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Purim Celebrations

The Whole Megillah: Purim Across Bergen



Shalach Manot packing March 10th at 1:30 p.m. Delivery March 13th from 9:00 a.m. to noon
See page 8 for details



Purim Carnival at Temple Avodat Shalom at 10 a.m. on March 13th

Purim Service and Megillah Reading
March 16th at 7:00 p.m.



OPEN TO ALL / NO COST

For event details, streaming links, COVID-19 policy and to RSVP:
<https://www.avodatshalom.net/form/purim-weekend.html>

THE WHOLE MEGILLAH: PURIM ACROSS BERGEN

A Weekend of Prayer, Learning and Fun for all Ages!

Collaborative series co-hosted by the Reform Synagogues of Bergen County

Kol Dorot - Oradell
Temple Sinai - Tenafly
Temple Emeth - Teaneck

Barnert Temple - Franklin Lakes
Congregation Adas Emuno - Leonia
Temple Avodat Shalom - River Edge
Beth Haverim Shir Shalom - Mahwah

Friday, March 11

8pm EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Streaming from and in person @ Temple Emeth

Saturday, March 12

9am TORAH STUDY & 10:30 SHABBAT ZACHOR SERVICE
Zoom event via Temple Sinai

Sunday, March 13

9:30am GUEST SPEAKER RABBI SALLY PRIESAND
(America's 1st Ordained Female Rabbi)
Zoom event via Barnert Temple

9:30am TOT PURIM CARNIVAL

In person @ Temple Avodat Shalom

10am RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FAMILY PURIM CARNIVAL

In person @ Temple Avodat Shalom

1pm TEEN SOCIAL EVENT

In person @ Kol Dorot

REFORM SYNAGOGUES OF BERGEN COUNTY
COMMUNITY TEEN PURIM
GRADES 8-12
SUN 3-13-22 1-3PM

video games, carnival games,
cotton candy, pizza, **Purim**, fun.

@ Kol Dorot
660 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell

All are welcome. Free event. Vaccination required.
RSVP requested: tinyurl.com/ybk74952

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June	May 15	June 1	June 10	June 17

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

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

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Message From the Rabbi

As our Temple continues to rebound from the coronavirus pandemic, I am pleased that another beloved Temple event has been restored to our calendar.

The Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence weekend usually takes place in March of odd-numbered years. After a year's delay while the building was closed, I'm pleased to announce that Rabbi Eric B.

Wisnia has agreed to serve as our scholar on the weekend of March 25-27. Rabbi Wisnia recently retired after over 40 years in the rabbinate, most of them at Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction.

I have known Rabbi Wisnia since I arrived in New Jersey eighteen years ago. He understands the many paths a spiritual journey can take and how Reform Jews often approach our tradition with various assumptions, questions, and challenges. This will be the topic of his first three presentations as our scholar.

Rabbi Wisnia is also a scholar of the Civil War, which will be the topic of his fourth and final presentation with us. In 2015, he was our guest speaker for a speech he called "An Impartial Jewish View of the War of Yankee Aggression." He appeared on a recent episode of Dara Horn's "[Adventures with Dead Jews](#)" podcast, sharing his experience wandering the streets of New Orleans in search of the former home of Confederate Secretary of State [Judah P. Benjamin](#).

Rabbi Wisnia is a wonderful raconteur. His exaggerated style and his use of puns make him a joy to listen to. Here is his list of topics:

- Shabbat Evening Sermon, March 25 at 8:00 pm: "Prayers don't change things. Prayers

change people, and people change things."

- Torah Study Session, March 26 at 9:00 am: "Parashat Sh'mini and the Laws of Kashrut"
- Shabbat Afternoon Presentation, March 26 at 1:00 pm: "We should take Torah seriously. We should not take Torah literally."
- Sunday Morning Presentation, March 27 at 11:00 am: "Jews Owned Slaves?"



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

There are two important changes to note for our first Scholar-in-Residence of the Covid era. One is that the schedule of meals has been modified to reflect increased cost and our protocols for serving food at congregational meals. The other is that all of Rabbi Wisnia's sessions

will be online. Torah study will be on Zoom and the three other sessions will be on livestream. In this way we continue to strive to be as inclusive as possible.

