

# Temple Emeth

Celebrating 75 years

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## One Book, One Synagogue Shabbaton

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Exploring the themes of  
*The Book of Lost Names*  
by Kristen Harmel

### 9:00 a.m. – Torah Study Session: “The Bible of Lost Names”

Several Biblical characters have multiple names or are ascribed additional names in Rabbinic literature. According to the Midrash, for example, in his infancy, Moses was given ten names, each to reflect an aspect of his significance or his future. At this week’s Torah study session, we will study these texts to understand the significance of these multiple names.

### 10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

This morning’s Shabbat service in the Sanctuary will incorporate the themes of our book. Rabbi Sirbu will read from Parashat Va-y’chi, the last portion of Genesis, which refers to the third patriarch alternately as Jacob and Israel. The service will also be shown on livestream.

### Noon – Festive Kiddush Lunch

Join us in the Social Hall for a Kiddush lunch, which will include French pastries in honor of the book’s setting in France. Lunch is free, but RSVPs are required by Tuesday, January 3 to [lindaposkanzer@msn.com](mailto:lindaposkanzer@msn.com)



### 12:45 – Screening of “Valiant Hearts”

Following lunch, we will view “Valiant Hearts,” a 2021 movie directed by Mona Achache about six children who take refuge in a French castle that is also shielding valuable works of art during the war. To receive at-home viewing instructions and participate in the post-film discussion via Zoom, check the Temple email link.

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# Message From the Rabbi

On December 16, the Temple celebrated our seventy-fifth anniversary with a festive service, joyous music, special decorations, Museum exhibit, Library display and potluck Oneg Shabbat.

We were honored to receive a legislative resolution to mark the occasion. Because of time constraints, we were not able to read the resolution at the service, but we are printing it in this edition of the Temple Bulletin so that you can read it and appreciate the many ways we have contributed to the strength and success of the state. Thank you to all who participated in the evening, and Mazel Tov to all of us for reaching this milestone!



## THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator JOHNSON and Assemblywomen HAIDER and PARK

**WHEREAS**, Temple Emeth, highly esteemed among the houses of worship in the Garden State, will mark its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary with a Celebration on December 16, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey send warm greetings and salutations to the members of Temple Emeth upon this felicitous occasion, which will feature joyous Chanukah music, a new exhibit of archival photographs, and fellowship over a pot-luck *Oneg*; and,

**WHEREAS**, Since its founding in 1947 as Bergen County Reform Temple, the first Reform congregation in the County, Temple Emeth has been a beacon of hope to all those in search of peace and renewal; and,

**WHEREAS**, Temple Emeth has been ably and effectively guided by a number of distinguished leaders whose legacies continue to sustain the faith community in its benevolent mission; and,

**WHEREAS**, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey depend, in great measure, upon conscientious individuals, exemplified by the devoted people of Temple Emeth, who uplift and inspire others through their steadfast commitment to service in furtherance of the common good; and,

**WHEREAS**, Throughout many seasons of growth and change, Temple Emeth has attended to the spiritual, social, and emotional needs of its members and has helped them to become caring and compassionate citizens; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this Legislature hereby congratulates Temple Emeth upon its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, pays tribute to its illustrious history, and extends sincere best wishes for a bright future filled with promise; and,

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Temple Emeth.

Attest:



Linda Metzger  
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley  
Clerk of the General Assembly

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nicholas P. Scutari".

Nicholas P. Scutari  
President of the Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Craig J. Coughlin".

Craig J. Coughlin  
Speaker of the General Assembly

# From the Religious School

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

From The Talmud

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’keanim* (honoring the elderly), that serve as a blueprint for Tikkun Olam - Fixing the world.



Dora Friedman

*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. The Talmud teaches us that *tzedakah* outweighs all other commandments.

