State. After college she worked as a newspaper reporter in Philadelphia, then a trade magazine writer in NYC. Alison volunteered as a guide at the Central Park Zoo and that experience led her to transition to doing Public Relations for the Bronx Zoo – where she met her husband, Phil, a Senior Zookeeper in the Mammal Department. Phil's sister is married to an Orthodox Rabbi in Las Vegas, and Alison and her family enjoy visiting at least once per year.

Alison and Phil have two daughters. One is a junior at Frisch. The other is in 8th grade and will be starting Ma'ayanot High School in the fall.

When I asked Alison what she likes to do in her free time, she smiled, and said spending quality time driving her teenage daughters to their numerous activities and events!

Thank you, Alison.

Please reach out to me with your questions and concerns.

All the Best, Michael Goldberg, President



## JOIN US on SUNDAY, APRIL 21st at 2:00 p.m. for a One woman show FAY JACOBS – AGING GRACELESSLY

Fay Jacobs is a Jewish, lesbian writer, and selfdescribed "sit-down comic." At the age of 74 she is gathering fans of all ages for her show "Aging Gracelessly: 50 Shades of Fay." According to Fay, the show is, "part laughing at Baby Boomers aging and part charting the history of gay rights and gay marriage."



Contact Karen at viewpoints@emeth.org



Join us for a B'Yachad Breakfast Sunday, April 7th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with speaker Avri Ravid



From the Yom Kippur War to October 7: What it means for Israel and US Colleges Today

Professor S. Abraham Ravid ("Avri") is currently the Sy Syms Finance Chair at Yeshiva University. He has published dozens of academic papers and been the recipient of many academic awards. He is a veteran officer of the Yom Kippur War and a former journalist.

Breakfast will be served at 10:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please register at https://www.emeth.org/event/avriravid The cost is \$8 if you pre-register by Thursday, April 4th and \$10 at the door to attend the lecture.

> RSVP form for B'Yachad Breakfast on April 7th Return to the Temple office by April 4th, attention B'Yachad, with a check payable to Temple Emeth

Name

Number attending\_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # Email address

## Trip to Gathering of Holocaust Torah Scrolls on Sunday, April 7 from 12:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Temple Emeth is proud to be participating in a gathering of Holocaust Torah scrolls at Temple Emanu-el in New York City. We will begin with lunch and a close up look at our scroll and then travel to New York by school bus for the event, which may have over 70 scrolls present.



This event, which is a partnership of the Adult Education Committee and Emeth Teen Community, costs \$36 for adults.



RSVP at https://www.emeth.org/event/holocausttorahevent



# SPRING GALA 2024 Honor the women who are lighting the way:

## Nickie Falk, Cynthia Massarsky, Linda Poskanzer, Hildy Dillon, Karyle Goldstein

Dear Temple Family,

The sun is shining a little more often, the days are getting longer, and we're getting closer to our June 1st Gala, when we will celebrate our Fab Five Women: Nickie Falk, Cynthia Massarsky, Linda Poskanzer, Karyle Goldstein, and Hildy Dillon. Invitations were sent to congregants with the March events snail mail. In case they have gone the way of missing socks, please open this email version that is attached - invitation and response card - and RSVP to ensure your spot at this wonderful event.

RSVPs: You may mail in the response card with a check, or call the office to make your reservation, or fill out the form on the Temple website: www.emeth.org/event/gala2024 where you may indicate seating preference and any special food requirements. If you have any questions feel free to write to me at gala@emeth.org. If you cannot make it this year, but would like to take out an ad or make a donation in honor of one/some/all of the honorees, please submit the ad form below or (click here), or respond with a donation and the name of the honoree(s) and we will advise them of your contribution.

Last but not least: got something for the auction, or know someone who does? <u>Click here</u>. Thanks to the hard-working crew that is making this happen, and thanks to all of you, who are supporting it. I hope to see you June 1st when we celebrate these women who are *lighting the way*.

Let's party! Judy Distler, Gala Chair

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Contact Merri Adler-Ross at Auction@emeth.org with the following information:

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Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Tributes from Teaneck Mayor Michael Pagan, David Fox, Jacqueline Guttman, and Dr. Joseph Chuman.

