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Confirmation Class of 5779

*With pride and love, we invite you to join us
when our children are confirmed*

Jenna Nicole Abrams

Michael Aron Conlon

Emma Marina Raquel Eig

Alexandre Max Kravitz

Evelyn Rose Pierce

Saturday, June 8, 2019

7:45 p.m.

Oneg to follow Shavuot services



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Message From the Rabbi

Tablet Magazine, an online platform which also supports Jewish-themed podcasts, recently published a book entitled, “The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List.” Regardless of your abilities in the kitchen, this volume, edited by Alana Newhouse, is entertaining reading for everyone who likes to eat.

A glance at the table of contents will show some “no-brainers” like challah, brisket, and matzo balls. There are foods with their origins in the Sephardic and Mizrahi communities, such as mufleta, a traditional Moroccan dish for Mimouna (the celebration of the end of Passover); sofrito, a lightly-fried Shabbat dish popular throughout the Sephardic Diaspora; or kubbeh, meat dumplings that give Jerusalem culinary superiority over Tel Aviv.

Some of the foods that made the list are more likely to be found in the kitchen than on the table, such as poppy seeds and kosher salt. And some are not foods at all—for example seltzer, Slivovitz, and wine.

But of the hundred chapters, three stood out to me as especially creative, and therefore debatable. The first was Sweet’N Low, the artificial sweetener first introduced by a Jewish father-and-son team in 1957. The father Benjamin Eisenstadt owned a factory and son Marvin was a chemist. The concoction was first intended for hospitals and pharmacies to be used by diabetics and obese patients. People were soon turning up at the factory asking to buy it in bulk. Today, Sweet’N Low competes for space next to Splenda and Truvia. But, according to the chapter’s author, Daphne Merken, “There’s nothing like a classic.”

Another chapter that stood out to me was “Used Tea

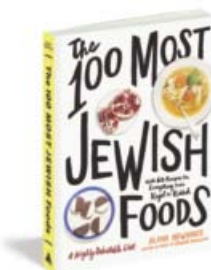
Bag.” Frugality, of course, is not unique to the Jewish people. Nonetheless, a used tea bag on the counter or in a saucer is a legendary occurrence that seems to connect Jewish families. Author Wayne Hoffman speculates that his parents may have only used one teabag for his entire childhood. “Maybe it’s a reflection of the ancient Talmudic principle of *bal tashchit*, preventing needless waste, or perhaps it’s a more generationally specific tendency among children of the Depression.” Either way, as his parents departed his New York apartment at the end of their annual visit, Hoffman, who doesn’t drink tea, still had reservations about throwing their tea bag away.

The most counterintuitive—and entertaining—chapter was on treyf. Yes, treyf. With so many rules dictating what is or is not kosher, there are some Jews who are naturally drawn to the forbidden. Author Liel Liebovitz, writes that anyone who begins keeping kosher mentally divides all non-kosher foods into three categories: “Food I’m Not Likely to Miss,” “Food I’m Somewhat Likely to Miss,” and “Food I Absolutely Could Not Live Without.” In this last category he puts just one item: bacon. In a way that is part restaurant review, part confession, he tells about the first time he had bacon, concluding with the description of how he moved past his culinary Kryptonite.

I liked this book because, even though it has over sixty recipes, it doesn’t feel like a cookbook. Rather it feels like a conversation. And with 100 offerings, there is something for everyone to argue about...and to savor.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



From the Religious School

"Find yourself a teacher; make yourself a friend."

Pirkei Avot - Ethics of the Fathers

We have just finished an exciting year filled with *mitzvot*, learning and friendship. Our students learned new prayers. They studied Torah and Jewish heroes, both ancient and modern. They discussed current events, studied and celebrated Israel, and led *Tfila* (prayer) and *Shira* (song). They learned some modern Hebrew; they danced and sang and experienced Judaism as an exciting, dynamic, and living tradition.

Our Religious School Community, students, teachers and parents, engaged in creative programs that were spiritually enriching. They learned Jewish values that can be integrated into their daily lives as individuals and as a community. Even though our formal school year is ending, your family's Jewish education and identity continues.

In *Pirkei Avot*, Ethics of the Fathers, Rabbi Ben Zoma teaches, "Who is wise? One who learns from every person." The teachers and I have learned so much from our students, and they in turn, can learn so much from home and family. Here are some great ideas to continue Jewish experiences as a family.