I would like to thank the committee, chaired by David Fox, for its hard work in putting this weekend together. Often the key elements of the weekend are determined a year in advance. Because of uncertainty around Covid, most of the big decisions were made only two or three months ago. The committee's flexibility, diligence, and enthusiasm has enabled us to have this wonderful event.

One last note. The icing on the cake perhaps. Rabbi Wisnia knew Rabbi Sigel well. They overlapped for about 15 years as members of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Association of Reform Rabbis. We are sure to hear some wonderful memories of Rabbi Sigel, who led Temple Emeth from 1960 to 1992, as we gather for this weekend of scholarship and community.

For more details and the RSVP for the Scholar-in-Residence Weekend see page 9.

From the Religious School

Be Happy – It's Adar II!

This year, 5782 is a leap year in the Jewish calendar - Adar I and Adar II - double the time for happiness and joy! As we approach the celebration of Purim (14th day of Adar II), which this year is on March 17th, we are challenged as a Jewish community to have a more connected and meaningful Jewish life.

Our students in grades K – 7 learn that on Purim, as on other holidays, we share our joy with others by doing *mitzvot*, sharing food with friends and family, and *tzedakah*, contributing money that is collected every class meeting and disbursed at the end of the year to a variety of causes.

It is in that spirit of sharing the joy of Purim with friends and community that Bergen County's Reform

Congregations are preparing for Purim with a weekend of inspiring, collaborative events from March 11th through March 13th. We are looking forward to this special weekend!

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



Dora Friedman

Looking Ahead:

Friday, March 4 @ 7:30 - Family Shabbat Service

Our K – 4 students will be participating in the service.

Wednesday, March 16 @ 7:00 - Purim Service & Megillah Reading - No School

Sunday, March 27 @ 9:45 – 12:15 – Kehilla - 6th & 7th grade out of building

Come Celebrate Passover!

Please join your Temple Emeth friends and family as we celebrate the second night of Passover at the annual



Congregational Passover Seder
Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



Please reserve your place by March 27, 2022 so we can seat your party together.

For questions, or if you would like to help set up, serve, or clean up, please contact Rachel Eastman at amandasmommy@optonline.net

Please return this completed form with your payment to Temple Emeth Attn: Passover Seder

Congregational Passover Seder RSVP

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ @ \$48 each

Children (ages 5-12) _____ @ \$24 each

Children under 5 _____ (no charge)

Phone _____ Email _____

Please tell us if you have any special seating needs (wheelchair/end of table) or dietary restrictions (vegetarian/kosher): _____

I would like to sit with: _____

Please make checks payable to Temple Emeth.

Total enclosed \$ _____ (\$48 for adults \$24 for children ages 5-12)

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS APPLY. It is important that you reserve early so if our plans need to change, due to COVID, we can know how to proceed.

Message from President Michael Robinson

Look outside, spring is coming. In just a week or so we will once again be enjoying daylight savings time and baseball. This time of year is also marked by two of my favorite holidays, Purim and Passover.

I'd like to promote a new way we will be celebrating Purim this year. Thanks to a wonderful idea by Steve Berman, President of Temple Avodat Shalom, this year's Purim celebration will be all about collaboration among the Reform congregations in Bergen County from Friday March 11 to Sunday March 13th. This initiative is being called "The Whole Megillah: Purim across Bergen." This will be a weekend of prayer, learning, and fun for all ages.

The six synagogues that will participate are Kol Dorot (Oradell), Temple Sinai (Tenafly), Barnert Temple (Franklin Lakes), Avodat Shalom (River Edge), Beth Haverim Shir Shalom (Mahwah), and, of course, our own Temple Emeth.

This will all kick off at our own Temple with our Shabbat Evening service at 8:00 p.m. on Friday. The celebration will move to Temple Sinai on Saturday morning with Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am.

The weekend will continue at 9:30 Sunday morning at Barnert Temple, featuring guest speaker Rabbi Sally Priesand, North America's first ordained female rabbi. At 10:00 a.m. a Purim carnival will be held at Temple Avodat Shalom, and finally, a teen social event will take place at Kol Dorot at 1:00 p.m.