Street Sign Renaming and Reveal with the Sigel family, Kol Emet, and Councilwoman Karen Orgen.







Thanks to David Fox. Marion Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend March





Wolf, and Elaine Pollack for organizing the Rabbi 29th - 31st with speaker Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin.







# "Operating Together in Harmony: A Night of Music for Israel" April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Join with the Temple Emeth community for an evening of music to support Operating Together, an organization that brings Israeli and Palestinian trauma surgeons together to promote healing on both sides of the border. We heard a presentation about this wonderful organization in January. The evening will include the musical talent of Rabbi Max Chaiken, Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr, and Thomas Mustachio. Tickets are \$18 for adults, and registration is available by using this link: https://www.emeth.org/event/israelconcert



## The Bazaar will be held on Sunday, April 14th from 9:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to lay out merchandise in the week before, and then to "work the booths" during the event itself. We'll have all our usual wares out for sale: jewelry, clothing, toys and games, house-

wares, and kitchen items. There will be a dessert bar with delicious treats and a food court. Tell your friends! Tell your neighbors! Post on social media! Bazaar is always an enjoyable day, full of hard work, community interaction, and fun. Contact Marc at bazaar@emeth.org

## Flash from the Security Committee!

Learn what you need to know to protect yourself, your family, and our Temple community! Temple Emeth is offering an Active Shooter Security training session on

Sunday morning, April 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Temple. A security specialist from the Federation will be the instructor at this in-person, members only, event.



Coffee and Passover snacks will be served. There is no charge but please RSVP to <u>security@emeth.org</u> Nancy Mednick, Security Coordinator

MINI UNIVERSITY - "Stories from a Jewish Perspective," led by Temple members, April 2 and April 9 (make-up date on April 16)

Short stories by both Jewish and non-Jewish authors can give us insight into Jewish beliefs and customs. On Tuesdays at 8:00 pm, join us for our peer-led class, "Stories from a Jewish Perspective." The class meets both in the Library and on Zoom. We will discuss a different story led by a different facilitator each week. Hard copies of the stories are available in the Temple office. The class will run every Tuesday through April 16 (makeup date). Click here to join on Zoom. Meeting ID 872 6305 3438 Passcode 434994For audio only, dial 929 205 6099 Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933052262?pwd=ZzIHTz dGbjBORGQ4ZnBzMDluZlBqQT09



# SAVE THE DATE

**Temple Emeth Congregational Gathering** 

Thursday May 16th 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Facilitated by Dorit Price-Levine

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ACROSS DIFFERENCE

If you thought last summer was ugly and you are eager to move on...this event is for you.

If you yearn to walk into Temple and don't want to pretend that nothing happened...this event is for you.

If you are invested in the vibrant future of Temple Emeth...this event is for you.

The Healing Committee invites you to a congregational gathering facilitated by Dorit Price-Levine. We will explore questions like: When we next face conflict, how will we approach it? What is our vision for how we would like to conduct ourselves as a community?

Prior to the gathering, the Healing Committee will be hosting a limited number of Zooms. If you are interested in participating, or if you have any questions at all, please email: <u>healingcommittee@emeth.org</u>

More details and registration to follow. Dinner will be served.

### Services and S'machot

27 Adar II 5784
Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

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

#### 5 Nisan 5784

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

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

#### 12 Nisan 5784

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

*Torah Portion: M'tzora Leviticus 14:1-15:33* 

Tuesday, April 23

19 Nisan 5784

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Torah Portion Exodus 33:12-34:26

21 Nisan 5784

Monday, April 29

*Torah Portion Exodus 14:30-15:21*  **Shabbat HaChodesh Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.** Etz Chayim Sings

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

Haftarah Ezekiel 45:16-25

#### Shabbat Tazria

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

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

Haftarah II Kings 12:5-16

#### **Shabbat HaGadol**

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

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

Haftarah Malachi 3:4-24

First day of Passover Collaborative Festival Service at Temple Sinai at 10:30 a.m. Second Night Passover Seder at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

Chol HaMo-eid Pesach

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by Shabbat Lunch hosted by the Social Action Committee at 12:00 p.m.