Dora Geld Friedman

Create a family tree with pictures and have your child share it with us in September. Set aside time each Friday night to bless your children.

Come to Temple Emeth and enjoy Shabbat together. Bring a friend.

Enjoy and have a healthy and peaceful summer!

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



Teacher
Appreciation
Shabbat on
May 3rd with a
performance by
Etz Chayim.



Yom Hashoah
service and
commemoration
on May 5th with
speaker George
Sturm.



Yom Haatzmaut
celebration with
Rick Abrams

Religious
School
Moving Up
Ceremony on
May 19th.

Message from President Amy Abrams

I must be reaching the natural end of my term, because I'm having trouble coming up with a topic this month.

Part of my problem is that I keep feeling like I should be writing some sort of grand summary, chronicling the last two years for all of you. But I've finally figured out why that doesn't seem like the right thing to do. It just doesn't seem to be that big a step for my presidency to be ending. I've been on the board for over 10 years, and I'll have two more years as Immediate Past President (reputedly the most highly valued title at Temple). It just seems to me that this is a logical continuum, the natural course. The Circle of Life, as it may be. All leaders should work to bring up new leaders and then step aside to make room for them. Otherwise the organization will stagnate.

All the best parts of being President – meeting so many more members of the congregation, trying to turn good ideas into actual events, and so on – are unlikely to stop just because my term is up. In some ways, I'm looking forward to having more unstructured time to work on the fun things that got side-tracked due to mandatory obligations. The experts warned me in advance not to try to do everything, and I guess they were right. I still want to see if we can come up with a few more small group events, whether it's another Havdalah in the Hood as we did last year in Hackensack, a dog park meetup, or Mah Jongg games. So don't look for me to fade quietly into the woodwork. I'm rarely that quiet.

I will admit that I feel pretty good about the condition the Temple is in, both financially and philosophically. The Bergenfield Board of Education has renewed their lease of our classroom wing for another five years. The new ShulCloud program for the office will bring our online options into the 21st century, while also giving us a more up-to-date image and making it easier for all of you to connect with us online. The Making Connections speed meeting at the Milestone Membership Shabbat in May was great fun and seemed to crystallize a sense of community that has been building nicely over the last few years.

The financial pressures are still there, and are likely to always be there more or less, that being the nature of synagogues. The physical plant definitely requires work over the next few years, principally on the roof, which plays directly into the financial issues. It would still be good to find a way to make the bimah accessible (actually, we've found several ways, but they're all really expensive). We love our Religious School, but we would prefer a few more students, in both the regular school and in the ETC programs.

So how do we maintain our momentum for the future? First off, get involved. If you have a good idea for an event or an activity – and I know a lot of you do, because I've heard from some of you – bring it up to someone who can get it on the calendar, and volunteer to be involved with it yourself. If you're not ready to run it, be on the committee putting it together. When you are ready, offer to take charge of something. Find yourself a co-chair, or ask for help finding one. See if you can make a good idea come to fruition! It's a very empowering experience to make something happen that came from your own random thoughts.



Amy Abrams

Once you feel empowered, volunteer a little more. If your head is spinning with ideas, think about getting on the Board. The time commitment is nowhere near as overwhelming as people seem to think, and you'll have an opportunity to have your voice and your ideas heard.

In the meantime, pay attention to what is going on at Temple Emeth. T'rumot Halev works best when the congregation is attentive, curious, questioning, and conversant with whatever the current issues are. Come to the Town Hall meetings and the Annual Meeting and ask about things you don't understand, whether budgetary or policy. Buttonhole a board member ask about what's going on.

And, of course, tell all your friends and neighbors what a wonderful place Temple Emeth is to join!

June is a very busy month, so I hope to see a lot of you a lot of different times. The Musical Tribute to Cantor Tilem will be a fantastic music service at 7:30 p.m. on May 31, organized by Idajean Fisher, and followed on Sunday June 2 by our sold-out gala in honor of Cantor's silver anniversary at Temple Emeth. Our graduating teens will be recognized at the High School Graduation service on June 7, and Confirmation will be celebrated at Erev Shavuot services on Saturday, June 8. June 14 is our Pride Shabbat, with guest speaker Elaine Barrett of PFLAG. And I hope you will all come to the Installation Service on June 21, when our new President Nickie Falk and the rest of our new board will be recognized.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00 for schmoozing and 7:30 for business. Bring your thoughts and questions, so we can keep working together for a stronger, better, brighter Temple Emeth in the coming year.