Every school day at Temple Emeth Religious School should start with our students in grades K – 7 contributing to the class “Tzedakah Box”. Each student’s contribution is added to the *tzedakah* fund and over the year small amounts of money can add up to something signif-

icant. We would like to reinvigorate this *mitzvah* at Temple Emeth Religious School. On Wednesdays and Sundays, remind your children to bring in *tzedakah* money.

*Kol Hakavod* to Mora Marla’s class whose *tzedakah* proceeds bought 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

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Wednesday, Jan. 4 @ 4:00** Classes resume with a T’fila V’Shira Welcome Back Service.

**Friday, Jan. 6 @ 7:30 Family Shabbat Service**  
Our 3, 4 & 5 class will be participating in the service.

**Sunday, Jan. 15 Parent – Teacher conferences - NO SCHOOL for students**

This year our conferences will again be via Zoom. The Zoom link that you will use and assignment times will be sent to you.



Chanukah in the  
Hallway  
on December 21  
with a story by  
Rabbi Sirbu, songs  
by Etz Chayim and  
Idajeane Fisher, and  
holiday treats.

## Message from President Michael Robinson

After a busy holiday season, (both my grandchildren were born in December) it's time to slog through winter and be thankful we don't live in Buffalo. Anyway, I wanted to give you a short update as to where we are with our strategic plan and reimagining what Temple Emeth is and what it could look like in the future.

As you know, we have divided our concerns into five categories. They are finance, Religious School, Adult Education, physical plant, and staffing. Because we had to start somewhere, we decided to first look at the "low hanging fruit." That is finance, Religious School, and Adult Education. After spending some time looking at data points and getting feedback from the Temple community, it's time to look at the action steps needed to help improve outcomes that the Temple provides its congregants. To do this we have created subcommittees to investigate the various ways we can improve our institution.

I'll start with finance. Finance is the engine that ultimately drives our Temple forward. Without a sound financial plan even if we have the most innovative programs in the world, we have no way to drive the programs forward without funds. Thanks to co-chairs Stuart Breslow and Temple treasurer Gary Richards, as well as a crack financial team, we are looking at ways to put ourselves in a sound position far into the future.

The next area is Adult Education. Even though we have always had a strong Adult Education program at Temple, we can always look for ways to make the programs we have even better and institute new programs to bring added excitement to our existing offerings. Linda Poskanzer and Karen Rappaport are heading this effort on behalf of the Strategic Plan Steering committee. I hope we can have a report from them at the March board meeting.



Michael Robinson

Finally there is our Religious School. Due to our changing demographics and a general decrease in enrollment we need to find innovative ways to educate our young people. The young are important to the future of our institution and their Jewish education is essential to what kind of institution we intend to be in the future. This subcommittee's co-chairs Stacey Butler and Marty Breznick have had the courage to think outside the box (and if necessary, fashion a whole new box) to give our young people the Jewish education that they rightly deserve and we are obligated to provide.

All three of these areas are being examined at as we speak. We have not forgotten about the other areas either and will be looking at them in depth in the near future. I encourage you to ask questions as they come to mind.

Mike Robinson



### Temple Emeth's 75th Anniversary Celebration





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A B'YACHAD BREAKFAST ON  
JANUARY 22, 2023 AT 9:00 AM (New Time)**

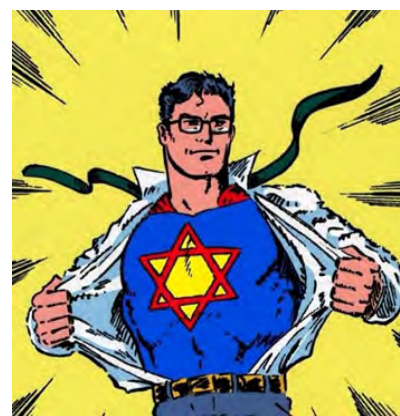
**TEMPLE MEMBER DAVID LEVIN WILL DISCUSS  
"JEWS AND COMIC BOOKS"**

**Mention Jewish comics and most people conjure up images of Jerry Seinfeld, Joan Rivers, Gilbert Gottfried and David Brenner.**