Haftarah Ezekiel 37:1-14

#### Passover

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

Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51

# April 2024

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Cantor Tilem leads "Growing Through Grief," a bereavement support group for those who are struggling with grief after the loss of a loved one. Group members are welcome to bring friends or relatives who are working through loss. Please email or call Cantor Tilem before attending to be sure that group fits your unique needs. Meetings will be on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on April 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

### Good & Welfare

The congregation mourns the loss of member...

Joy Herman, and sends condolences to her daughter, Nina Seiden. Marjorie Price, and sends condolences to her husband, Joel Price.

Condolences to..

**Peter and Ruth Adler** on the loss of their cousin, Sandi Rose. Alissa and Jim Sandler and Katy Sandler on the loss of Alissa's mother and Katy's grandmother,

*Eileen Kleinkopf. Andrea and Alan Winters* on the loss of Andrea's mother, Elaine Chaleff. *Carol Shansky and Marc Chelemer* on the loss of Carol's father, Albert Shansky. Mazel Tov to ..

*Cantor Tilem* and her husband Peter on the birth of granddaughter, Riley May Fuller. Welcome new member...

Arlene Jaroslaw

# **Social Action in Action**

Protecting, Expanding, and Strengthening our Democracy: Every Voice, Every Vote 2024

BY JACOB KRAUS-PREMINGER CAMPAIGN MGR, RAC EDITED BY LYNN CHAIKEN

"A ruler is not to be anointed unless the community is first consulted." - Babylonian Talmud, Berachot 55a

Voting is vital to protecting and strengthening our diverse democracy. On March 20,RAC launched our 2024 Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign! The RAC Every Voice, Every Vote campaign will focus on connecting volunteers with voters who face the biggest barriers to voting and inspiring them to cast their ballots.

Since the launch of the first Every Voice, Every Vote campaign in 2016, over 10,000 volunteers have contacted more than 2.5 million voters. Protecting the freedom to vote has paved the way for progress in reproductive free-dom, voting rights, criminal justice reform, LGBTQ+ rights, climate justice, and more.

In 2024, RAC plans to come together once again to break down the barriers set up by voter suppression laws that overwhelmingly impact BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color), people who are economically disen-franchised, people with disabilities, young people, and elderly voters. By following the lead of those most impacted, RAC will work together to create a country committed to an equitable democracy that reflects the nation's vibrant diversity.

As the country prepares for the presidential election, American voters face disinformation, polarization, and increased barriers to ballot access. Additionally, significant parts of America's population don't believe that the outcome of the last election was legitimate. In this context, efforts to defend democracy and ensure that all eligible voters can cast their ballots - and that they choose to do so - are even more imperative.

Each of us has a role to play in making sure that all voters have an equal say in the decisions that will impact our lives. Through the Every Voice, Every Vote campaign, we will come together with our partners to address the most critical issues facing our communities.

RAC has kicked off our Every Voice, Every Vote 2024 campaign, and started to lay the groundwork to build community coalitions, learn more about the issues facing voters in 2024, and jump into action together.

Temple Emeth and RAC-NJ are also organizing now to make sure our congregants are registered to vote, have the opportunity to participate in post card and other initiatives and have access to vote.

You'll hear from us soon about what you can do to help.

Stay tuned!



Our mission is to support, celebrate, empower, and advocate for LGBTQ+ families and their friends at every stage of their lives. Meetings will be held the 4th Wednesday of every month in the Youth Lounge.

Wednesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. April 24, May 22, and June 26 For further information: 201.885.3522

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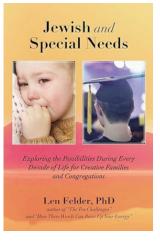
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**Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library** Monthly News Update: Nonfiction that Helps Us Cope By Marion Wolf ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION

Individually we each face many challenges in our personal lives. And on a bigger scale, we watch the news and learn about worrisome trends that concern us all. Two new works of nonfiction in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library suggest practical ways of addressing the issues that are on our minds.

