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Message From the Rabbi

On January 18, the New York Times published an opinion piece by the noted Holocaust scholar Deborah Lipstadt entitled “[For Jews, Going to Services Is an Act of Courage](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/18/opinion/texas-colleyville-antisemitism.html).” (Copy and paste the first link below). The article was published following a hostage standoff at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas during Shabbat morning services on January 15.

The Jewish community was unified in condemning this act of antisemitism and in hailing their rabbi, Charlie Cytron-Walker, a hero for keeping his composure and throwing a chair at the terrorist so that the remaining hostages could escape. Prayers ascended from synagogues across the country thanking God that they emerged from the harrowing incident without physical injury.

Dr. Lipstadt’s article expressed an idea that is simultaneously self-evident and instinctively wrong. It needn’t be said that in 2022, attending a synagogue carries risk; we all know that. And at the same time, we know that it shouldn’t be that way. In recent years, violence and harassment of American Jews has been justified because of our stand on refugees, or the policies of the State of Israel, or because a deranged gunman believes a rabbi can make a call and release a felon from federal prison.

After the hostage incident, many synagogues reviewed their security plans. Temple Emeth takes the same precautions as most other synagogues of our size and setting. We lock our doors. We have security cameras and panic buttons. We maintain a good relationship with local authorities. Sadly, though, we will never know when we will be targeted.

And so when we choose to come to the Temple we come here, not just in an act of faith, and not just in an act of communal solidarity, but also—to quote Dr. Lipstadt—in an act of courage. We know that being Jewish has its risks, and yet we proudly identify with the Jewish people.

I take away a number of lessons from the hostage incident in Texas. Many people will ask if we need better security. Evaluating our security procedures and ensuring that we are following them is always wise. But we must understand that tighter security has a cost—in dollars or in people feeling unwelcome or even in a false sense of security. Creating synagogues that are fortresses cannot be our goal.

Another lesson I take away is that the general American public has yet to grasp the many facets of antisemitism. Of course it is antisemitic if people yell anti-Jewish slurs while they harm us. But it is also antisemitic when they hold us accountable for the policies of Israel, over which we have no control (and sometimes disagree with ourselves). It is antisemitic to believe that Jews control the economy or the media or the government. And it is naïve at best that claiming to be a good Christian means that one is not antisemitic.

The two are not mutually exclusive, and both require study, introspection, and deliberate action.

Related to this is that many Americans do not know how often Jewish institutions are threatened. Many of them attend churches that have no security committee, no security budget, no security procedures other than locking the doors at the end of the day. We, as their neighbors and fellow Americans, must teach them that this is a form of privilege. And, if they seek to ally themselves with the Jewish community and against antisemitism, they must acknowledge that privilege and leverage it toward a more just society.

Finally, the United States government has created the position of U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism. It is a position in the State Department, meant to monitor what happens in other countries. Nonetheless, the position is vacant because the highly qualified nominee, Dr. Lipstadt, whom I quoted above, has offended some senators with her blunt talk about antisemitism. A strong envoy should be prepared to speak out on this topic no matter whom she may offend. You can urge your senators to vote for her confirmation by copying and pasting the second link below. If our government wants to make a bipartisan statement against antisemitism, this is a clear and easy way.

The United States has always been a safe haven for Jews, though recent events have shown that antisemitism remains a problem even here. The challenge for both Jews and non-Jews is to ensure that this is a country free of bigotry and the violence that often comes with it. When we succeed, attending synagogue will no longer need to be an act of courage, but simply one of love and devotion.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

1 <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/18/opinion/texas-colleyville-antisemitism.html?searchResultPosition=2>

2 https://cqrcengage.com/reformjudaism/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=513753&utm_medium=email&utm_content=2022_1_20

From the Religious School

Be Happy – It's Adar!

Our tradition directs us to rejoice when the month of Adar begins, in anticipation of the joyous celebration of Purim. This year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar, providing us with Adar I and Adar II – double the time for joy and happiness. Even though we have to “wait” for Purim (occurring in March - Adar II), we are looking forward to some very special events and celebrations in February - Adar I. On Friday, February 4th, a Kabbalat Siddur ceremony will take place during our monthly Family Shabbat Service. The Siddur that our students receive is inscribed with words of love and wisdom by their parents, and it is the Siddur that they will use for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and their continued spiritual connection to Jewish life.