**But this is about Jewish comic BOOKS - and the people who created them: people with names like Siegel, Shuster, Lieber, Simon, Kurtzberg, Finger and Kahn - better known as Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, Stan Lee, Joe Simon, Jack Kirby, Bill Finger and Bob Kane: the creators of Superman, Batman, Captain America, Spider-Man, the X-Men and many more.**

**This will be a hybrid event held in the Social Hall with a bagel breakfast and will be simultaneously shown on Zoom.**

- All attendees must show Proof of Vaccination
- Advance Registration is Required for Breakfast (sorry, no walk-ins for breakfast)
- Walk-ins are welcome to attend the program without the breakfast
  - \$7.00 per person for breakfast
- The Zoom Link will be distributed the week before.
- Any questions, please contact [Byachad@emeth.org](mailto:Byachad@emeth.org)



**Pop Culture historian David Levin will bring his knowledge of this history for an informal talk on these creators, their influences, their legacy and their work.**

**David Levin is the producer of POP GOES THE CULTURE and has produced and directed numerous documentaries on pop culture for MTV, Discovery, A&E and many other networks. He also is the author of MTV UNCENSORED and a Superman comic thought to be one of the rarest to be published in the past 40 years.**

Please return this form by January 15, 2023, to Temple Emeth for the B'yachad Breakfast featuring David Levin's "Jews and Comic Books"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$7.00 per person) \_\_\_\_\_

## SHALACH MANOT

Our Shalach Manot campaign is underway! We are ordering lots of goodies for the goodie bags and baskets.

Please make sure you have your log-in for ShulCloud. If you aren't sure, please contact the Temple Office.

Please place your order through ShulCloud by Thursday, February 16th. If you need any help, please reach out to us by phone or e-mail us at [shalachmanot@outlook.com](mailto:shalachmanot@outlook.com).

You can view the Zoom webinar and slide show on the Temple website under Purim 2023.

In addition, please save the dates: we will be packing Shalach Manot on Thursday, March 2nd, and deliver-



ing baskets on Sunday, March 5th. All volunteers need to wear a mask. 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  
(201) 286-0325  
[shalachmanot@outlook.com](mailto:shalachmanot@outlook.com)

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Events on Friday January 13 at 8:00 p.m. and Monday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Temple Emeth will honor MLK Weekend on Friday, January 13 at 8:00 p.m. Minister Kerwin Webb of the New Jersey Social Justice Remembrance Coalition and the Red Bank NAACP will be our guest speaker.

Temple Emeth is proud to again host the Bergen County Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration on Monday evening, January 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Check the MLK Committee's Facebook page for details by going to: <https://www.facebook.com/MLKBirthdayCommittee>



## Bazaar December 4, 2022



For the first time since 2019, the Temple Emeth Bazaar was open for business! Thank you to everyone who schlepped, shopped, and schmoozed at this fun event. It's a crazy huge amount of work, but we raised a crazy huge amount of money for our Temple home. And every event like this, where we welcome the public to come and visit us, helps to strengthen our bonds with the community in Teaneck and Bergen County. Rest up, volunteers, because planning has already begun for next year! Thank you again! See you in 2023!

Save the Date

## Temple Emeth Viewpoints Committee Programs for February 2023



The mission of the Viewpoints committee is to present programs that highlight all the different types of Jews in our community. The following are the programs scheduled for February 2023.

### 1. Friday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m. Disability Shabbat

The speaker is Lisa Shulman, MD, a Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician and a Professor of Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She specializes in treating children with developmental and learning disabilities. In her work she hears from families who want to feel more included in the community. Her talk, "Shining a Light on Inclusion", will be on ways to make our Temple community more inclusive.