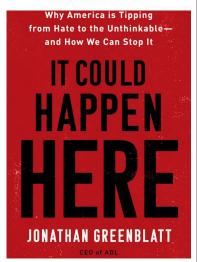
Len Felder, PhD is the author of <u>Jewish and Special</u> <u>Needs: Exploring the Possibilities During Every</u> <u>Decade of Life for Creative Families and</u> <u>Congregations</u>. When Len Felder's daughter was only six, it was clear that she had difficulty sitting still and paying attention. She was kicked out of her Hebrew School kindergarten! Felder then began

brainstorming ways "to help her feel welcomed, included, and inspired as a Jewish individual who has special needs." He sought teachers with the training, skills, and patience to deal with his daughter. He wondered about how to make B'nai Mitzvah meaningful for his child and others who struggle with reading, memorizing, and public speaking.



How could such children enjoy and participate in Jewish holidays? How could Felder connect with other families who were going through the same experiences? What would become of these kids after they turned 18? Felder's search for answers to these questions led to this book. Felder is wise and compassionate. If you care about someone with a disability, you will discover creative and pragmatic solutions for them in the ten short chapters of this innovative book. If you care about the future of the Jewish people (and I'd guess you probably do), take a look at Jonathan Greenblatt's new book, <u>It Could Happen Here: Why</u> <u>America Is Tipping from Hate to the Unthinkable—</u> <u>And How We Can Stop It</u>. Greenblatt is the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, "the world's oldest organization dedicated to fighting hate in all its forms." "Greenblatt has made it his personal mission to demonstrate how antisemitism, racism, and other

insidious forms of intolerance can destrov a society, taking root as quiet prejudices but mutating over time into horrific acts of brutality. In this urgent book, Greenblatt sounds an alarm, warning that this age-old trend is gathering momentum in the United States—and that violence on a more catastrophic scale could be



just around the corner. But it doesn't have to be this way. Drawing on ADL's decades of experience in fighting hate through investigative research, education programs, and legislative victories, as well as his own personal story and his background in business and government, Greenblatt offers a bracing primer on how we—as individuals, as organization, and as a society—can strike back against hate. Just because it *could* happen here does not mean that the unthinkable is inevitable."

These two books are among the many invaluable volumes you can find in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

MISSING BOOK! <u>The Oxford Book of Jewish Stories</u> (edited by Ilan Stavans) has vanished from our library! It is a favorite of people in our Tuesday night short story class. If you have borrowed it, please return it so others may enjoy it.

For more information about the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library contact: Teri Binder at twbinder@aol.com or Marion Wolf at marionewolf@yahoo.com.

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**Teri Binder** in memory of Doris Pape

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#### **BETH AM SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUND**

- Judy Distler thanks the committee that chose the book, Silence is a White Bird, Rabbi Sirbu for inviting the author and putting together a wonderful day, the folks who arranged the lunch, and Brenda Weiss for making eggs
- Doug and Nickie Falk with gratitude to Rabbi Sirbu, the One Book, One Synagogue Committee, and the **Education Committee**

#### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Steve and Holly Clark wish Mazel Tov to Cantor Tilem and her husband Peter on the birth of their granddaughter, Riley May Fuller
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David Fox with gratitude to Cantor Tilem for all she does

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- Marcia Orange in honor of her beloved mother, Bryna Wities and grandfather, Jack Silver, and in support of the Earth Day Kiddush lunch on April 27
- Larry and Carla Silver in memory of Eileen Kleinkopf, beloved mother of Alissa Sandler
- Morris and Marsha Sobel wish Mazel Tov to Cantor Tilem and her husband Peter on the birth of their granddaughter, Riley May Fuller in memory of Marsha's beloved grandmother, Ida Greenberg
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Maryanne Tursi thanks all her Temple Emeth friends for the yummy Purim treats

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Phylis Burman and Karen Rappaport in memory of Elaine Chaleff, beloved mother of Andrea Winters

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- Irwin and Barbara Yellowitz in memory of Barbara's beloved father, Moe Kromberg, and her beloved sister, Carol Brill



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## **Movies That Mattered** The next movie is The Sunshine Boys (1975)

on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:30 p.m.

The Sunshine Boys is a comedy based on the 1972 Neil Simon play about two legendary (and cranky) comics brought together for a reunion and revival of their famous act. The problem is that they now hate each other. The cast includes George Burns, Walter Matthau, and Richard Benjamin.

