

## Shalach Manot 2022



**As surely as winter follows autumn, Purim follows Chanukah!**

**This year, we are preparing for Purim with a few exciting changes:**

**Full-size baskets are back! Anyone who receives Shalach Manot from eight or more members will receive a basket of Purim treats.**

**You'll now be able to order Shalach Manot and pay for your order by using ShulCloud beginning January 10th. We will schedule Zoom and in-person training in early January to help you feel comfortable with this new way of ordering.**

**You'll have the option of paying for Shalach Manot by having the amount billed to your account by ShulCloud or mailing a check to the Temple. And, if you're not comfortable with electronic ordering, you can contact us by e-mail or phone.**

**We will be back in the Social Hall to pack Shalach Manot.**

**Please contact us at [shalachmanot@emeth.org](mailto:shalachmanot@emeth.org) to sign up.**

**You'll be able to sign up for delivery routes through ShulCloud. Everyone who would like to pack or deliver must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask.**

**We will continue to communicate with everyone electronically through e-mail.**

**Sharing Shalach Manot with friends and family is a great way to stay connected and celebrate our ongoing Purim tradition! We are looking forward to seeing everyone!**

**Shel & Jeff Grossman**

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February	January 15	February 1	February 11	February 19
March	February 15	March 1	March 8	March 13
April	March 15	April 1	April 9	April 16
May	April 15	May 1	May 8	May 15
June	May 15	June 1	June 10	June 17

**From the Editor** - In order to ensure that everyone's articles are published in the Bulletin please limit them to half a page. Remember, flyers are for the Mid-month email and should be sent to Suzannah Mercado at [smercado@emeth.org](mailto:smercado@emeth.org) cc: [areiser@emeth.org](mailto:areiser@emeth.org)

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Material for the Bulletin is welcome and essential for the success of the publication; however, it is necessary to honor the deadlines as listed.

For the Bulletin mailings, all material **must** be submitted by **8:00 p.m.** on the date of the deadline. Please submit all material by email to Barbara Balkin at [bulletin@emeth.org](mailto:bulletin@emeth.org) and use **Times New Roman** font, **12 pt.** in a Word document file.

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# Message From the Rabbi

A few months ago, the New York Times made a change to their style guide. It ceased using the term “anti-Semitism,” and replaced it with “antisemitism.”

The decision was unannounced at the time and went unnoticed by many at first. But the change was reported in December by several Jewish press outlets. The change had been pushed for some time by advocates such as Deborah Lipstadt, who now serves as the Biden administration’s antisemitism envoy. According to the Jerusalem Post, it was also supported by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and the Anti-Defamation League.

The change, though subtle, is significant. The hyphen and the capital S imply the existence of something called “Semitism.” In reality, such a thing has never existed, at least not with any agreed upon definition. Semitism in its original context was the grouping of all Jews into a single race. But the Jewish people around the globe have varied skin tones and facial features. The original concept of Semitism, then, is flawed. And, to take the argument one step further, there was never a movement called Semitism. The new spelling captures this truism.

The only accepted academic use of Semitic was not in the categorization of people, but in the categorization of language. We understand that Hebrew, Aramaic, and Arabic all have similar alphabets, cognates, and vocabulary. (“Semitic” in this context comes from the biblical character Shem, son of Noah.) That said, it does not mean that peoples who speak these languages should be lumped into a racial or ethnic group. Not only is it inaccurate, but it gives cover when Jew-haters are accused of antisemitism. They deny the

charge based on the claim, often true, that they have no bias against Arabs, who are also Semitic. Such a semantic evasion is both confounding and disingenuous. The new spelling undermines this claim.

The new spelling of antisemitism by the New York Times is a noteworthy, positive development. The



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Associated Press and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency both followed suit. And it is reminiscent of the New York Times’ decision in 2020, which I favor, to capitalize “Black” to better reflect African Americans as a distinct ethnic, cultural, and social group. But the removal of a hyphen should not be considered more than it is. The real work of combating antisemitism is not in how it is spelled but how it is repelled.

