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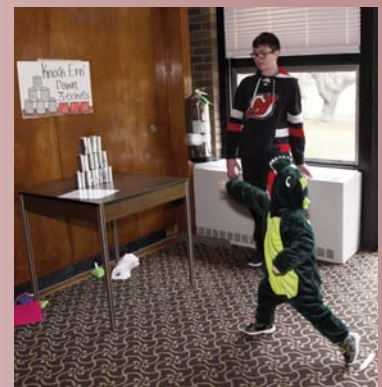
Adar/Nisan 5780 March 2020

PURIM FUN

Shalach Manot packing March 5th
Purim Carnival and Shalach Manot
delivery March 8th

Purim Megillah Reading and
Costume Parade March 9th

JOIN US!



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A large, ornate clock face mounted on a wall, featuring a central sun-like emblem and surrounded by colorful stained glass windows. The clock face is circular with a yellow center and a black outer ring containing numbers. The wall is made of light-colored stone or brick, and the overall atmosphere is warm and historical.

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Message From the Cantor

Purim, A Celebration of Hidden Miracles

As we read the Megillah, The Book of Esther, we might expect the text to be replete with descriptions of the miracle of Haman's defeat while giving credit to God, the Creator of all miracles. Yet what we find is very different. God's name is not mentioned even once in the entire narrative. The Megillah is a great dichotomy, where the hero is always hidden, while being most central figure of the entire story.

Of course, not everyone who reads the Megillah will notice God's subtle yet compelling presence. The events that He orchestrated are covered with many layers of seeming coincidence, political machinations, and natural cause and effect. The Sages refer to Haman's defeat as a "hidden miracle," meaning that it is within our ability to appreciate the multi-layered reality unfolded before us or just as easily, to deny it and attribute everything to chance.

This brings us to an important question: Why would God simultaneously conceal and reveal His presence? Why not rescue the Jews through a thunder and lightning extravaganza much like the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai?

To answer this question, we must first ask a far more fundamental one: Why is the world so complex, so full of apparent contradictions? The world has intricate order and awesome beauty, yet at the same time there is chaos and unspeakable horror.

It is our choice to us to look deeply into our world and acknowledge both aspects of reality. It is tempting to take refuge in superficial simplification and ignore the cracks in our world.

Still, we find that every so often God opens the gates wide enough to give us a message that can sustain us when things seem hopeless. When we allow ourselves, we can find the blessing in denying bitterness and

jaded cynicism. We can look through a uniquely Jewish lens and see that chaos and order in fact do co-exist, and that each one has a purpose. We are meant to meet the challenges presented by life, while simultaneously finding inspiration in the beauty and joy that exists in our lives.



Cantor Ellen Tilem

The goal here is to keep close ties with God even when God has been seemingly silent in your life, to see God's hidden hand and remain strong even in times when God seems invisible, just as Esther and the Jews of Shushan did.

In these times we, too, have to find God, who may not speak directly to us but who makes His presence known in other ways.

Esther held onto her faith even when everything seemed lost. How often it happens that God seems absent from the canvas of our lives, or we feel that God is ignoring our prayers and hiding His face from us!

We must continue to hold on to faith, searching and even longing for a connection to God and patiently waiting to hear God's voice. Ultimately each one of us has our own personal connection to God. We have all been blessed at least once in our lives to hear God's voice. When things seem the darkest that is when we need to search the hardest for God.

God says to us, "I am here now, as I have been all along, and I will always be here for you. Not just when the Sea splits, when pure evil is defeated or when My presence overwhelms you, but when you choose to see Me."

This is the essential message of Purim. It is about making that choice, the most significant and joyous choice you will ever make.

Wishing you and your families a Purim Sameach!

Cantor Ellen Tilem

From the Religious School

Be Happy – It's Adar!

Our Family Education programs are a rich source for parents and students to learn and experience the study of Torah, Ethics & Values, and Holiday Celebrations.

On Sunday, February 9 our 4th and 5th grade families explored the topic of Tu B'Shevat and the environment. Mora Nancy Scher informed our families of the upcoming World Zionist congress election in Israel. She encouraged our families to vote as this is our only democratic opportunity to influence Israeli society towards equality, pluralism, and tolerance. Voting is open until March 11, 2020. Learn more at ZionistElection.org. Our Family Ed celebration of Israel continued with a delicious Tu B'Shevat seder led by Cantor Tilem, Adam Kohane, and our Religious School teachers.

