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Celebrate the Festival of Lights with us on December 5th



We will gather in the Temple parking lot at 4:30 p.m. A long table will be set up, so bring your own chanukiyah to show off to the rest of the congregation. We will raffle off Chanukah-themed prizes and enjoy three kinds of latkes from Ember by Smokey Joe. Both Etz Chayim and Kol Emet will perform at this outdoor event.



Celebrate Emeth

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 11, 2022

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

Temple Emeth's 75th Anniversary

Volunteers are needed to assist with all aspects of this CELEBRATION,
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Message From the Rabbi

In November, a jury in Wisconsin returned a not guilty verdict in the case of Kyle Rittenhouse, at 17-year-old who brought an assault rifle across state lines in what he claimed was an attempt to protect property in Kenosha during a Black Lives Matter protest. In doing so, he shot three people, killing two of them. In reaching their verdict, the jury gave credence to Rittenhouse's claim of self-defense.

As I write this, a jury in Georgia is deliberating in the case of Ahmaud Arbery, a black man who was shot to death by three white men who claim that they suspected him in a series of recent break-ins. They, too, argue self-defense, though it was they who chose to chase down Arbery, and theirs was the only weapon in the encounter.

While there are many differences in the two cases, each involve a tale of vigilante justice gone wrong when an unarmed person reached for the gun of someone who had voluntarily put himself in a confrontational situation.

Despite the danger that guns present, it is getting easier to possess a gun. Several states are making it easier to carry a concealed weapon. There is a new phenomenon of “ghost guns,” which can be purchased over the internet and assembled from kits. Experts looking at a current Supreme Court case think the justices are likely to strike down a major restriction in New York City, making it even easier to have a gun.

During the pandemic, gun sales have surged. There are many reasons for this, according to experts, but one is the lack of trust we as a society have in our fellow citizens. Political divisions and social divisions compound each other. Our increased tribalism—which in addition to always being influenced by race, religion, and region—now includes political identity. And we receive messages all the time that we should be suspicious of people from different social tribes. Alas, there are many who stand to profit either financially or politically from our lack of trust.

As a Jewish community we recognize how this suspicion affects us, and how guns make it more dangerous. Eleven were killed in the Tree of Life attack in Pittsburgh, one was killed at the Chabad of Poway, and three at a kosher grocery in Jersey City.

We are a society awash in guns, but we should never accept this as normal. Gun rights groups will argue that a “good guy with a gun” can protect us, but the



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Rittenhouse and Arbery cases demonstrate that self-appointed “good guys” can cause more harm than good. They will tell us that the gun ownership helps protect democracy, but the insurrection on January 6 lays bare the flaws in that argument.

As Jews, we value each and every life created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God.

We also value the security of our community when it gathers in our institutions. This means that we must condemn gun violence and work toward laws that promote safety through the decrease of gun ownership.

At the same time we must work to increase trust as a form of social glue that establishes commonality and decreases suspicion. It is trust that enables us as Jews to uphold the covenant. And it is trust that will enable us as Americans to see us as one people with a common destiny. This ought to be the “normal” that we aspire to.

It will take time. No one can impose trust from the outside. Instead, it is achieved incrementally, as other see there is more to gain through cooperation than suspicion. Part of building trust is recognizing that trust is fragile and can be broken much more easily than it can be built.

Those who, as I do, believe that the proliferation of guns in America represents a threat to public safety and the Jewish community have a lot of work to do. But the commandment to choose life and the value to seek peace and pursue it remind us that it is work worth doing.

From the Religious School

“One who saves a single life, it is as if that person has saved an entire world.”

The Torah teaches us that every human being is created in God’s image. We become God’s partners when we choose to care about and help others. All of us share the responsibility to make the world a better and holier place. There are values and virtues that are central to our tradition, such as *tzedakah* (justice), *bal tashchit* (not destroying or being wasteful), *kibbud z’keinim* (honoring the elderly). These values serve as a blueprint for TIKKUN OLAM, Fixing the World.