### 2. Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. NY Historical Society presentation

NY Historical Society docent, Kyle Einhorn, will present an online history tour, "I'll Have What She's Having: The Jewish Deli". The exhibit will examine how Jewish immigrants, mostly from Central and Eastern Europe, imported and adopted their traditions to create a uniquely American restaurant. The talk will reveal how Jewish delicatessens became a cornerstone of American food culture.

## Temple Emeth Book Group Selections 2023

January 19	<u>Our Country Friends</u> by Gary Shteyngart
February 16	<u>Black Cloud Rising</u> by David Wright Falade
March 16	<u>Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties that Helped Create Modern China</u> by Jonathan Kaufman
April 20	<u>Ritz and Escoffier: The Hotelier, The Chef and the Rise of the Leisure Class</u> by Luke Barr
May 18	<u>The Flight Portfolio</u> by Julie Orringer
June 15	Planning Meeting



## MINI-UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

The schedule for Mini-University has changed.

There will be only one class each evening. That class will be from 8 – 9 p.m.

Stories will continue in 2023 on 1/3, 10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, with 2/7 as the make-up date.

The Cantor's class in 2023 will be held on 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, with 3/21 as the make-up date.

The Rabbi's class in 2023 will be held on 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, with 5/23 as the make-up date.

## December 23rd Chanukah services



Chanukah services with candlelighting, cantorial soloist Tara Levine, and soufganiyot.

## Services and S'machot

**14 Tevet 5783**  
**Friday, January 6**

**Saturday, January 7**

*Torah Portion – Va-y'chi*  
*Genesis 47:28-50:26*

**Shabbat Va-y'chi**  
**Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.**

**One Book, One Synagogue Shabbaton** on the themes of *The Book of Lost Names*.  
**Torah Study** on Biblical characters with multiple names at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Lounge and on Zoom  
**Shabbat Morning Service** incorporating the themes of the book at 10:30 a.m.  
**Shabbat lunch** at 12:00 p.m.  
**Screening of “Valiant Hearts”** at 12:45 p.m.

*Haftarah – I Kings: 2:1-2:12*

**21 Tevet 5783**  
**Friday, January 13**

**Saturday, January 14**

*Torah Portion – Sh'mot*  
*Exodus 1:1-6:1*

**Shabbat Sh'mot**  
**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Rev. Kerwin Webb** will speak on “Examining Dr. King, His Dream, and What it Means for Us in 2023”

**Torah Study** at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Lounge and on Zoom  
**Shabbat Learner's Service** at 10:30 a.m.

*Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-29:23*

**28 Tevet 5783**  
**Friday, January 20**

**Saturday, January 21**

*Torah Portion – Va-eira*  
*Exodus 6:2-9:35*

**Shabbat Va-eira**  
**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Torah Study** at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Lounge and on Zoom  
**Shabbat Morning Service** at 10:30 a.m.

*Haftarah – Ezekiel 28:25-29:21*

**6 Sh'vat 5783**  
**Friday, January 27**

**Saturday, January 28**

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

**Shabbat Bo**  
**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**  
**HIAS Refugee Shabbat**

**Torah Study** at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Lounge and on Zoom  
**Shabbat Morning Service** at 10:30 a.m.