Our curriculum is enhanced with a variety of heritage arts. On March 4th Danielle Feuer will facilitate a hands-on YAD workshop for 6th and 7th grade stu-

dents. Our Purim celebration begins with the annual Purim Carnival on March 8. Come in costume for a morning of games, hamentashen, friendship, and fun!

Also that day, tell a friend about Holiday Family Fun for children ages 4 – 7 (with a parent) from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. The event is free, but please RSVP to our office. Finally, on Monday evening March 9 at 7:00 p.m., celebrate Purim at the Megillah Reading and Purim Service. Cantor Tilem, Amanda Eastman, and ETC students have been busy planning a special evening!

Our Religious School grows as a warm and caring community with hopes of creating meaningful Jewish memories and a lifelong appreciation of the richness and joy of our traditions. And that's the best part!



Dora Geld Friedman

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



CELEBRATE PURIM AT TEMPLE EMETH!



Temple Emeth Religious School invites children ages 4 – 7 with a parent to "Purim Family Fun" on Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Join us and enjoy a morning of music, stories, dance, crafts and delicious Purim treats! Free admission but RSVP is required 201.833.8466

Carnival 10:00 - 11:00 tickets will be available for purchase at the door.



Tu
B'Shevat
seder on
February
9th

Message from President Nickie Falk

Thanks for Stepping Up to the Plate

Take away the booze and replace it with prayer, and Temple Emeth reminds me of “Cheers,” a bar in Boston, Massachusetts, where a group of locals met to drink, relax, and socialize on a television sitcom that ran for 11 years beginning in 1982. I am happy to say that our doors have been open for nearly 75 years! And while most of the action in Cheers took place in one room—the bar—at Temple Emeth, our action takes place within our entire building, and beyond. What also makes us so special is how we step up to the proverbial plate.

To continue the baseball theme, those of you familiar with Cheers will recall that its main character, bartender Sam Malone, was a relief pitcher for the Boston Red Sox. A relief pitcher enters the game after the starting pitcher is removed because of injury, fatigue, or some other strategic reason.



Nickie Falk

In our case, our pitcher—Rabbi Steven Sirbu—was temporarily taken out of the “game” because of his sabbatical. And how blessed we are to have more than one Sam Malone in our midst!

Since January, members have, indeed, stepped up to the plate to help out in the Rabbi’s absence. I am so grateful for their support and want to thank them for their hard work during the last three months. (Rabbi Sirbu will return at the end of March.) When you run into them at Temple Emeth while relaxing, socializing, or praying, please extend your thanks and a *Yasher Koach* for a job well done!

Torah Readers

Marc Chelemer
Amanda Eastman
Rachel Eastman
Idajean Fisher
Art Lerman
Linda Poskanzer
Marion Wolf

Darshan

Marc Chelemer
Rachel Eastman
Doug Falk

Wendy Filowitz
Idajean Fisher
Gayle Goldberg
Michael Goldberg
Jacqueline Guttman
Adam Kohane
Art Lerman
Linda Poskanzer

Singers

Amanda Eastman
Marc Klausner

Readers

Marc Chelemer
Doug Falk
Idajean Fisher
Gayle Goldberg
Michael Goldberg
Arnie Graber
Pauline Hecht
Art Lerman
Linda Poskanzer

Torah Study

Stacey Butler
Amanda Eastman
Idajean Fisher
Arnie Graber
Martin Kasdan
Art Lerman
Elaine Nissen
Linda Poskanzer

Lunch and Learn

Andy Benesch
Carlene Fleishman
Arnie Graber
Paul Kaufman
Art Lerman
Linda Poskanzer
Marion Wolf

Special thanks to Arnie Graber, who helped coordinate our Torah Study and Lunch and Learn presenters during the Rabbi’s absence. And as always, to Cantor Ellen Tilem who helped out in a pinch. We really are the place where “everyone knows your name.”



Temple Emeth Spring Gala Starlight 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020



Please join us in celebrating Marc Chelemer, Past President and Devotion Award Recipients:
Barbara Balkin and Carlene Fleishman by purchasing an ad or tribute in the Spring Gala Journal.