B'Shalom, Amy



Join us on

Saturday, July 13th
at 6:00 p.m. at
Little Falls' Yogi Berra
Stadium

to watch fireworks and the New Jersey Jackals
play the Quebec Capitales.

The New Jersey Jackals are an American professional baseball team based in Little Falls in Passaic County. The Jackals are members of the Canadian American Association of Professional Baseball, which is an independent baseball league unaffiliated with Major League Baseball. From their inception, the Jackals have played their home games at Yogi Berra Stadium, on the campus of Montclair State University. Their mascot is Jack the Jackal. Tickets are \$12 per person (nonrefundable). Parking is free.

For reservations and information please contact:
Michael Goldberg at jpgr999@aol.com or
Gayle Goldberg at Goldberg.gggg@yahoo.com.

Group tickets deadline date is June 1, 2019.



RSVP

Fill out this RSVP form and return it with \$12 per person by June 1st to the Temple Emeth office, attention: Jackals Baseball Game.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Number attending _____

Total enclosed @\$12 per ticket _____



The Viewpoints
Committee
invites you to join us
on a guided tour of the
exhibit

Stonewall 50 at the
New-York Historical
Society

on **Sunday, June 23rd**
at 11:15 a.m.

This summer the New-York Historical Society on 170 Central Park West at Richard Gilder Way (77th Street) in NYC commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising and the dawn of the gay liberation movement, as New York City welcomes WorldPride, the largest Pride celebration in the world.

Stonewall 50 at the New-York Historical Society features two exhibitions and a special installation, as well as public programs for all ages. The exhibit includes pictures of LGBT nightlife in NYC, images of marches and protests from the sixties to the present, as well as treasures from the Lesbian History Archives.

We will meet at the Museum at 11:15 a.m. The cost of admission is \$25 per adult, \$20 per senior. There is an optional meal at the Museum cafe following the tour. Please return the form below with your check payable to Temple Emeth by June 7th.



For a reservation, contact viewpoints@emeth.org
or return this RSVP form by June 7th to
Temple Emeth Viewpoints.

Name _____

Number attending @\$25 _____ Senior @\$20 _____

Telephone # _____

Email _____

Temple Emeth will Ride to Fight Hunger!



Temple Emeth is joining forces with JFCS (Jewish Family and Children's Services) in their exciting Ninth Annual Wheels-for-Meals Ride on Sunday, June 23, 2019 to raise funds to reduce hunger in our community.



I will be riding on behalf of Temple Emeth and would appreciate your making a donation in support of this wonderful organization and me. Should you want to ride also, please join the "Temple Emeth" team. The ride starts and finishes at Temple Emanu-El in Closter, NJ. and you can choose the distance: 3, 10, 25, or 50 miles.

Donations and registrations can be made at: www.ridetofighthunger.com.

Any questions, please contact Ken Rutz at kdruz1@gmail.com



Temple Emeth Pride Service June 14, 2019

Speaker - Elaine Barrett from PFLAG

Title – I'm Good if They're Happy

Elaine Barrett will speak at the service about the joys and challenges of parenting LGBTQ children. Ms. Barrett has a BS and MS in special education and has taught in that field for many years. She is currently a long-term substitute teacher in elementary schools in Bergen County. She has two children, both of whom are part of the LGBTQ community. Her eldest daughter is part of the queer community in Boston. Her second daughter is a transgender woman living with her wife in NYC. Elaine became involved with PFLAG in 2016 after her daughter transitioned. She is a mentor for the Bergen County chapter of PFLAG and she is proud to have marched in her first NYC Pride parade with her daughter last year.

Social Action in Action

Fighting Hunger in New Jersey

Liz Cohen and Rabbi Ethan Prosnit, Co-Chairs of Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey (RJVNJ, i.e., local RAC), forwarded this news, which I thought was particularly appropriate to pass on to our Temple community.

"One of the first issues that RJVNJ ever addressed in Trenton was hunger in New Jersey. Our synagogues hold food drives, we stock food pantry shelves, and we try to ease the root causes of hunger and food insecurity. And we were reminded in this past week's parshah, Kedoshim, to leave gleanings for the poor and the stranger. Assuring that all have enough to eat is in our DNA.