The services on Shabbat and the speaker on Sunday

morning will be available both in person and virtually.

I can't emphasize enough the value of collaboration among the Reform congregations in our community. As resources become more expensive and memberships change and shift over time, by pooling our different strengths, we all benefit from working together on various projects. I hope this is the beginning of more collaborative efforts in the future.

All events are free. Keep an eye on the weekly emails and "This Week at Temple Emeth" newsletter for more information.

Another topic, which is frankly dear to my heart, also involves the idea of collaboration.

Cantor Tilem has begun to reach out to other synagogues in Teaneck to see if we can come together on some educational endeavors. As a religious institution, we are very good at our relationships with other faiths, but I think we can do better with the other Jewish congregations right in our own neighborhood. I hope this can be a start. This could be our own "Nixon goes to China" moment.

Finally, a reminder, we are moving forward with development of a strategic plan to help guide the future of Temple Emeth. In the next few weeks, you will hear of opportunities where you can be involved. Your active participation is essential if we are to end up with a plan that truly reflects the wants and needs of our congregation.

As usual I invite your thoughts and comments.

B'shalom
Mike R



Michael Robinson

The **PAUL S. LAZAR CARING COMMITTEE** is available to help congregants in times of need. When congregants are dealing with illness, loss, or other crises, we can offer help by calling, visiting, providing and delivering meals, lending medical equipment, and/or assisting at a house of mourning. If you could use help from the Caring Committee, please email caring@emeth.org or call or text Gayle Goldberg at 571-278-8523.



Celebrate Emeth!

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



Past President Honorees **Marc Chelemer** and **Amy Abrams**
Devotion Award Honorees: **Barbara Balkin** and **Carlene Fleishman**

Please join us in celebrating by purchasing an ad or tribute
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Ad Deadline – May 1, 2022

QUESTIONS:

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



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



Dear Temple members, friends, and supporters of our honorees,

We hope you will join us on Saturday evening, June 11, 2022 as we celebrate our Past Presidents, Marc Chelemer and Amy Abrams, and Devotion Honorees, Barbara Balkin and Carlene Fleishman.

This event includes a Silent Auction of items donated or solicited by Temple members and friends. Gifts and services that have done well at previous Silent Auctions include:

Foreign language lessons, academic tutoring, or a computer tune-up

A week at a timeshare or vacation home

A meal in your home prepared by a Temple “chef”

A wine/cheese/gourmet food basket

Tickets to a Broadway show, sporting event, or concert

A car service to an airport

A massage, make-over, or day at a spa

Spring clean-up or de-cluttering services



You can be creative and think “outside the box”:

What talents or skills do you have that might benefit other Temple members?

What experiences (entertaining, athletic, educational) do you have access to that others might enjoy?

What businesses do you patronize that might make a donation?

Your contribution, with a “value” attached to it, can be dropped off at Temple Emeth. You may also contact us for pick up. Please feel free to call, e-mail, or text us with any questions.

Thank you,
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Nancy Wolinsky
Jodee Fink

nanwolinsky@optonline.net
jodeefink@yahoo.com

201-218-6721
201-693-2282

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 11, 2022

YES, I will be happy to contribute goods and/or services valued at _____ to the Silent Auction.
I may be reached to discuss drop-off or pick-up of goods at

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____



SHALACH MANOT

Come one, come all! Shalach Manot is back in the Social Hall!

We'll be packing bags and baskets to share with friends and family on **Thursday, March 10, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.** We're looking forward to seeing all of our loyal volunteers (vaccinated and masked). We will arrange the tables to maximize social distancing. We'll also provide gloves.



To volunteer to pack, please call Shel at (201) 286-0325 any evening or send an e-mail to shalachmanot@emeth.org. You can volunteer to deliver Shalach Manot on **Sunday, March 13th, from 9:00 – 12:00**. This is also when you can pick up bags you ordered for non-members. To volunteer to deliver Shalach Manot, please call Shel at (201) 286-0325 any evening or send an e-mail to shalachmanot@emeth.org. Helping with Shalach Manot is a great community service project for school! Please encourage your children to sign up. We will gladly sign their forms.