At Temple Emeth Religious School we know that Jewish education cannot be meaningful if it only happens in the classroom. For a compelling Jewish life our school and parents must form a “sacred partnership” of learning, experiencing, doing, and celebrating. It is in that spirit that our sixth and seventh grade students will participate in a *Kehilla* program, learning all about *Tzedakah* and *Chesed*. Our students will learn about local and world organizations that make a differ-

ence and hear from the “Mitzvah Hero” teens whose mitzvah projects made positive changes big and small. As a follow up activity, our sixth and seventh graders will share their experience with the third and fourth grades. All our students continue to advance in Hebrew and the connection to T’filah - prayer as part of the L’Chaim Hebrew curriculum. Your response to our educational programs and events is important to us and guides us in planning meaningful Jewish experiences.



Dora Friedman

B’vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman

Looking Ahead:

Friday, February 4 @ 7:30

Family Shabbat Service – Kabbalat Siddur Ceremony. Our K – 4 students will be participating in the service.

Sunday, February 6 @ 9:45 – 12:15

Kehilla- 6th & 7th grade out of building

Saturday, February 12 @ 9:30 – 11:30

B’nai Mitzvah Orientation part II and Learner’s Service for 6th grade students and parents.

Sunday, February 20 – NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Weekend



Repro Shabbat service on January 28th, which affirms Judaism’s commitment to reproductive rights, featured Amanda Eastman leading the chazzanut, joined by Temple Avodat Shalom’s Rabbi Jim Stoloff, Cantor Maria Dubinsky, and congregants, as well as guest speaker Casey Olesko from Planned Parenthood NJ. This Repro service was sponsored by NCJW and RACNJ and arranged by the Social Action Committee.



Movies That Mattered
“Denial”
Monday, February 28
at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

The movie we will be discussing online is “Denial.” The DVD is available at 50 libraries in Bergen County. It is also available on Starz. You can stream it on Amazon for \$3.99. Or if you have Vudu, you can stream it there. We are hoping that interested people will view the 2017 movie before the discussion on February 28, which will take place at 7:30. It deals with Deborah Lipstadt and a Holocaust denier.



B’Yachad presentation on January 30th featured speaker Shira Pomrantz of Project SARAH (Stop Abusive Relationships At Home).

Message from President Michael Robinson

I have asked the Viewpoints committee to write an article about our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion efforts. *Mike*

Karen Rappaport

In order to implement the Viewpoints DEI program a pilot program was conducted. This article is a summary of the results of the pilot program.

The Reform Jewish Movement has embraced the concept of Audacious Hospitality. This is an effort to develop a Jewish community that is more inclusive, and reflective of a wide range of identities and the diversity that is the reality of modern Jewish Life. At Temple Emeth, the Viewpoints Committee is leading the effort to incorporate these ideas into our community. We have recently organized two pilot DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) groups. We would like to share this experience with you and hope that you will be interested in joining our efforts. The first part of this report is a description of the DEI process written by two of the facilitators. The second part is the personal reflections of a Viewpoints committee member involved in the organizational work.

As part of Temple Emeth's effort to become more inclusive two pilot DEI working groups were formed. One group was co-facilitated by Susan Schwartz and Howard Lieberman; it included six other congregants. They met via Zoom for six ninety-minute sessions, with the goal of creating a safe and brave space to have frank and forthright discussions about awareness of DEI-related issues in general and specifically at Temple Emeth. Conversations involved the recognition of individual biases, as well as suggestions about what is needed to make congregants feel not only welcomed but also that they truly belong. Meetings included a mixture of discussions, readings, videos, and a review of the Audacious Hospitality Survey provided by URJ to delve into the details. The group also evaluated results of the Harvard Implicit Associations Test which was taken by each participant in order to reveal the existence of unconscious and often unrecognized biases in us all. Topics such as interfaith families, racial and ethnic diversity, LGBTQ+ inclusion, and ableism, as well as accessibility were discussed. The overall goal was to learn from the pilot program and adjust group structures, meeting agendas, and topics for eventual dissemination to the Temple membership at large, as a way to create a more inclusive community.



Michael Robinson

Reflections of Judy Distler

DEI – Those were just three letters to me until I became involved with the Viewpoints Committee and discussions about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. I learned what those words mean at Temple Emeth, particularly to people who, as part of a “minority,” believe they are treated somewhat differently from mainstream temple members and might feel hurt, left out, or almost invisible at times.

I had years of sensitivity training when I worked for the Teaneck Public Schools (ahead of the time I think – since I have been retired since 1999) and felt that I was pretty aware and sensitive to the feelings of others. Then came the Temple trip to Alabama; Black Lives Matter; *Caste*, by Isobel Wilkerson (which I think should be required reading for everyone), and the immersion of Emeth into the concept of Audacious Hospitality (still not exactly sure what that means) and DEI. And there was Covid, and I soon became a member of the not-sought-after “Widows Club.” The last provided the finishing touch: proof positive that I really had no idea of what it meant to walk in another's shoes. I had always uttered appropriate words of condolence, but now as a new widow, I was wearing those shoes and had a new understanding of how huge is the loss of a significant other.