Refreshments will be served. For information contact Susan or Eley at movies@emeth.org

## Fun and Games Day

The next Fun and Games Day at Temple Emeth will be held on Wednesday, April 10th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (and continuing on the second Wednesday of every month).



If you play Canasta, Bridge, Mahjong, Scrabble, Chess or other games we will have tables and chairs set up in the social hall for you to play with your family and friends. It's absolutely free for Temple members (and for non-members who play at their table). Cost is \$5 for non-members. Caryn Diuguid will be holding a Canasta refresher session for all interested parties.

Come with a full table to play (and if not let us know and we will try to fit you in at a table). Bring your games, cards and sets. Coffee, tea and water will be provided and feel free to bring your own refreshments. Call the office at (201) 833-1322 to register for April 10th. Any questions? Contact Caryn at gameday@emeth.org

# **Shalach Manot Magic**

How do you fill hundreds of gifts bags with Purim goodies? Imagine tables lining both sides of the Social Hall, stacked with cookies, oranges, tea, hamantaschen, and skincare products.

Now imagine a spirited group of volunteers working shoulder-to-shoulder for a few hours on a Thursday afternoon, packing those gift bags and preparing them to be delivered.

Fast forward to Sunday morning.... A throng of volunteers leaves the Temple parking lot, their cars packed with Shalach Manot bags, fanning out in all directions, on their way to members' homes, bringing sweetness for the Purim holiday.

That's what it takes to keep Shalach Manot a vibrant part of Temple life!

We appreciate everyone's help with packing and delivering. Thank you to: Selma Berg, Teri Binder, Karen Butler, Lynn & Steve Chaiken, Rick Chittum, Miriam D'Adolf, Wendy & Dan Dessanti, Hildy Dillon, Judy Distler, Judy Eichinger, Lisa Eig, Nickie & Doug Falk, Jodee Fink, Carlene Fleishman, Michael & Gayle Goldberg, Karyle Goldstein, Mindy Greenberg, Sam Gronner, Pauline Hecht, Tammy Hecht, Greg Janoff & Shana Greenblatt Janoff, Bob Kahn & Karen Dubois-Kahn, Barry & Jill Kantor, Eley Kohn, Nancy Mednick, Marcia Orange, Arlene Packles, Beth and Kate Pascarello, Linda Poskanzer, Linda Rothenberg, Jaime Rubin & Howard Lieberman, Nancy & Ken Scher, Sharon Schubert, Carla & Larry Silver, Cindy Simon, Marsha & Morris Sobel, Shirley Sosland, Stefanie Stokes, Mary Jane Tucker, Gail Turner, Julie Weisman, Nancy & David Wolinsky, and Rabbi Sirbu for your help with packing and delivering, as well as to Gary Adler, Eric & Rhona Herman, Julie Weisman, and Nicole Motz, who gen-erously donated products for our Shalach Manot packages.

Our deep gratitude to Suzannah Mercado, Alison Reiser, and Maryanne Tursi for keeping all of the logistics moving forward and responding to members' inquiries. Thanks too to Sergio Giraldo and Marisol Plaza for their tremendous help in setting up for our Shalach Manot assembly line and delivery staging in the Museum!

A special salute to Nicole Motz, Jodee Fink, and Morris & Marsha Sobel, who helped with shopping for



Shalach Manot supplies, and to everyone who pitched in to drive an extra route. Thank you for everything you did to help with this year's campaign!

We hope you'll join the Shalach Manot Committee to help shop, pack, or deliver. We're looking forward to planning for next year!