The ADL has done wonderful work in calling out antisemitism. Their Center on Extremism works to expose criminal plots and harassment campaigns. They have also taken on Facebook and other social media platforms which permit Holocaust denial and other forms of antisemitic speech. This is part of an overall mission to combat discrimination in all its forms. Our Jewish Federation monitors antisemitism in our region and alerts local authorities when appropriate.

Words matter, but actions matter more. If a new spelling of antisemitism can help people better understand what it is (and isn’t), then I am in favor. In an era of increasing nationalism, each of us has a role to play to ensure that antisemitism is not tolerated, so that hate does not flourish and so that our community can be secure.



## From the Religious School

**“Here on Earth too God lives, not in Heaven alone.  
A beautiful tree, a newly plowed field. In them you will find God’s likeness.”**

**Saul Tchernikovsky, 19th Century poet**

The Midrash tells us that when God created Adam and Eve, God took them to see all the trees of the Garden of Eden and instructed them, “See how they are. Everything that I have created, I created for you.”

This Midrash will serve as the inspiration for our Religious School when we celebrate the holiday of Tu B’Shevat.

On Tu B’Shevat, (the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat) January 17, we celebrate the rebirth of nature, the rebirth of Israel, and the beauty of everything God has created. We affirm and recognize our responsibility towards each living thing. We express in song and story our love for the land of Israel, the “good land.”

Our students will celebrate and experience the bounties of Tu B’Shevat by participating in Tu B’Shevat activities, singing Hebrew songs, and enjoying Israeli dances. Our students are also learning that our tradition includes *Blessings of Appreciation* that can be said

anytime we notice the special world around us. *Blessings of Appreciation, Brachot Hanehenin*, have been written for smelling delicious fruit, for meeting someone wise, for seeing a rainbow, and more. All of the above reminds us of God’s presence in the world of nature.



Dora Friedman

Students in Temple Emeth Religious School learn that our tradition gives us many paths to connect to nature, to each other, and to God.

B’vracha  
Dora Geld Friedman

Religious School  
Chanukah celebration  
on December 1.



Outdoor  
Chanukah  
celebration  
with latkes,  
candlelight-  
ing, raffles,  
and songs  
by Kol Emet  
and Etz  
Chayim on  
December 5.

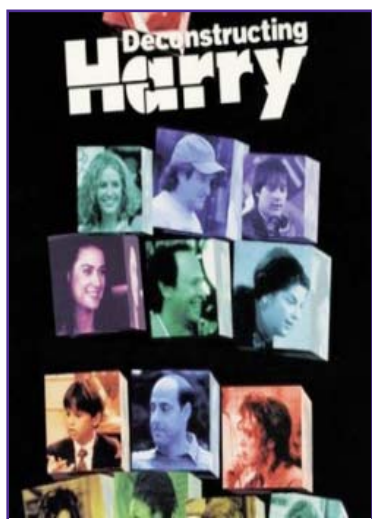


## Movies That Mattered “Deconstructing Harry”

**Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall**

Novelist Harry Block (Woody Allen) has become a success by turning his family and friends' lives into fodder for his books. Due to the popularity of his novels, the university that once kicked Harry out has asked him to return for a ceremony that will honor him. As Harry sets out for the trip, he is confronted by his fictional characters, as well as real people who no longer want anything to do with him, and he learns how deeply his overly candid stories have affected those around him.

**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

Happy New Year (again)! I find it a pleasure to wish people a happy new year, especially since, as Jews we get to do it not once but twice a year.

Many good things have been going on at Temple since I wrote to you last. First, news on the Temple kitchen. We now have a new professional oven, a dishwasher, and a commercial kitchen sink, not to mention a general upgrade in the appearance of the space. Along with the above-mentioned appliances, the kitchen has been given a fresh paint job. Many thanks to Nickie Falk for choosing such a bright color. We will also be getting a convection oven to go along with the other appliances some time this January. Thanks also go to Sue Keusch for spearheading the kitchen project. Once completed, this will make our event venue even more attractive to potential renters of our space, as well as for our own Temple functions.