How about all the members of the Temple family? A single parent who is balancing work and child rearing; someone handicapped whose obstacles include walking down Emeth's long hall or struggling to hear a streamed service; a gay couple; a person of a different background, ethnicity, or color; someone who is struggling financially; one who is recently divorced. How much do we know – how much do we care – how can we become more concerned, caring, respectful, inclusive? These are the questions that DEI is asking. Two groups met, talked, questioned, and gained a new self-awareness. It is time to take it further – to involve more people in the process, and to work hard to make our Temple a truly caring community, one in which every person is understood, respected, and valued. Thanks to the efforts of Karen, Phylis, and the Viewpoints Committee, and to the leaders and participants in the first two groups, we have begun. Let us all pledge to continue.

If you are interested in participating in a DEI group send an email to viewpoints@emeth.org



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**

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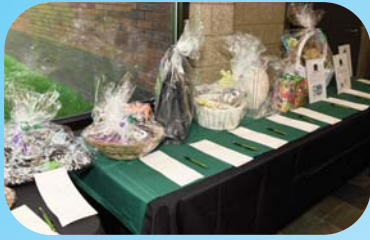
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Celebrate Emeth Temple Emeth Spring Gala Silent Auction Saturday, June 11, 2022



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

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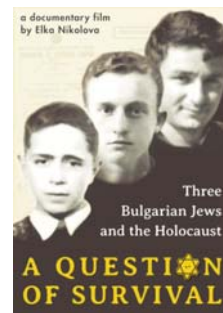
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VIEWPOINTS FILM

On February 13, 2022 at 2 p.m. the Viewpoints committee will present the film “A Question of Survival” by Elka Nikolova. This program will be presented on Zoom and the link will be sent from the office. This film introduces the little known story of the survival of the Bulgarian Jews during WWII. In March 1943 the Bulgarian pro-Nazi government cancelled the deportation of the entire Bulgarian Jewish community of 48,000 people. This movie tells their story through the eyes of three of those survivors. The film was directed and produced by Elka Nikolova, who will join us for a discussion of the film.



Bio of the filmmaker:

Elka Nikolova was born in Bulgaria and studied psychology at the University of Sofia before she moved to the United States in 1994. In 2000 she received her MA in Media Studies, with a focus on film production at the New School in New York. She has worked in film and television in New York since 2003. Her documentary film, “Binka: To Tell a Story About Silence,” completed in 2007, premiered at MOMA in New York. She co-produced and edited the documentary film “Angel Wagenstein: Art is a Weapon” directed by Andrea Simon and completed in 2017. At the end of 2020 she completed her second documentary film “A Question of Survival” about the legacy of the Holocaust in the Balkans, as seen through the eyes of three Bulgarian Jewish survivors from New York. The film premiered on April 5, 2021 at the South East European Film Festival in Los Angeles. She is currently working on her third documentary “The Dressmaker,” which continues the exploration of the Holocaust in the Balkans.



Our Shalach Manot campaign is underway! We are ordering lots of goodies for the goody bags and baskets. Please make sure you have your log-in for ShulCloud. If you aren't sure, contact the Temple Office.

Please place your order through ShulCloud by
Tuesday, March 1st.

If you need any help, please reach out to us by phone or e-mail.



You can view the Zoom webinar and slide show on the Temple website under Purim 2022.

In addition, please save the dates: we will be packing Shalach Manot on **Wednesday, March 8th**, and **Thursday, March 9th**, and delivering baskets on **Sunday, March 13th**. All volunteers must be vaccinated and masked. This is a great community service project for our Religious School and ETC students! More information will be forthcoming about how to sign up to help deliver Shalach Manot through ShulCloud.

We appreciate everyone who has volunteered over the years and look forward to seeing you this year!



Shel & Jeff Grossman
Shalach Manot Co-Chairs
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Please note the following change to our Shabbat service schedule on Friday, February 18:

On Friday night, February 18, Temple Emeth will not be holding its own Shabbat service. Instead, all Temple members are encouraged to attend, either in person or on livestream, the Shabbat evening service of Temple Avodat Shalom in River Edge, which begins that evening at 8:00 p.m. The service will be led by clergy representing both synagogues and will include guest speaker Abbe Greenberg in honor of Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month. You can log onto the service via livestream at <https://avodat-shalom.livecontrol.tv/> or <https://www.facebook.com/TempleAvodatShalom/>.