*Haftarah – Jeremiah 46:13-28*

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8th of Tevet 5783 9:00am - 11:00am NO Religious School	<b>2</b> 9th of Tevet 5783	<b>3</b> 10th of Tevet 5783 8:00pm - 9:00pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library	<b>4</b> 11th of Tevet 5783 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch & Learn @ Library 3:45pm - 5:00pm RABBI'S RS CLASS 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School 4:00pm - 5:00pm RS Welcome Back Service @ Sanctuary 6:00pm - 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 12th of Tevet 5783 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officer's Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>6</b> 13th of Tevet 5783 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	<b>7</b> 14th of Tevet 5783 One Book, One Synagogue Shabbaton 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom) 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary 12:00pm - 12:45pm Shabbat Lunch 12:45pm - 2:30pm "Valiant Hearts," followed by discussion
<b>8</b> 15th of Tevet 5783 9:30am - 10:30am Sunday Funday @ Museum 9:45am - 10:45am Social Action Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>9</b> 16th of Tevet 5783	<b>10</b> 17th of Tevet 5783 8:00pm - 9:00pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library	<b>11</b> 18th of Tevet 5783 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch & Learn @ Library 3:45pm - 5:00pm RABBI'S RS CLASS 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School 6:00pm - 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 19th of Tevet 5783 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ Youth Lounge	<b>13</b> 20th of Tevet 5783 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service @ Sanctuary	<b>14</b> 21st of Tevet 5783 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom) 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
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<b>29</b> 7th of Shevat 5783 9:00am - 11:00am RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	<b>30</b> 8th of Shevat 5783	<b>31</b> 9th of Shevat 5783 8:00pm - 9:00pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library				

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**

***The congregation mourns the loss of longtime member...***

***Bill Weiss and sends condolences to his wife,  
Brenda.***

***Condolences to...***

***Peter and Ruth Adler on the loss of their friend,  
Jerry Wolff.***

***Elyse Balzer on the loss of her friend,  
Michael Parson.***

***The Kugelmass/Levin Family on the loss  
of Ewa Benamy.***

***Get Well Wishes to...***

***Sue Ann Kogan***

## **Social Action in Action**

### **Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition Update**

*The new year seems to be a good time to update you about the work of the Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition, NNJSC, of which we are a founding member. The information below comes directly from their latest newsletter.*

NNJSC is currently helping the largest number of individuals ever, as they are receiving more and more requests to help families coming over our southern border.

- New fundraisers include NNJSC as the grateful recipient of a couple of generous grants.
- Two events combined musical entertainment and fundraising. One was made possible by Deb Goodell, a former trustee and secretary on NNJSC's board who established the Brookside Trio. A second was spearheaded by Adán Vásquez, who directs a program which teaches music appreciation, theory, and the playing of musical instruments to disadvantaged children.
- NNJSC ran a combined plant/garage sale, made possible by mountains of help from some board members, friends, and clients.

The coalition keeps us abreast of federal and state laws and other issues related to immigration, by holding half-hour educational sessions before some of their monthly meetings. You are all invited, just express your interest at [nnjsanctuary.com](http://nnjsanctuary.com). A sampling of the speakers has included:

- Alain Menhe, Welcome Home Jersey City: Program for Resettlement of Afghan Immigrants
- Carlos Rojas Rodriguez, Immigrant Justice Network
- Hilary Li, Detention Watch Network: The New Way Forward Bill. The NNJSC also advocates for those forced to flee their home countries.

Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition has joined with members of Pax Christi, First Friends, and other organizations to form the Interfaith Campaign for Just Closures, which aims to end the I.C.E. detention programs at New Jersey detention centers and focuses on the rightness of "releases, not transfers" of those asylum seekers in centers that are closing.

NNJSC has been working with a Haitian couple with two children, one of whom has cerebral palsy. They moved to Chile and were discriminated against for being Haitian, feared for their lives there, so they tried to enter the U.S. but were turned back at our border during the Trump era. They eventually made it into the U.S. on a second try by crossing the Rio Grande (with the young girl with CP suffering a broken pelvis due to strong currents during the river crossing). They have applied for TPS (temporary protection status) and received some much-needed medical help for the daughter and school entry for their son, but not without extreme difficulties along the way here in the US.

A new arrival in our Cuban community is the daughter of one of our clients, who had to be left behind in Cuba with her mother, when her father came to the US several years ago. She is now 12 years old, and had her first day of school in the U.S. this past September.