Shel Grossman



## CARING COMMITTEE

Do you have medical equipment available? The Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee is compiling a list of medical equipment that Temple members have available to lend to fellow congregants as needed. If you can help, please contact us at caring@emeth.org



Shalach Manot packing on March 21st











Kesher Potluck dinner

Photos by Stacey Butler, Brandon Balfe, and Nickie Falk



































Purim Megillah Reading on March 23rd















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**Temple Emeth Book Group Selections 2024** Meetings take place in the Library and on Zoom at 2:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: April 17th Go As A River by Shelley Read May 15th The Postcard by Anne Berest June 15 **Planning Meeting** 

For information contact Brenda at bookgroup@emeth.org

Yiddish Class Meets Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the library and on Zoom. Come join our Yiddish class with instructor David Braun Use this link to join on Zoom:

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Our members have amazing stories to tell! They have been trendsetters and pioneers. To tell these stories, we have created Emeth Portraits, a platform featuring portraits of Emeth members. A new portrait will be emailed every two weeks to Temple members and will live on a dedicated webpage. If you have a good story to tell, or know someone who does, contact: marketing@emeth.org



Beer Pour and Tour on March 24th Photos by Judy Distler

PERFORMERS WANTED for **OPEN MIC NIGHT** 

What is your hidden (or not so hidden) talent? Whatever it is, you are invited to step up to the mic in the first-ever Temple Emeth Open Mic Night. If you (or a family member or friend) have a talent you'd like to display – including comedians, singers, poets, dancers, musicians and magicians (or something in between) – let us know that you would be interested in participating. We will keep you informed about the response we get, as well as our plans and proposed dates. Please email marketing@emeth.org

## Summary of Minutes from the February 8th Board of Trustees Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Richards presented the Restricted Cash Report and a review of the Temple's budget. There was a lengthy discussion about monies in restricted funds vs. the monies in the operating account to be used for operating expenses. Gary will convene Finance Committee meetings in March to prepare the budget which will be presented to the Board at the April Board meeting.

#### Absenteee/Proxy Voting:

The task force composed of Alan Winters, Bob Kahn, and Howard Lieberman have met several times and have reviewed many different aspects of this. They have come to a conclusion that this would not work for us. Any changes will need amendments to our current constitution.

#### President's Report:

Jill Kantor reported that the Nominating Committee has been meeting and working on positions. They are looking for new Board members, people who are interested in the future of the Temple.

Stefanie Stokes spoke about the Shalach Manot project. Emails have gone out to remind people to order gifts for Temple members. There is a group of people purchasing items to go into each bag to be delivered to homes.

A flyer is going out about our Scholar-in-Residence weekend, March 29-31.

Marc Chelemer reported on the Bazaar, to be held on Sunday, April 14. We are still looking for donations and <u>lots of volunteers</u>.

The Milestone Membership Shabbat Service will be held on May 10 and chaired by Teri Binder.

Marsha Sobel is looking for grants to help fund improved security measures for the Temple.

The contract between BBOE and the Temple has been signed by the Temple. It has been given to the BBOE superintendent who will present it to their board. Once it is approved by their board, then it will be signed and returned to us.

Refugee Shabbat is Friday, February 9 with Marty Breznick as our keynote speaker.

Rabbi's report:

All of his information has been emailed to the congregation.

Administrator's Report:

Suzannah Mercado reported that we have had a risk assessment completed that is a requirement for the security grant. The assessment was done by the Bergen County Prosecutor's office, The Teaneck Police Department and members of the security department of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, Michael Goldberg, Nancy Mednick, Marsha Sobel and Suzannah Mercado were present. Some of the suggested improvements have already been done.

She reported that she met with Chris Tully, the Superintendent of BBOE to discuss the needed repairs in the Youth Lounge.

Nancy Mednick, our Security Coordinator, will look for training for the Board members and the congregation concentrating on security.

#### Healing Committee: Greg Janoff

The committee continues to meet via Zoom and have reached out to a good number of congregants. They heard many common themes throughout these conversations. If anyone wants to contact this committee, please reach out to Greg Janoff. They want to do a skill building workshop.

#### Gala: Lisa Eig

This year, the gala will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. We will be honoring five wonderful women. We are hoping for a successful ad journal and silent auction. The auction will be open for 6 weeks prior to the Gala and then will close that day and go to a live silent auction. Anyone with items or services to donate to the auction, please contact Merri Adler-Ross.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Sobel, Assistant Secretary





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Please consider sponsoring an oneg on a Friday night. Let the Temple family share your joy. You may bake, buy, or pay (Temple) to do something special or recognize someone - for a birthday, anniversary, birth, graduation, marriage, or - just because!

Let us tell you more. Contact: Mary Jane Tucker or Judy Distler at oneg@emeth.org







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