Tzedakah is a hard word to translate. The Hebrew root indicates that it has something to do with justice and righteousness. Many people translate *tzedakah* as “charity,” but in the Jewish tradition *tzedakah* is a *mitzvah*, a religious obligation.

We would like to reinvigorate this *mitzvah* at Temple Emeth Religious School. On Wednesdays and Sundays, remind your children to bring in “*tzedakah* money.” Each student’s contribution is added to the *tzedakah* fund and over the year small amounts can add up to something significant. In past years our *tzedakah* money was dedicated to Shelter Our Sisters, which helps families in crisis, and Leket Israel, providing nutritional support to thousands of needy Israeli families. Our K – 2 classes have brought food to contribute to the Temple Emeth food drive.

Let’s give *tzedakah* on a regular basis. It is a blessing to experience the spiritual power of giving.

B’vracha
Dora Geld Friedman



Dora Friedman

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wednesday, December 1 at 5:15 p.m.

Annual Religious School Chanukah Celebration in the sanctuary.

Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Service

Our 6th & 7th grades will be participating in the service.

Sunday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Religious School Parent Education

L’Chaim Hebrew w/Mora Dora

NO SCHOOL - Sunday, December 26 through Sunday, January 2, 2022

Classes resume Wednesday, January 5 with a T’fila V’Shira - Welcome Back Service at 4:00 p.m.

Movies That Mattered

“This Is Where I Leave You”

Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall



When their father passes away, four grown, world-weary siblings return to their childhood home and are requested -- with an admonition -- to stay there together for a week, along with their free-speaking mother (Jane Fonda) and a collection of spouses, exes and might-have-beens. As the brothers and sisters re-examine their shared history and the status of each tattered relationship among those who know and love them best, they reconnect in hysterically funny and emotionally significant ways. Starring Jane Fonda, Adam Driver, Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, Rose Byrne, Corey Stoll, Kathryn Hahn, Connie Britton, Timothy Olyphant, Dax Shepard, Ben Schwartz, and Debra Monk.

**Proof of vaccination and mask wearing are required.
Seating will be socially distanced. Refreshments will be served.
You can also bring your own food.**

Message from President Michael Robinson

Hello, fellow Temple members. Time flies! It seems we were in the midst of the High Holy Days about five minutes ago, and now we're in December. The holidays are upon us: Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and soon the New Year as well. The question I would like you to consider this month is "What will the year 2022 bring, and how will we design a roadmap for our future?"

We face opportunities and challenges in the year ahead. To meet them, we have started a new strategic planning process. The first part of this effort has been the creation of a steering committee to coordinate all aspects of the plan going forward. The members of this committee are Flip Bernard, Stephen Friedman, Stacey Butler, Lisa Eig, Nickie Falk, and Stuart Breslow with First Vice President Michael Goldberg as chair. Rabbi Sirbu and I are ex officio members as well.

As we return to the Temple and contemplate a post pandemic world, we need the input and help of **every member** of the congregation. I can't emphasize how important this effort will be to our future. The nine members of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee are there to guide the ship, but it is **YOU**, our members, who will provide the input required to make this project a success. We need

ALL ideas, large and small, no-brainers, as well as controversial suggestions. No idea is too small or too big. We need to understand the opportunities and challenges ahead in order to make both hard and easy choices. We need **YOU** to succeed.



Michael Robinson

Some of you may be asking, "Haven't we done this already?" Yes, we have, and it is time to do it again. We believe that examining our institution critically through the strategic planning process allows us to greet our future with confidence and hope. Revisiting the strategic plan we initiated in the early 2000's helps us to highlight our strengths and identify our vulnerabilities. We will ask you for your input through surveys, group discussions, and written feedback. I believe that together we will design a roadmap to a vibrant future.