___ \$750 Outside Back Cover

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pdf or jpeg file to adjournal@emeth.org)

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or make your check payable to Temple Emeth and mail with the completed form, to:
Temple Emeth / 1666 Windsor Road / Teaneck, NJ 07666 / Attn: 2020 Spring Gala
Contributions to the Journal are tax deductible.

Ad Deadline – May 8, 2020

QUESTIONS:

Contact Gayle and Michael Goldberg, Ad Journal Chairs at adjournal@emeth.org



YOU ARE INVITED TO A
Temple Emeth

Potluck Dinner and Music Service

on **March 20, 2020**

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share.
Please RSVP to Joy and Dan Firshein:
Firshein@gmail.com for details
by March 16, 2020



**Sunday,
March 15
at 2:00 p.m.**

Israeli Film Series

“DIMONA TWIST” A FILM BY MICHAL AVIAD

Seven women arrive in Israel in the 1950s and 60s and are sent straight to Dimona, a new town in the middle of the desert. Their life stories have never been told before from their perspectives. They open up now and talk about the pain of leaving their homes in North Africa and Poland, the difficulties of adjusting in their new homeland and their determined attempts to create rich and meaningful lives.



This program is free and open to the community.
You just have to let us know that you're coming.
Please RSVP your name to Viewpoints@emeth.org
or give us a call at 201.833.1322

TEMPLE
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Temple Emeth Spring Gala
Starlight 2020
Saturday, June 13, 2020



Dear Temple Members, Friends, and Supporters of Our Honorees,

We hope you will join us on Saturday evening, June 13, 2020, as we celebrate our Past President Marc Chelemer 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
- Golf instruction
- A week at a timeshare or vacation home
- A meal in your home prepared by a Temple "chef" or wine/cheese/gourmet food
- Tickets to a Broadway show, sporting event, or concert
- A car service to an airport
- Hand-made or one-of-a-kind items
- A massage, make-over, or day at a spa
- Spring clean-up or de-cluttering services
- Theme-based gift baskets of smaller items

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, email or text us with any questions.

Thank you,

Nancy Wolinsky

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Jodee Fink

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Silent Auction Co-Chairs

*All donors will be recognized in the auction catalog and will receive documentation of their gift for tax purposes.

Temple Emeth Spring Gala / Silent Auction –
June 13, 2020

YES, I will be happy to contribute (goods and/or services) valued at _____ to the Silent Auction.

Name _____

I may be reached at: Telephone: _____

Email _____

(To discuss drop-off or pick-up of goods.)

TEMPLE EMETH SPRING GALA
STARLIGHT 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020



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Jodee Fink – jodeefink@yahoo.com

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Services and S'machot

11th of Adar 5780
Friday, March 6th

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

Oneg is sponsored by Mike and Amanda Eastman in honor of Rachel's 60th birthday

Saturday, March 7th

Torah Study taught by Rabbi Sharon Litwin
at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - T'tzaveh: Ex. 27:20-30:10

Haftarah - I Sam. 15:2-34

13th of Adar 5780
Monday, March 9th

Purim Service and Megillah Reading at 7:00 p.m.

18th of Adar 5780
Friday, March 13th

Shabbat Parah
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14th

Collaborative Torah Study with Professor
Jeffrey Rubenstein at Temple Sinai at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Sinai
at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Ki Tisa: Ex. 30:11-34:35

Haftarah - Ezekiel 36:22-36

25th of Adar 5780
Friday, March 20th

Shabbat HaChodesh
Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21st

Torah Study taught by Amanda Eastman
at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Vayak'heil/P'kudei: Ex. 35:1-40:38