And so we want to be sure you know that last week Governor Murphy signed a package of bills to break down barriers to healthy food access — impacting over 1 million of our state's residents.

This package of bills and resolutions will:

- Create a grant program to address hunger at colleges and universities.
- Direct the state Department of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to reduce food deserts.
- Establish a farm liaison to the state Department of Agriculture.
- Create an "anti-hunger link" for all state web sites to provide information on emergency food services.
- Establish the New Jersey Food Waste Task Force to find ways to cut down on food waste.
- Create a public awareness campaign for food waste.
- Designate an annual statewide "Food Waste Prevention Day" in September.
- Urge large food retailers in the state to reduce food waste.
- Urge the state's chief innovation officer to include state anti-hunger programs on the NJOneApp.

While RJVNJ did not advocate for these bills, we are thrilled to see our state government address food insecurity and distribution needs in these ways.

The bills were all passed with either unanimous or close to unanimous support by both houses in February and were recently signed into law.

Please reach out to your legislators and/or Governor Murphy to thank them for acting to fight hunger in New Jersey.

You can find contact information at

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp> or call Governor Murphy at 609-292-6000."

Lynn Chaiken

Services and S'machot

27th of Iyar 5779
Friday, May 31st

Shabbat B'chukotai
Shabbat Service - Musical Tribute to
Cantor Tilem at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 1st

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

Torah Portion - B'chukotai: Lev. 26:3-27:34

Haftarah - Jer. 16:19-17:14

5th of Sivan 5779
Friday, June 7th

Shabbat B'midbar
Shabbat Service - Shir Chadash Sings -
Honoring our High School Graduates at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 8th

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

Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation at 7:45 p.m.

Torah Portion - B'midbar: Num. 1:1-4:20

Haftarah - Hos. 2:1-22

12th of Sivan 5779
Friday, June 14th

Shabbat Naso
Shabbat Service - Pride Shabbat at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 15th

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

Torah Portion - Naso: Num. 4:21-7:89

Haftarah - Jud. 13:2-25

19th of Sivan 5779
Friday, June 21st

Shabbat B'haalot'cha
Music Service - Installation of Officers
and Trustees at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22nd

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Gomez

The oneg is sponsored by Tammy Hecht and Pauline and Stan Hecht in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter and granddaughter, Rebecca Gomez
and by the Board of Trustees in honor of the Installation of the 2019-20 Board of Trustees

Torah Portion - B'haalot'cha: Num. 8:1-12:16

Haftarah - Zech. 2:14-4:7

26th of Sivan 5779
Friday, June 28th

Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 29th

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

Torah Portion - Sh'lach L'cha: Num. 13:1-15:41

Haftarah - Josh. 2:1-24

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 27th of Iyyar 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
2 28th of Iyyar 5779 5:00pm - 9:00pm Celebration Honoring Cantor Tilem's 25 Years	3 29th of Iyyar 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	4 1st of Sivan 5779 7:45pm - 9:15pm Adult Education Committee Meeting	5 2nd of Sivan 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	6 3rd of Sivan 5779 7:00pm - 9:00pm One Book, One Community Culminating Event	7 4th of Sivan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service - Shir Chadash Sings - Honoring our HS Graduates 8:07pm Candle Lighting	8 5th of Sivan, Erev Shavuot 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service 7:45pm - 9:00pm Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation
9 6th of Sivan, Shavuot 10:30am - 12:30pm Shavuot Morning Service and Yizkor	10 7th of Sivan, Shavuot	11 8th of Sivan 5779 7:00pm - 9:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting	12 9th of Sivan 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	13 10th of Sivan 5779 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting	14 11th of Sivan 5779 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - Pride Shabbat with guest speaker Elaine Barrett of PFLAG 8:11pm Candle Lighting	15 12th of Sivan 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
16 13th of Sivan 5779 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting	17 14th of Sivan 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	18 15th of Sivan 5779 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered: "Private Benjamin"	19 16th of Sivan 5779	20 17th of Sivan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Book Group Planning Meeting 7:45pm - 8:45pm Board Orientation	21 18th of Sivan 5779 8:00pm - 9:00pm Music Service - Installation of Officers and Trustees 8:13pm Candle Lighting	22 19th of Sivan 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Gomez
23 20th of Sivan 5779 11:15am - 2:15pm Viewpoints Tour of "Stonewall 50" at NY Historical Society	24 21st of Sivan 5779	25 22nd of Sivan 5779 7:30pm - 9:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	26 23rd of Sivan 5779	27 24th of Sivan 5779	28 25th of Sivan 5779 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service 8:13pm Candle Lighting	29 26th of Sivan 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
30 27th of Sivan 5779						

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...