Last month we went from the somber remembrance of Kristallnacht to a rousing celebration on the last night of Chanukah in our own parking lot. Not only did Cantor Tilem make the Kristallnacht service beautiful, but Kol Emet also sang a selection of pieces selected and conducted by Carol Shansky and accompanied by Tom Mustachio. To add to the moment, Peter Adler

spoke about being a young boy in Germany and witnessing Kristallnacht firsthand.

Fast forward to the last night of Chanukah. Once again, due to the pandemic we were unable to have our traditional Chanukah dinner, which has always been a staple of our Temple calendar. But not to be outdone, we again moved the celebration to the parking lot. The weather was very cooperative (might as well get something good out of climate change) and we had close to 70 people at the event. Many brought their Chanukah menorahs and as it was the last night of the holiday, they were fully lit, a beautiful sight to behold. Musical numbers were presented by Etz Chayim, conducted by Cantor Tilem and by Kol Emet, again directed by Carol Shansky. It was great to have an opportunity to sing without a mask,

as we were outside. Finally, what would such a celebration be without food? We had latkes in three varieties and raffled off homemade cookies from our resident baker, Mike Eastman. A wonderful time was had by all.

Thanks for reading. More next time.



Michael Robinson

B'shalom  
Mike

### SPRING GALA

### Celebrate Emeth

**Volunteers needed**

**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,  
including Journal Ads, Silent Auction Items and Set Up**

**Contact Co-Chairs:**

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**Maddy Eichen** [maddywolfeichen@gmail.com](mailto:maddywolfeichen@gmail.com)



## 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  
in the [2022 Spring Gala Virtual Ad Journal](#)

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Ad Deadline – May 1, 2022

#### QUESTIONS:

Please contact Gayle and Michael Goldberg, Ad Journal Chairs at [adjournal@emeth.org](mailto:adjournal@emeth.org)





## 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”

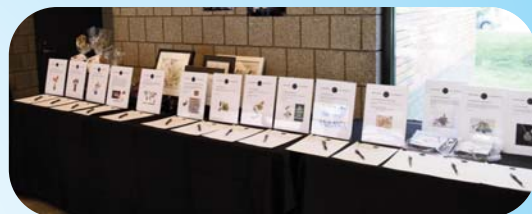
A wine/cheese/gourmet food basket

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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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## One Book, One Synagogue Shabbaton Saturday, January 8, 2022

Temple Emeth invites you to our One Book, One Synagogue Shabbaton on Saturday, January 8 to explore the themes of *And After the Fire*, a work of historical fiction set in both late eighteenth and early nineteenth Century Berlin and modern-day New York. While we hope you read this excellent book, it is not necessary in order to enjoy the Shabbaton.

- **At 9:00 a.m.** on Zoom, Rabbi Sirbu will lead a text study on the writings of Moses Mendelssohn, the foremost thinker of the Haskalah (Jewish Enlightenment) and grandfather of Felix. Moses Mendelssohn's work shaped the society in which his grandson composed, and continues to impact our view of Judaism in the modern world. To join on Zoom, click [here](#).

- **At 10:30 a.m.**, our Shabbat Morning Service will include excerpts from *And After the Fire*, reflecting how the themes of the book are interspersed throughout the Siddur. Cantor Tilem will sing selected liturgical music from 19th Century Germany. You must show proof of vaccination to attend the service, which will also be shown on [livestream](#).

- **At noon**, we will enjoy a Kiddush lunch, which will be served in accordance with the Temple's policy for Covid-safe meals, incorporating individual packaging and/or designated food servers. Lunch is free, but **you must RSVP to Adult Education Chair [Linda Poskanzer](#) at [lindaposkanzer@msn.com](mailto:lindaposkanzer@msn.com) by Monday, January 3**. Proof of vaccination is required to attend the lunch.