Haftarah - Ezekiel 45:16-25

3rd of Nisan 5780
Friday, March 27th

Shabbat Vayikra
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28th

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

Torah Portion - Vayikra: Lev. 1:1-5:26

Haftarah - Isaiah 43:21-44:23

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 10:00am - 11:00am Caring Committee Meeting @ Library	2 6th of Adar 5780	3 7th of Adar 5780 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education with Cantor Tilem (Make-Up Date) @ Youth Lounge	4 8th of Adar 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: "Pirkei Avot 5:17 and 5:18," taught by Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room	5 9th of Adar 5780 1:00pm - 7:00pm Shalach Manot Packing @ Social Hall 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officers' Meeting @ Lounge	6 10th of Adar 5780 5:35pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary 9:00pm - 10:00pm Oneg in honor of Rachel Eastman's 60th Birthday @ Sanctuary	7 11th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study taught by Rabbi Sharon Litwin @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
8 12th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 9:00am - 12:00pm Shalach Manot Distribution @ Museum 9:45am - 12:00pm Combined ETC: Purim Carnival 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting @ Library 10:00am - 11:00am Purim Carnival @ Social Hall	9 13th of Adar, Erev Purim 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Purim Service and Megillah Reading @ Sanctuary	10 14th of Adar, Purim 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered @ Social Hall	11 15th of Adar 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: "My Visit to my Father's Hometown and a Bit of Polish Jewish History," taught by Andy Benesch @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ Lounge 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	12 16th of Adar 5780 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ Youth Lounge	13 17th of Adar 5780 6:43pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary 9:00pm - 10:00pm Oneg Shabbat @ Social Hall	14 18th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Collaborative Adult Ed Event at Temple Sinai @ Out of building 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Sinai @ Out of building
15 19th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 2:00pm - 4:00pm Viewpoints Israeli Film Series: "Dimona Twist" @ Social Hall	16 20th of Adar 5780 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	17 21st of Adar 5780 7:30pm - 8:30pm Simchat Chochma with Cantor Tilem @ Youth Lounge	18 22nd of Adar 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: Make-Up Date @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	19 23rd of Adar 5780 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "There, There" @ Library	20 24th of Adar 5780 6:00pm - 7:30pm Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner @ Social Hall 6:51pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Music Service @ Sanctuary	21 25th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study: "Chosenness," taught by Amanda Eastman @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
22 26th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 2:00pm - 3:00pm "Voices Lost" Flute Recital @ Social Hall	23 27th of Adar 5780 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	24 28th of Adar 5780 7:30pm - 8:30pm Simchat Chochma with Cantor Tilem (Make-Up Date) @ Youth Lounge	25 29th of Adar 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	26 1st of Nisan 5780	27 2nd of Nisan 5780 6:58pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	28 3rd of Nisan 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
29 4th of Nisan 5780 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room	30 5th of Nisan 5780 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	31 6th of Nisan 5780				

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

Good & Welfare

*The congregation mourns the loss of
Simmie Portnoy and sends condolences
to her family.*

Condolences to...

***Phyllis Friedland** on the loss of her brother,
Allan Gelbart.*

Mazel Tov to...

***Sue and Phil Keusch** on the birth of their
granddaughter, **Violet Keusch** and to her
parents, **Amanda Warner** and **Peter Keusch.***

Voices Lost...Voices Born: Music by Jewish Composers of the Holocaust Era

Carol Shansky, flute

and **Amber Liao**, piano



present a program of music by composers living and writing during and, for some, just after the Holocaust. Several of these composers were murdered in concentration camps and never had the opportunity to have their musical voices heard widely. Some survived occupation and hiding, their music reflecting the spirit of continued creative artistry despite the tragedy.

Concert on

Sunday March 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Refreshments to follow.

Questions? Call the Temple office 201-833-1322
or

Email admin@emeth.org

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



The next movie is
"The Big Lebowski" on Tuesday,
March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Bowling buddies (Jeff Bridges, John Goodman) become involved with a multimillionaire and his family wanted by mobsters in 1990s Los Angeles.

Upcoming movies:

"Denial" on May 21

"Boys from Brazil" on June 9.

Social Action in Action

Mitzvah of the Month - we will donate food to the Jewish Federation of North Jersey and have a special collection of kosher food to donate to the Jewish Family Service (JFS). JFS has requested that no matzoh be donated to any Pesach food drive.

Coat drive - All coats collected at our recent coat drive have been distributed to needy individuals or to institutions which will locate appropriate recipients.

Helping Hands Food Pantry is moving to 1400 Palisade Ave. in Teaneck.

Family Promise - We will be hosting two families for the Family Promise project.

Environmental issues - A forum was held at Fairleigh Dickinson University about dangerous oil trains. The forum dealt with local communities' desire for more detailed information from the railroads. These communities want the railroads to provide train schedules, as well as the contents of rail cars passing through town. A bill in the legislature which would increase oil train safeguards failed to be posted for a vote by the full Assembly in the recently-concluded session, so it needs to be re-introduced. A bill was passed in the legislature and signed by the governor which would make it easier for citizens to own electric cars in the state. Among other things, the bill will increase the number of charging stations on the state's roads and offer rebates and tax credits to purchasers and those who lease electric cars.