Idajeane Fisher on the loss of her friend, Lee Brady.

Iris Weiss on the loss of her father, Harold Lederman.

Mazel Tov to...

Merri Adler-Ross and Jonathan Ross on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Emerson Ross, son of Jeremy & Hayley Ross.

Get Well Wishes to...

Cindy Simon

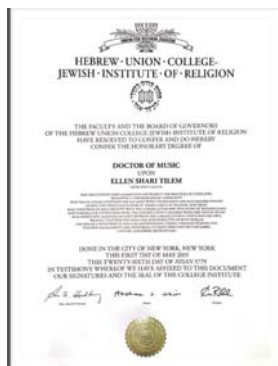
Johanna Sturm

Eva Sandrof



Farewell to
Eric Clark.

Welcome to
our new
accompanist,
Steve Friedes.



Congratulations to
Cantor Ellen Tilem
on receiving her
honorary
doctorate from
HUC-JIR on May 1st.



"MOVIES THAT MATTERED" A Film Series Follow-Up to "The Jewish Experience Through Cinema"



Our journey exploring the Jewish experience in cinema continues with our next
MOVIE THAT MATTERED:

Private Benjamin (1980) - Tuesday, June 18

A Jewish-American princess, Judy Benjamin (Goldie Hawn), is devastated when her husband (Albert Brooks) drops dead on their wedding night. While she grieves, a duplicitous recruiter for the Women's Army Corps convinces her to enlist. Judy thinks her enlistment is like a vacation but Captain Lewis (Eileen Brennan) quickly dashes her hopes of an easy time. As Judy goes through basic training like any other grunt, she becomes a good soldier and develops a sense of self-esteem.

Save the Date! Congregational BBQ Dinner and Shabbat Service

Friday, July 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Extend your Independence Day celebration! Join your Temple Emeth friends for a festive BBQ, followed by a short, family-friendly Shabbat service and Oneg featuring ice cream!



Temple Emeth Intergenerational Community Garden

Peas are climbing the fence, and strawberry plants are blooming with tiny, still-green berries forming. Spinach has sprouted, and collard greens and kale may be ready to harvest. After much delay due to rain, rototilling was finally done on May 16th. About 20 tomato plants will be planted, and we expect them to bear juicy red tomatoes in July. We will tend the garden on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons at 6:00 p.m. through June, July, and August. If you want to be added to our email list to hear about specific upcoming dates, please contact Julie Weisman at julie@flavorganics.com.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Milestone Memories Refresher

By Marion Wolf

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If you would like to commemorate a life cycle event, you may do so by contributing \$25 to the Milestone Memories Book Dedication Program. The money goes into the Library Fund and allows us to purchase a book as a permanent addition to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library. We put a beautiful bookplate with an appropriate inscription in the book. Below is the form you use when participating in this program. Other copies of this form are available from the office. We'd also be glad to email this form individually to you. As ever we thank you for your support.

Name of Donor _____ Contribution of \$25 _____

Inscription on Book Plate _____ Recipient Name _____

_____ Address _____

Type of Book to be purchased: Adult _____ Children's _____ Reference _____

Annual Congregational Passover Seder April 20, 2019



Thanks to Rachel and Mike Eastman,
Marc Klausner, and Richard Buchbinder.



Making Connections

Museum Exhibit Opening May 17, 2019 2019 Member Showcase

Participating artists:

Barbara Balkin	Joan Knauer
Nickie Falk	Eley Kohn
Leslee Fetner	Sandy Loft
Lynne Graizel	Jennifer Maddock
Arlene Hirschfelder	Ron Maddock
Dennis Hirschfelder	Eva Sandrof



Meet the Artist Reception

Milestone Membership Shabbat May 17, 2019 Celebrating our Members



Rachel Maddock, speaker



Marilyn Shapiro, organizer



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ADULT EDUCATION FUND

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June and Victor Cohen in memory of Roberta Tilem, mother of Peter Tilem and mother-in-law of Cantor Ellen Tilem