I urge you all to join this effort. The better and more robust the input the better and more complete the outcome. Don't be a bystander, **JOIN US** in building our future!

I look forward to hearing from all of you.

B'shalom
Mike

Services and S'machot

30 Kislev 5782

Friday, December 3

Saturday, December 4

*Torah Portion – Miketz
Genesis 41:1-44:17*

Chanukah

Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Haftarah – I Kings 3:15-4:1

Sunday, December 5

Chanukah celebration in the parking lot at 4:30 p.m.

7 Tevet 5782

Friday, December 10

Saturday, December 11

*Torah Portion – Vayigash
Genesis 44:18-47:27*

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 37:15-37:28

14 Tevet 5782

Friday, December 17

Saturday, December 18

*Torah Portion – Vayechi
Genesis 47:28-50:26*

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 – I Kings 2:1-2:12

21 Tevet 5782

Friday, December 24

Saturday, December 25

*Torah Portion - Shemot
Exodus 1:1-6:1*

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 – Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-29:23

28 Tevet 5782

Friday, December 31

Saturday, January 1

*Torah Portion - Vaera
Exodus 6:2-9:35*

Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Haftarah – Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 27th of Kislev, Hanukkah 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 5:15pm - 5:45pm RS Chanukah celebration @ Sanctuary 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	2 28th of Kislev, Hanukkah 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officers Meeting	3 29th of Kislev, Hanukkah 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	4 30th of Kislev, Hanukkah 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
5 1st of Tevet, Hanukkah 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 4:30pm - 5:30pm Chanukah Celebration in the Parking Lot @ Parking Lot	6 2nd of Tevet, Hanukkah 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	7 3rd of Tevet 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm "Cover Story" with Rabbi Sirbu (Make-Up Date) @ ZOOM	8 4th of Tevet 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	9 5th of Tevet 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	10 6th of Tevet 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	11 7th of Tevet 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
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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 Marjorie Zak and sends condolences to her daughter, Susan Breznick.

Condolences to...

Elinor Buchbinder on the loss of her friend,
Lonnie Rubenstein.

Lesley Marsilio and Cheri Rodriguez on the loss
of their mother, Gloria Teitelbaum Moskowitz.

Maggie Wallach on the loss of her father,
Candido Bejerano.

Mazel Tov to...

Rachel and Ron Maddock on the Bat Mitzvah of
their daughter,
Jennifer.



Barbara Balkin on the birth of her great-nephew,
Noah Rudolph Whitney.

Social Action in Action

Learn about “Democracy in a Day”

So many people fear that we are losing our democracy. Here’s something we are doing to make a difference now right here in New Jersey.

RAC-NJ is working on its next campaign, “Democracy in A Day”. The goal is to implement same day voter registration here in New Jersey. Our coalition is led by New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and League of Women Voters of New Jersey. Together with our coalition partners, we can ensure that all New Jerseyans have meaningful access to the ballot.

Time is of the essence! We have two months (November 10, 2021 - January 10, 2022, that is, the NJ “Lame Duck” session) to work with our coalition to move A4548/S2824 through the New Jersey legislature before the legislative session ends. When this bill is signed into law, it will make New Jersey the 21st state (+ D.C.) to offer same-day voter registration, which is safe, secure, and a key step in the process of modernizing New Jersey’s election infrastructure.

What A4548/S2824 Does:

- **Reduces barriers caused by deadlines:** Relaxes traditional voter registration deadlines to eight days before Election Day and allows for “same day voter registration” up to and including on Election Day.

- **Uses existing election infrastructure and saves money:**

- **Does not require additional technology:** Provisional ballots allow for immediate implementation of same-day voter registration. This means that when voters register at a polling place, they would receive a temporary registration certificate, would vote by provisional ballot, and then their ballots would be reviewed at the county as any other provisional ballot is – to ensure that those voters have not voted twice and they have provided appropriate verification before their ballots are counted. The bill also allows for machine voting in the future as the supporting technology becomes available.