RAC-New Jersey is hosting an Advocacy Day in Trenton on Monday, March 16th. Paul Kaufman invited members of the committee to come to this event and to let him know if they will be attending.

Immigration - The Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition currently has five clients. The greatest need is for housing for these clients, and that has been difficult to obtain.

Food Waste - we will be co-sponsoring with B'Yachad a program on Sunday morning, April 19th, which will feature the film "Just Eat It," about a couple who finds a way to live for six months without buying food. The film will be followed by a panel discussion on food waste. Thus far the panel members will consist of Paul Kaufman, who will describe the environmental impact of wasted food; Janice Preschel, to offer the food pantry perspective on food waste; and, we hope a nutritionist who will offer the true meaning of "sell by," and "best if used by" labels on food products.

The next Social Action meeting will take place on
Sunday, March 8 at 9:45 a.m.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

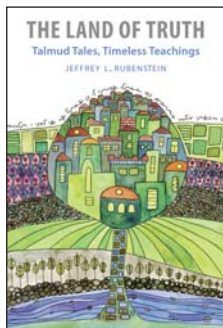
Monthly News Update: Stories, Old and New

By Marion Wolf

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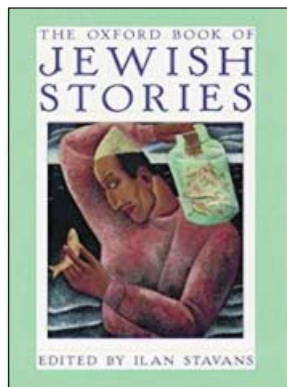
We have three marvelous new additions to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library. One is a collection of Talmudic tales. A second is an anthology of Jewish short stories from the last 150 years or so. The third contains tiny masterpieces by a modern-day Israeli author.



Jeffrey L. Rubenstein, Skirball Professor of Talmud and Rabbinic Literature at New York University, is the author of The Land of Truth: Talmud Tales, Timeless Teachings. Professor Rubenstein presents both famous and little-known stories from the Talmud. Some of these narra-

tives are only a few lines long, and for the uninitiated, they can be baffling. But the author is a masterful guide, who analyzes these stories in their original context and examines them from all different angles. The meaning of these stories becomes clear and their continued relevance apparent. A confrontation between King Yannai and the Rabbinic judges sheds light on conflicts between the executive and judicial branches of our own government. The story of Honi's 70-year sleep can teach us not only about the indignities of aging but also about caring for the environment. Rubenstein offers insights into suffering, humor, love, and truth in this wonderful book that makes the world of the Talmud accessible to modern readers.

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. Stavan 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 anti-Semitism, assimilation, interreligious relations, mysticism, and the tension between politics and faith.”

Fly Already is the work of Etgar Keret, whose memoir Seven Good Years is also in our library. Keret's absurd, sad yet funny, very short stories have been translated into over four dozen languages. Says A. M. Homes, “I am in awe of Keret's ability to make me laugh and cry simultaneously, and explore the joy and horror of everyday life with precision, brevity, and great psychological depth.” And George Saunders comments, “There is a sweet-heartedness and wisdom and eloquence and transcendence in his stories.” With his tiny tales, Keret takes riders for a pretty wild ride.



Come to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library to find stories to suit every taste.

SHALACH MANOT



If you've helped with Shalach Manot in the past, you know how much fun it is to spend time with Temple friends, schmooze, and assemble the baskets. If you haven't participated in the past, come and join us on Thursday, March 5th, at 1:30 and be part of the Shalach Manot magic! This makes a great community service project for middle school and high school students! We also need volunteers to deliver baskets in Bergen County on Sunday, March 8th. Please contact us at shalachmanot@emeth.org.