ADULT SERVICES 101

Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Shabbat Services,
Friday, February 18th
8:00 p.m.

at Temple Avodat Shalom

With
Abbe J. Greenberg, LSW
owner, Bright Path Consulting

We will discuss the federal, state, and local services available for adults with developmental disabilities as well as the concerns facing siblings of adults with developmental disabilities.

Come listen and ask questions.

Services are open for in-person attendance without the need to RSVP for anyone fully vaccinated and masked or:

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<https://venue.livecontrol.io/watch/avodat-shalom>

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Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge NJ 07661-1035
(201)489-2463 avodatshalom.net



Luncheon arranged by Linda Poskanzer following services on January 8th, as well as a concert by Tom Mustachio and Bela Horvath - all part of the One Book One Synagogue event featuring themes from the book, *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer.



Services and S'machot

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Friday, February 4

Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Kabbalat Siddur Ceremony

Grades K, 3-4 Religious School Classes Present

Saturday, February 5

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

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

*Torah Portion – Terumah
Exodus 25:1-27:19*

Haftarah – I Kings 5:26-6:13

10 Adar I 5782

Friday, February 11

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Flute Music Service

Saturday, February 12

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

B'nai Mitzvah Learner's Service at 10:30 a.m.

*Torah Portion – Tetzaveh
Exodus 27:20-30:10*

Haftarah – Ezekiel 43:10-27

17 Adar I 5782

Friday, February 18

Collaborative Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Temple Avodat Shalom, River Edge

**in honor of Jewish Disabilities Awareness,
Acceptance, & Inclusion Month**

Saturday, February 19

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

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

*Torah Portion – Ki Tisa
Exodus 30:11-34:35*

Haftarah – I Kings 18:1-39

24 Adar I 5782

Friday, February 25

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 26

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

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Max Deninzon

*Torah Portion - Vayakhel
Exodus 35:1-38-20*

Haftarah – I Kings 7:40-50

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 5th of Adar I 5782 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 9:00am - 12:00pm RS Kehilla 6 & 7 @ Out of building 9:45am Social Action Committee Meeting	7 6th of Adar I 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM 7:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	8 7th of Adar I 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: "Searching for My Yiddishe Mama: Sacrifice and Assimilation," with Cantor Tilem @ ZOOM	9 8th of Adar I 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	10 9th of Adar I 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	11 10th of Adar I 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service - Flute Music Service	12 11th of Adar I 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class @ ZOOM 9:30am - 10:30am B'nai Mitzvah Orientation II 6th students & parents @ Sanctuary 10:30am - 11:30am Shabbat Morning Service - B'nai Mitzvah Learner's 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

Condolences to...

Marc Chelemer on the loss of his mother,
Joan Chelemer.

Rachel Eastman on the loss of her cousin,
Phyllis Weiser.

Stewart May on the loss of his mother,
Edith May.

Michael Robinson on the loss of his aunt,
Marilyn Buchenholz.

Robin Rolfe on the loss of her cousin,
Andrea Hamos.

Mazel Tov to...

Debbie and Ken Rutz on the birth of their
granddaughter, Ava Marie Rutz, born to Kyra
and Jeffrey Rutz. Mazel Tov as well to great-
grandmother **Mimi Sigel** and to great-aunt
and great-uncle **Judy and David Fox**.

Save the Date: March 25 - 27, 2022
Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence
Weekend with Rabbi Eric Wisnia



Social Action in Action



Are you aware that Temple Emeth gardeners donate their entire harvest to Helping Hands Food Pantry? The only exception is once each fall during Sukkot, when they offer produce and herbs from the garden to our congregants in exchange for whatever donation they offer—which literally is seed money for the next spring's seeds and plantings.

A Message from Julie Weisman, Temple Emeth gardener

Brrr!... We don't think it could get much colder than some recent days have been...which makes it the perfect time to be planning next year's Temple Emeth Garden.

Emeth gardeners have been dreamily poring over seed catalogues and by the time you read this Bulletin, will have ordered seeds for the crisp cucumbers, juicy tomatoes, and sweet snow and snap peas that we have learned do well in our soil. This year we plan to start many of our vegetables indoors ourselves, rather than buying them as seedlings from a nursery. This means planting them in little peat pots on our windowsills in late February so that by the Sunday after Mother's Day, which is our usual "planting day" for summer crops, our seedlings will be hale and hardy and ready to go into the ground.

Of course, some of our favorites, snow peas, sugar snap peas, and spinach are frost-tolerant, and we will be planting those directly in the garden at the end of March. Stay tuned for the actual planting dates, which we will include in the next edition of the Bulletin.