*And After the Fire* draws us into the salon of Sarah Itzig Levy (1761-1854) in Berlin. Central to her gatherings was music, like that composed and performed by Johann Sebastian Bach and Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy. Both were controversial figures in the Berlin Jewish community—Bach for his antisemitism and Mendelssohn Bartholdy because he converted from Judaism to Christianity.

- **At 1:00 p.m.**, Temple accompanist Thomas Mustachio will perform a concert of music by Bach and Mendelssohn Bartholdy to help us appreciate the importance of Sarah Levy's salon. He will be joined by virtuoso violinist [Bela Horvath](https://www.msmnyc.edu/faculty/bela-horvath/) <https://www.msmnyc.edu/faculty/bela-horvath/>. Proof of vaccination is required to attend this concert, which will also be shown on [livestream](#).





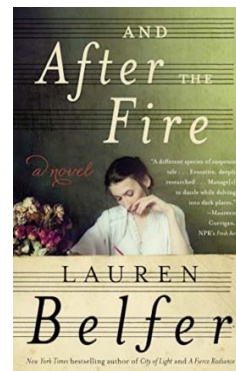


## Please join us for a B'yachad Breakfast on January 30, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

This will be a hybrid event.

The presentation will be held in the Social Hall with a modified  
bagel breakfast and will be simultaneously Zoomed.

One of the themes of our One Book, One Synagogue book, "*And After The Fire*" by Lauren Belfer, is sexual abuse. **Shira Pomrantz of Project SARAH** (Stop Abusive Relationships At Home) will be our speaker. She will discuss Project SARAH, domestic violence, and sexual abuse.



**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 B'yachad presentation.  
Any questions, please contact Michael and Gayle Goldberg at [Byachad@emeth.org](mailto:Byachad@emeth.org)

Please return this form by January 19, 2022 to Temple Emeth,  
1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666  
for the B'yachad Breakfast featuring Project SARAH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$5.00 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

## Services and S'machot

**28 Tevet 5782**  
**Friday, December 31**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 1**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom**  
**Hosted by Kol Dorot**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**

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

*Haftarah – Ezekiel 28:25-29:21*

**6 Shevat 5782**  
**Friday, January 7**

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

**Saturday, January 8**

***One Book, One Synagogue* Shabbaton**  
**on the themes of “And After The Fire”**  
**Class on the philosophy of Moses Mendelssohn**  
**at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Kiddish Lunch at noon. Reservations required.**  
**Concert by Tom Mustachio at 1:00 p.m.**