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Sharon Friedson in memory of Roberta Tilem, mother of Peter Tilem and mother-in-law of Cantor Ellen Tilem

Naomi Blumenfeld sends congratulations to Cantor Tilem and thanks for her inspiration

Janis Hoey

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FUND

Joan Rubenstein in memory of her mother, Beatrice H. Abrams

EMETH TEEN COMMUNITY FUND

Gayle and Michael Goldberg wishing Mazel Tov to Bryan Ginsberg on becoming a Bar Mitzvah wishing Mazel Tov to Rebecca Gomez on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

ILANA HED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Stella and Sheldon Burnston in honor Mora Dora's contributions to Temple Emeth

LIBRARY FUND

Teri Binder in honor of the birth of Merri Adler-Ross and Jonathan Ross's grandson, Zachary in honor of the birth of Eva and Larry Tobias's grandson, Zigi

in memory of Carmen Radecki Breitkopf, daughter-in-law of Muriel and Lyle Breitkopf
Brenda and Bill Weiss in memory of Carmen Radecki Breitkopf, daughter-in-law of Muriel and Lyle Breitkopf sending healing thoughts and well wishes to Ruth Adler

MUSEUM FUND

Sandy and Herb Loft in appreciation of Barbara Balkin and all she does

MUSIC FUND

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Leslee and Gerald Fetner in memory of their uncle, Murray Serether

Judy and Walter Distler welcoming Zachary Emerson into the world, and sending congratulations to his grandparents, Merri Adler-Ross and Jon Ross

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Summary of Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019

Committee Reports. It was noted that Committee reports had been circulated. There were no questions regarding the reports.

Rabbi's Report. The Rabbi stated that Cantor Tilem's mother-in-law has passed away and gave details regarding Shiva. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to make a donation in her memory to a fund to be designated by the Rabbi and the Board President.

The Rabbi reported on the luncheon in honor of Morah Dora and noted that a good time was had by all attendees. The Rabbi reminded the Board of upcoming events and encouraged everyone to attend. He also announced that the Temple's accompanist, Eric Clark, was leaving and would be giving a farewell performance after services on April 26.

The Rabbi also reported on the Daffodil Project, daffodils planted in memory of children who died in the Holocaust – the Temple planted 75 bulbs in October, and they bloomed. He noted that the Religious School Yom HaShoah service will be on May 5, 2019.

Treasurer Report. Gary Richards reported that the Finance Committee was still working on the balance sheet clean up and the budget. He expected to have the budget ready for the May Board meeting

Financial Secretary Report. Michael Robinson reported that of the total of \$474,000 in total voluntary commitments for the current year, the amount paid to date is approximately 87% and only 5% of members are in arrears on their chosen schedule for the payment of their voluntary commitments. He also noted that there was one new member in the month of April.

Nominating Committee Report. Marc Chelemer reviewed the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee. A motion was made by Marc Chelemer to approve the slate of officers and new board members and was seconded by Danielle Feuer. There was no further

discussion and the Board approved it unanimously, with one abstention (Marc Chelemer). Marc then thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Report on New Accompanist. Michael Goldberg reported that the new accompanist, Steve Friedes, has been retained on the same terms as the prior accompanist, as previously approved.

Report on Lease with Bergenfield BOE. Risa Rosenberg reported on the status of discussion for an extended lease with the Bergenfield Board of Education. The BOE has made clear that they are eager to go forward, as is the Temple. Procedurally, there will be a new 5-year lease. The terms under discussion include small increases in the rent and minor adjustments in other provisions but are generally substantially similar to the existing lease.

Risa Rosenberg made a motion that the Board approve entry into a new 5-year lease with the Bergenfield Board of Education on substantially the same terms as the current lease with at least the same rent or a higher rent. After a brief discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

President's Report. Amy Abrams reported on the upcoming Gala Dinner in honor of Cantor Tilem

Report on Constitutional Changes & Policy Manual. A committee consisting of Nicole Falk, Jill Kantor, and Howard Lieberman have been reviewing the Policy Manual and the Temple's Constitution to ensure that they are up to date and consistent with actual practice. They reported that there are some changes which need to be made to the Constitution. The changes were discussed.

Nicole Falk made a motion for the Board to accept the changes suggested by the Committee and recommended those changes be presented at the annual meeting of the Congregation for approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Risa Rosenberg
Secretary

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