Anyone wishing to join us is always welcome. Contact Julie Weisman, julie@flavorganics.com



Adult Education Mini-University Class

The next Tuesday night Adult Education class, which will be taught by
Cantor Tilem on Zoom, begins on February 8.

Temple Emeth Adult Education Mini-University class

"Searching For My Yiddishe Mama: Sacrifice and Assimilation," with Cantor Ellen Tilem
Tuesdays, February 8, 15, and 22 (make-up date March 8) at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Click here to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89856277676?pwd=RGpwcmZDb0dFb0xVYjI0T0pxK3VaUT09>

Hardly a typical Jewish song, "My Yiddishe Mama" was widely recorded by hundreds of artists of various faiths and backgrounds. A commentary on the Jewish immigrant experience, the song came to represent the conflicts and challenges of a generation.

Join Cantor Tilem as we discuss the Jewish experience
through the lens of this popular melody that is still sung today.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

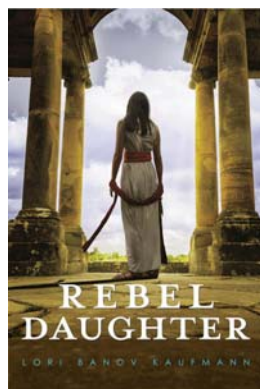
Monthly News Update: Historical Fiction, Modern-Day Reflection
By Marion Wolf

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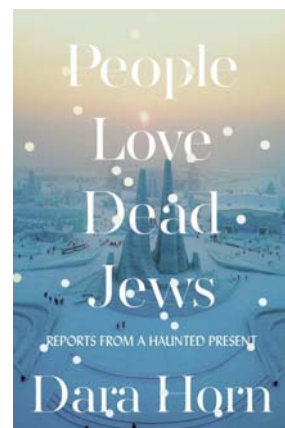
What is your preference? Do you like to read historical fiction with vivid details that transport you to the past? Or would you rather read thought-provoking essays about the present? Either way, we have you covered with two new additions to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

Rebel Daughter is a young adult novel by Lori Banov Kaufman. That name may sound familiar, because the author spoke to us at a B'Yachad Breakfast in November. She came to us over Zoom from her home in Israel. When she heard about a fascinating archaeological discovery, Kaufman was inspired to write this tale of the 1st century. Near Naples a 2,000-year-old gravestone of a slave—a Jewish captive brought to Rome—was found, and the Latin words on the stone suggested some sort of romance between master and slave. Kaufman embarked on ten years of meticulous research about life in ancient Jerusalem so she could tell a story about that time through the eyes of the young girl who grew up to be that slave. Esther is the daughter of a Temple priest. She is a witness to the Jewish war against Roman occupation, which ends with the destruction of the Second Temple. Hers is a tale of survival under extraordinary circumstances. Real historical figures like Josephus are featured in the narrative, and the book brings that turbulent era to life. Rebel Daughter is Lori Banov Kaufman's first work of fiction.



Dara Horn, who is famed as a prize-winning novel-

ist, has come out with a collection of essays called People Love Dead Jews. Its title surely draws one's attention to what Kirkus Reviews calls "this brilliantly readable yet purposefully disturbing book." It seems that whenever there is a deadly antisemitic attack, Horn is called upon to react on the Op-Ed page. This troubles her, because she is always asked to write about dead Jews, not living ones. It is this realization of hers that has led to this book. Horn's first chapter is about "Everyone's (Second) Favorite Dead Jew," whom she identifies as Anne Frank (perhaps coming in after Jesus?). The diarist is remembered for her statement: "I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are truly good at heart." But this was written, Horn notes, about a month before Anne Frank met people who must've convinced her otherwise. Horn contends that the deaths of Anne Frank and other Jews have been turned into vehicles for ethical lessons that have little to do with the Jews themselves. The author shares her thoughts and feelings about a wide range of topics: Shylock, Ellis Island mythology, Holocaust museums, and a Jewish Heritage Site in Harbin, China. A Goodreads reviewer says, "Throughout, she challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, and so little respect for Jewish lives unfolding in the present."



Come to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, where you'll find great books about Jewish life both past and present.

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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by A.B.Yehoshua

March 17th: The Rent Collector

by Camron Wright

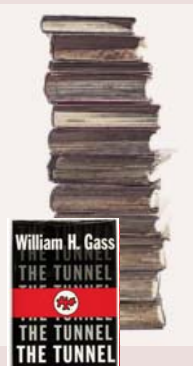
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- Email a picture of the vaccination card to Suzannah at smercado@emeth.org
- Show your vaccination card to the greeter at services.

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