*Torah Portion – Bo*  
*Exodus 10:1-13:16*

*Haftarah – Jeremiah 46:13-46:28*

**13 Shevat 5782**  
**Friday, January 14**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Kol Emet sings**

**Saturday, January 15**

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

*Torah Portion – Beshalach*  
*Exodus 13:17-17:16*

*Haftarah – Judges 4:4-5:31*

**20 Shevat 5782**  
**Friday, January 21**

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

**Saturday, January 22**

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

*Torah Portion — Yitro*  
*Exodus 18:1-20:23*

*Haftarah – Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-9:6*

**27 Shevat 5782**  
**Friday, January 28**

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

**Saturday, January 29**

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

*Torah Portion - Mishpatim*  
*Exodus 21:1-24:18*

*Haftarah – Jeremiah 34:8-34:22; 33:25-33:26*

# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 28th of Tevet 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study hosted by Kol Dorot @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
<b>2</b> 29th of Tevet 5782 NO Religious School	<b>3</b> 1st of Shevat 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>4</b> 2nd of Shevat 5782	<b>5</b> 3rd of Shevat 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ ZOOM 6:00pm - 6:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	<b>6</b> 4th of Shevat 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Officers Meeting	<b>7</b> 5th of Shevat 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service- Kindergarten participates @ Sanctuary	<b>8</b> 6th of Shevat 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Text Study on the Philosophy of Moses Mendelssohn @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary 12:00pm - 1:00pm One Book, One Synagogue Kiddush Lunch @ Social Hall 1:00pm - 1:30pm Concert by Tom Mustachio @ Sanctuary
<b>9</b> 7th of Shevat 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Religious School Special Program -Tu B'Shevat Seder K-7 @ ZOOM 9:45am Social Action Committee Meeting	<b>10</b> 8th of Shevat 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>11</b> 9th of Shevat 5782	<b>12</b> 10th of Shevat 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	<b>13</b> 11th of Shevat 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>14</b> 12th of Shevat 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>15</b> 13th of Shevat 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
<b>16</b> 14th of Shevat, Erev Tu BiSh'Vat 9:00am - 12:00pm RS Parent/Teacher conferences- NO school for students @ ZOOM	<b>17</b> 15th of Shevat, Tu BiSh'Vat	<b>18</b> 16th of Shevat 5782 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered - Deconstructing Harry @ Social Hall	<b>19</b> 17th of Shevat 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	<b>20</b> 18th of Shevat 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Book Group @ ZOOM 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>21</b> 19th of Shevat 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>22</b> 20th of Shevat 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
<b>23</b> 21st of Shevat 5782 8:00am - 9:00am RAC 2022 orientation session for participants from all three congregations 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room	<b>24</b> 22nd of Shevat 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>25</b> 23rd of Shevat 5782	<b>26</b> 24th of Shevat 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	<b>27</b> 25th of Shevat 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>28</b> 26th of Shevat 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>29</b> 27th of Shevat 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
<b>30</b> 28th of Shevat 5782 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 10:30am - 12:00pm B'yachad Breakfast @ Youth Lounge	<b>31</b> 29th of Shevat 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM					

For up-to-the-minute event information, additions, cancellations, or make-up classes go to [www.emeth.org](http://www.emeth.org)  
 A version of the calendar is online at <http://www.emeth.org/monthly-calendar>



## Good & Welfare

### Condolences to...

**Richard Eichen** on the loss of his father,  
Louis Eichen.

**Doug Falk** on the loss of his cousin,  
Sharon Kramer.

**Joy Firshein** on the loss of her cousin,  
Jeffrey Rosenfeld.

**Nancy Miller Kozeradsky** on the loss of her  
brother-in-law, Lawrence Shongut.

**Nancy Wolinsky** on the loss of her mother,  
Marion Hallam.

### Mazel Tov to...

**Andrew Arroyo and Scott Siskind** on Andrew's  
conversion to Judaism.

**Linda and Ron Klempner** on the birth of their  
granddaughter, Stella Klempner, daughter of  
Seth & Kristen Klempner.



Caroline Wolinsky led the chazzanut  
at the December 24th service.

## Social Action in Action

Update from Sarah Blaine, Lead Organizer, RAC-NJ about progress in advocating for **Democracy in a Day/Same Day Voter Registration**.

### We are making an impact.

Over the past week, our congregations have organized virtual lobby visits with quite a few key legislators and/or key members of their staff (Sen. Weinberg, Assemb. Johnson, Sen. O'Scanlon, Assemb. Stanfield, etc.) and more are in the works. Recently, our RAC-NJ campaign strategy team (and coalition partners) met with the bill's primary assembly sponsor, Assemb. Raj Muhkerji, to discuss a strategy to get this bill done ASAP, either before the end of this legislative session or at the very beginning of the next session. We have been having important and impactful conversations with key county election officials, and we have heard agreement on both sides of the aisle (as well as from our coalition partners - League of Women Voters of NJ and New Jersey Institute for Social Justice) about needed changes to the bill as written.

### We are making our voices heard.

**The Star Ledger** recently ran our Op Ed in support of same-day voter registration, available at <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2021/12/want-more-people-to-vote-then-new-jersey-needs-same-day-voter-registration-opinion.html> Please amplify and share widely. More Op Eds and letters to the editor are in the works. Keep them coming! All of us working in relationship together create new opportunities and stronger work. Our committee chair call-in day really made an impact! We ensured that the relevant committee chairs know our bills need to see the light of day. Our efforts were also a model of accountability

to one another, as 42 RAC-NJ leaders from across the state committed themselves to the project, made the phone calls, and shared the feedback they heard. Well done!