Finally, after helping some Afghan émigrés with temporary finances for a few months, the coalition learned a few weeks ago about an 82 year old Ukrainian woman, with a brother and sister-in-law living in NJ, who came here from Kharkiv last spring after her husband died. NNJSC managed, with the help of yet another foundation and a contribution of some of their own funds, to help MZ's family rent an apartment for her in the same complex where they live. She has also applied for TPS, but that could take a year or more for her to receive. Meanwhile, the only government aid for which she qualifies is a home health aide provided through the German government's aid for WWII refugees. Do click on the link to a CNN interview of MZ when she escaped into Poland last spring.  
<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2022/04/04/kharkiv-holocaust-survivor-abdelaziz-pkg-intl-ldn-vpx.cnn>.

The Social Action Committee of Temple Emeth is active with the coalition and donates as well. If you feel moved to help those seeking safety, peace, and a chance to make their way here as Americans, your tax-deductible contribution to NNJSC, P.O. Box 5017, Caldwell, NJ 07006 or online at <https://www.nnjsanctuary.org/donate/> would be very much appreciated.

**A client and a member from NNJSC will be joining us Friday, January 27  
for our Refugee Shabbat. Hope you will join us.**

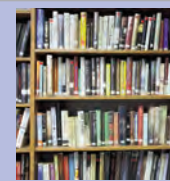
Until then: The next Social Action Committee meeting is on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. (It is a Zoom meeting). The link will be sent in a future email, or you can contact the Temple office.

# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Library Acquisitions, 2021-2022, Part II

by Marion Wolf

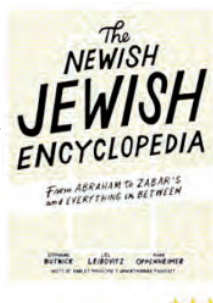
## ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION



While everyone was at home during the pandemic, the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Library was growing. These are nonfiction books acquired over the last couple of years.

### GENERAL NONFICTION

Butnick, Stephanie. The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar's and Everything in Between.



Dollinger, Marc. Black Power, Jewish Politics:

Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s.

Fermaglich, Kirsten. A Rosenberg by Any Other Name: A History of Name-Change in America.

Gordis, Daniel. We Stand Divided: The Rift Between American Jews and Israel.

Horn, Dara. People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present.

Kaiser, Menachem. Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure.

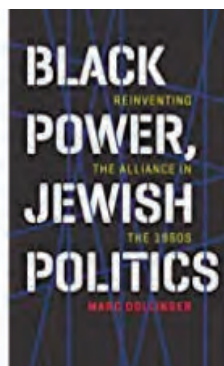
Katchor, Ben. The Dairy Restaurant.

Kaufman, Jonathan. The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties That Helped Create Modern China.

Kirsch, Adam. The Blessing and the Curse: The Jewish People and Their Books in the 20th Century.

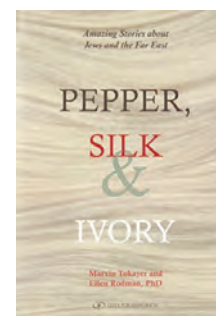
Kurtz, Glenn. Three Minutes in Poland: Discovering a Lost World in a 1938 Family Film.

Nasaw, David. The Last Million: Europe's Displaced Persons from World War to Cold War.



Tokayer, Marvin et al.

Pepper, Silk, & Ivory: Amazing Stories about Jews and the Far East.



### NONFICTION: BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Adler, Peter. The Miracle of Our Escape.

Eichinger, Judy. Remembering Ruth: A Memoir of Childhood Sibling Loss.

Foer, Esther Safran. I Want You to Know We're Still Here: A Post-Holocaust Memoir.

Gadd, Mara B. The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl.

Gronner, Sam A. Loss & Legacy: The Half-Century Quest to Reclaim a Birthright Stolen by the Nazis.



### RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Sacks, Jonathan. Lessons in Leadership: A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible.

Sacks, Jonathan. Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times.

Solovy, Alden. Jewish Prayers of Hope and Healing.