Shel & Jeff Grossman
Co-Chairs

CONTRIBUTIONS

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Gayle and Michael Goldberg wishing a Happy Special Birthday to Carlene Fleishman
Linda Poskanzer and Paul Rosenberg on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Paul's mother, Frances Rosenberg
 on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Linda's aunt Molly Taner
Carla and Larry Silver in honor of Aaron Breznick's engagement
Wendy and Dan Dessanti in celebration of Linda Poskanzer's birthday

ILANA HED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Mora Dora in memory of Jacqueline Arams' beloved father, Gabriel Weingarten
Mora Dora and Reb Yossi in honor & celebration of Linda Poskanzer's 80th birthday

PAUL S. LAZAR CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Nancy Mednick in memory of her mother, Louise Norman

TEMPLE EMETH FUND

Wendy and Dan Dessanti in deepest sympathy on the loss of Jacqueline Arams' father, Gabriel Weingarten
Fran LaBarbera

TEMPLE EMETH BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Naomi Blumenfeld sends congratulations to Sue and Phil Keusch on the birth of their granddaughter
Nickie and Doug Falk wishing Mazel Tov to Sue and Phil Keusch on the birth of their granddaughter, Violet
Sue and Phil Keusch in honor of their new granddaughter Violet Keusch and her parents, Amanda Warner and Peter Keusch in memory of Phil's father, Aaron Keusch

VIEWPOINTS

Nickie and Doug Falk in memory of Nickie's father, Meyer Millman

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Barbara and Michael Bias in memory of Barbara's mother, Ruth Pasvoll
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Marian and Rubin Ferziger in memory of Rubin's father, Solomon Z. Ferziger
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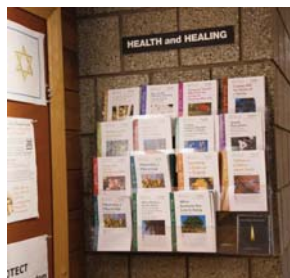
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Summary of Minutes from the January 9, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting

Treasurer's Report - Gary Richards presented a report that showed gross income and expenses for all the dedicated funds. Discussion about some of the funds ensued.

- Defibrillator Fund is for batteries, trainings, and pads.
- Some funds are not strictly applicable anymore (e.g., scholarship; Kallah).
- Nickie said Board liaison should advise their committee(s) if funds are running low.
- Questions arose about the possibility of combining some of the related funds.
- Gary said he would research any restrictions on funds.

Financial Secretary's Report – Alan Winters

- \$491K was pledged as the voluntary commitment and \$390K has been collected to date (80%).
- 126 members committed to contributing more than the previous year; 40 members are giving less than they had the previous year.
- 9 members resigned.
- There are 28 new members.

Administrator's Report – Submitted by Suzannah Mercado.

- A number of coats were made available to the Social Action Committee for charitable donations.
- There is turnover in custodians which is not unusual; program organizers need to provide very specific setup requirements and need to arrive early to double check room setups.
- There was discussion about a flashing blue light outside the building on the school wing. When flashing, it means an alarm was triggered, and we should not enter. This alarm is maintained by the Bergenfield Board of Education. This alarm is maintained by the Bergenfield Board of Education. Recently, it was flashing when parents arrived with their children for Sunday Religious School. Mora Dora was informed by Michael Robinson, a member of temple's Security Committee, what caused the

issue and that it was safe for our children to enter. Mora Dora was outside the building welcoming students and letting them know all was ok. The problem was caused by a robocall generated by the Bergenfield School system. The head of Bergenfield's Security Department has fixed the robocall issue and also indicated a willingness to be called on his cell phone anytime, including weekends, to help resolve any issues.

Security discussion

- There was a wide-ranging discussion of current security measures and the advisability and costs of considering other security options.
- It was determined that better training and documentation for the greeters is needed.
- The Board emphasized the need to remind congregants not to hold the front door open for anyone they don't know. Nickie said she would add to Bimah announcements.

Nominating Committee - Nickie Falk made a motion, approved unanimously, to appoint the following people for this year's Nominating Committee:

- Amy Abrams, Chair
- Rachel Eastman
- Larry Silver
- David Wolinsky
- Karen Wertheimer (Board member)
- Michael Goldberg (Board alternate)
- Miriam D'Adolf (non-Board alternate)

Short announcements

- Mike Goldberg previewed upcoming B'yachad events
- More people are needed for the Purimspiel
- Nickie Falk and Bob Kahn attended a Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey workshop on Small Group Engagement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Kahn
Secretary



Pink Shabbat Service
February 14,
A Service for Breast Cancer Awareness
with
Doug Falk,
Stacey Butler,
Cantor Tilem,
and Nickie Falk



Opera Shabbaton of Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore" organized by Elaine Bergman, with lecturer David Rosenmeyer.
February 15, 2020



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