Last but not least, **there is an opportunity to deepen our thinking** about the ways in which we need to work together to combat antisemitism and racism. Between in-person and virtual attendance, over 500 people participated in real time in the Gertrude & Milton Kleinman Consultation on Conscience: Antisemitism and Xenophobia in American Society on December 5. If you missed it, it's not too late to hear from Eric Ward, Director of the Ford Foundation; Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Director of the RAC; Dr. Karen Gaffney, author of *Dismantling the Racism Machine*; and Rev. Dr. Charles Boyer, founder of Salvation & Social Justice. Here is the [link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNP2fWYbsv0) to the YouTube livestream (pro-tip: the actual program starts about 15 minutes into the recording). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNP2fWYbsv0>

### Status of the Reproductive Freedom Act.

The Temple Emeth Social Action Committee has been working with NCJW- Bergen and with Thrive (an advocacy group that has also been in coalition with Planned Parenthood and numerous others). The RFA has not been posted for a vote. In an article Senator Sweeney indicated that the full RFA would not be posted for a vote as there were concerns and that there were not 21 yes votes in the Senate. The Legislature is on break until Jan. 3. Lame duck ends on Jan. 12 or 13. Thrive hasn't given up. We'll keep you informed if action is requested.

Happy New Year! It's time for a very happy new year!

# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: *Short Stories for the Whole Family*  
By Marion Wolf

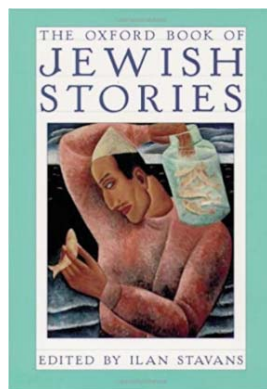
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Among the treasures in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library are collections of Jewish short stories (when you feel like a nosh instead of a full meal!). Some of these stories are intended for adults, while others are meant for youngsters.

## The Oxford Book of Jewish Stories

edited by Ilan Stavans, contains 52 stories from all over the world (tales originally written in about a dozen different languages). Among the authors represented are Sholem Aleichem, Franz Kafka, Isaac Bashevis Singer, and Primo Levi. There are lots of Americans here, too—Saul Bellow, Bernard Malamud, Francine Prose, Allegra Goodman, and Philip Roth, to name a few. Stavans explains in his preface that he has included “writers engaged in deciphering their Jewish identity, responsible for stories of high artistic value that serve as mirrors to major transhistorical themes like antisemitism, assimilation, interreligious relations, mysticism, and the tension between politics and faith.”



A brand-new book in our library is An Angel Called Truth & Other Tales from the Torah. The authors are

Rabbi Jeremy Gordon and Emma Parlons. Rabbi Gordon is a Conservative rabbi in London (where the Conservative movement is called Masorti), and Ms Parlons is one of his congregants. Both of them had searched unsuccessfully for short Jewish stories that would engage 10–13-year-olds. They decided to write the stories themselves! They brought onboard to their project Pete



Williamson, a gifted illustrator. Rabbi Gordon and Ms Parlons have created one “micro-tale” for each weekly portion and one for each festival. The stories are each told from the point of view of a young person, often a girl. These tales are told with humor, and the discussion questions that follow each story raise interesting spiritual and philosophical issues. Say the authors, “We’ve never seen anything like it, we wanted our own kids to read it and so...we wrote it! We hope you love it.” For more information about this book, take a look at

<https://jewishstandard.timesofisrael.com/an-angel-called-truth/>

Then come check out these books and others in our library!

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

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February 17th: The Tunnel

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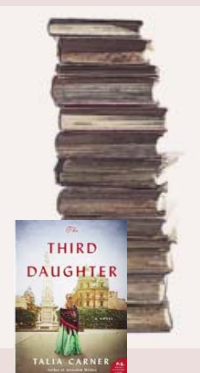
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