If you would like to borrow any of these books or DVDs 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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## ANNUAL GIVING

**Susan Adler** in honor of Peter and Ruth Adler  
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**Marion Wolf** in honor of Doug Falk's birthday

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**Marla Levine**

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**Teri Binder** in memory of Muriel Breitkopf, beloved  
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## MUSIC FUND

**Judy Distler** in memory of Sharon Ann Burnston,  
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**Fran LaBarbera** in memory of Sharon Ann  
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beloved wife of George Sturm and mother of  
Max Sturm  
**Howard Lieberman and Jaime Rubin** in honor of  
Doug Falk's birthday  
**Carla and Larry Silver** in memory of Johanna  
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**Karen and Ronald Wertheimer** in memory of  
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**Marla Levine** with gratitude and appreciation for  
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**David and Judy Fox** in memory of Johanna Sturm,  
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## TEMPLE EMETH FUND

**Barbara Balkin and Bill Helfman** wish Doug Falk a  
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**Rachel, Mike, and Amanda Eastman** in memory of  
all those we lost and in honor of all the  
simchas we celebrated in 2022  
**Barbara and Keith Kornfeld** in honor of Suzannah  
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assistance  
**Fran and Frank LaBarbera**  
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Henry Lehmann, beloved father of Jeffrey  
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beloved mother of Nan Lehmann; and Joel  
Rothenberg, beloved father of Nan Lehmann  
**Deborah and Jim Veach** in memory of Deborah's  
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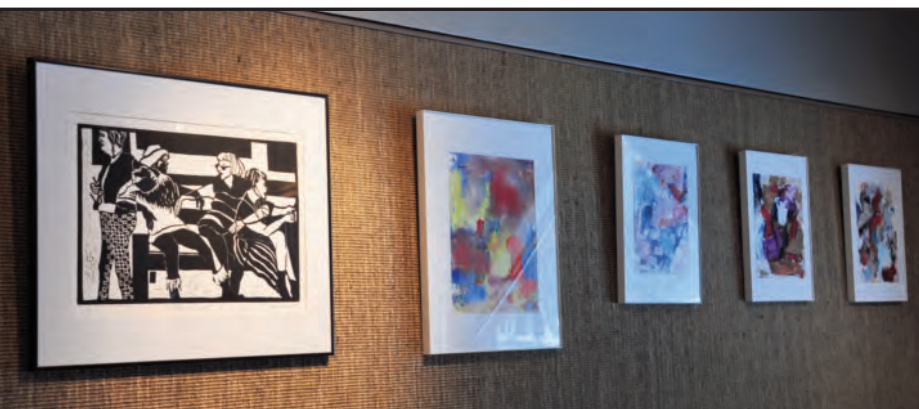
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December 11, 2022  
Classroom pictures of  
3rd, 4th, 5th grade  
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they learned about  
Chanukah and showing off  
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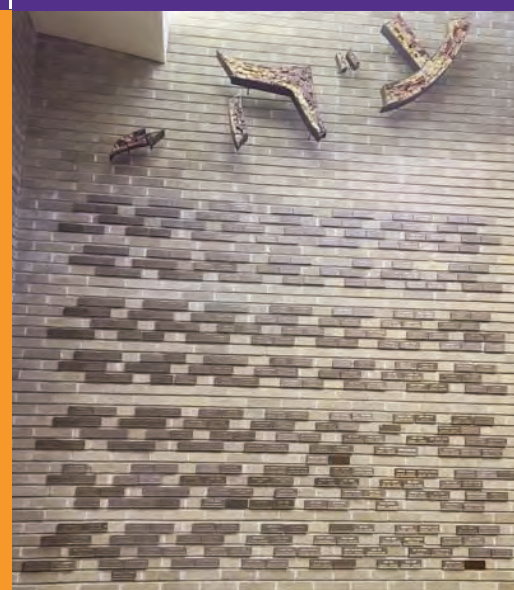
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