- **Is Secure:** Same day registrants would be required to provide proof of identification and residency and county officials would verify their eligibility before counting their votes. The process is just as secure as traditional voter registration.

- **Continues the modernization of our state’s voting structure:** This includes automatic voter registration, online voter registration, voting rights registration for formerly incarcerated people, e-poll books and in-person early voting.

Same day voter registration is the crucial next step in the fight to strengthen and protect access to the ballot. Now that you know all about it, when you get the chance, we hope you’ll support Democracy in a Day.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

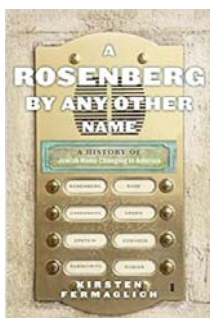
Monthly News Update: Inspired by Their Family's Experiences
By Marion Wolf

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At first glance two new books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library have little in common. One is non-fiction written by a history professor. The other is a multigenerational novel. But both books are inspired by the writers' own family experiences.

Kirsten Fermaglich is the author of A Rosenberg by Any Other Name: A History of Jewish Name Changing in America. Fermaglich has said, "How could I not write this book, with a name like mine?" When most of us think about Jewish names, what comes to mind is an old joke. Asked his name at Ellis Island, the nervous immigrant replies in Yiddish, "Shayn fergessen" ("I've already forgotten"). The official then christens him "Sean Ferguson." But the notion that hapless Jews' names have been changed by customs officials is not true. Nor are Jewish name changes a rejection of Judaism. Fermaglich—whose own name an ancestor created when trying to spell a formidable Polish Jewish name—has spent years researching the subject. After scouring civil court records in New York City, Fermaglich reaches several conclusions: most people changed their names in response to anti-Semitism, whole families changed their names together, and they remained connected to Judaism. Some who are proud of their Jewish heritage may have scorned the name-changers, but Fermaglich reveals how tough it was to get an education or a job with a stereotypically Jewish name. She looks at the numbers of name-changers from one decade to the next and points out trends; she even brings the subject up to the present day. According to Fermaglich, "We need to look more closely at names, not as trivial labels or jokes but as gateways into the personal and political, familial and cultural, public and private dimensions of our lives."



Like Kirsten Fermaglich (and like most of us really!) novelist Lauren Fox is a descendant of immigrants. Her new book, Send for Me, is a work of historical fiction. It moves between 1930s Germany and present-day Wisconsin. In the beginning of the book, we meet Annelise, a young Jewish woman who is coming of age in Hitler's Germany. The book provides rich details about her day-to-day life. Annelise falls in love and marries. She, her husband, and daughter have the chance to emigrate. They go to their new life in Milwaukee but must leave Annelise's parents behind. The story jumps 50 years ahead and continues with Annelise's 28-year-old granddaughter Clare. Clare comes across a trove of letters exchanged between her grandmother and her great-grandmother, while her great-grandmother awaited a visa for America. These letters Clare has translated, and they appear throughout the book, illuminating the family's history. These letters are based on real letters written by Lauren Fox's great-grandmother; the excerpts in Send for Me are the actual words of her great-grandmother. Jennifer Rosner describes Send for Me as "stunning in its tender poignancy. A beautifully told story of intergenerational loves and sorrows, the long shadow of memory, and how hope can repair the heartache woven into a family's DNA."



*Letters from Lauren Fox's great-grandmother to her grandmother, which inspired her novel.
Credit...via Lauren Fox*

These are just two of the many wonderful books available in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

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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December 16th: The Library Book

January 20th: The Third Daughter

February 17th: The Tunnel

March 17th: The Rent Collector

April 21st: Summer Water

May 19th: The Mayor of Casterbridge

June 16th : Planning Meeting

by Susan Orlean

by Talia Carner

by A.B.Yehoshua

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