Thanks for all your support!

Shel & Jeff Grossman
Shalach Manot Co-Chairs
(201) 286-0325
shalachmanot@emeth.org



Please join us for a combined **B'yachad and Social Action Breakfast** on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



This will be a hybrid event. The presentation will be held in the Social Hall with breakfast and will be simultaneously shown via Zoom. We will start by screening a short movie, "The Sacrifice Zone," which depicts the environmental problems of the area of Newark known as "Ironbound." Most of the film is narrated by members of the community and community activists. Ironbound is home to an incinerator, a fat-rendering plant, and a power plant which have contributed to a high level of air pollution, causing locally elevated levels of illnesses such as asthma and cancer. A new power plant has been proposed for the area, energized by fossil fuels, which would add to the pollution burden of the Ironbound community. Many environmental organizations, and citizen groups are opposing this power plant.

A speaker from "Food and Water Watch" an environmental activist organization will lead a discussion at the conclusion of the film.

- All attendees must show proof of vaccination
- All attendees must wear masks at all times, except while eating or drinking
- Advance registration is required for the breakfast meal (sorry, no walk-ins for breakfast)
- Walk-ins are welcome to attend the program without the breakfast
- **Special price** - \$5.00 per person for breakfast
- The Zoom link will be distributed the week before the presentation

Any questions, please contact Michael and Gayle Goldberg at Byachad@emeth.org

Please return this form by March 23, 2022 to Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666 for the B'yachad and Social Action Breakfast featuring Ironbound, Newark

Name _____

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed (\$5.00 per person) _____

Phone number _____ Email address: _____

Temple Emeth presents the
Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
with Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia
March 25 – 27, 2022



**MY GUIDE FOR THOSE PERPLEXED ABOUT
PRAYER, GOD AND TORAH**

Raised in Levittown, Pennsylvania, Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia served Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction, New Jersey from 1977 to 2019. Over those 42 years, he led his congregation through substantial growth and gained a reputation for sensitivity, intelligence, and good humor. For several years he was president of the New Jersey Association of Reform Rabbis. His involvement in the broader community included his support for the establishment of the Muslim Center of Greater Princeton, a mosque in West Windsor. In 2015, Rabbi Wisnia gave a talk at Temple Emeth entitled "An Impartial Jewish View of the War of Yankee Aggression" reflecting his lifelong interest in the Civil War. More recently he shared his expertise in this area on the "Adventures with Dead Jews" podcast.

Friday Night, March 25

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 pm
followed by Lecture (in-person and livestream):

"Prayers don't change things. Prayers change people, and people change things."
Why do we pray? Does it work? Does God answer prayer? Does God make bad things happen to good people?

Saturday Morning, March 26 – Torah Study at 9:00 am (on Zoom):

"Parashat Sh'mini and the Laws of Kashrut"

Does God care what I eat? Can I be a Reform Jew and still have Chinese food? If you worry about what goes in your mouth, maybe you'll worry about what comes out of your mouth.

Shabbat Morning Services at 10:30 am

Saturday Afternoon, March 26 – Lunch* at 12:00 pm (in Social Hall)
followed by Presentation at 1:00 pm (in person in Sanctuary and livestream):

"We should take Torah seriously. We should not take Torah literally."

Moses tells God that he wants to see HIS face...does God have a face? Does God tell us that if we can't do it "right," we shouldn't do it at all?

Sunday Morning, March 27 – Brunch* at 10:00 am (in Social Hall)
followed by Presentation at 11:00 am (in person in Sanctuary and livestream):

"Jews Owned Slaves?"

A fresh look at Jews, slavery and the Confederacy, including the question: Should Robert E. Lee have been hanged as a traitor?

***Reservations required for meals by March 19, 2022. The lectures are all free and open to everyone.**

Due to Covid, meals and support for Scholar-in-Residence will be handled differently this year. All meals will be served following the Temple's policy for Covid-safe meals, incorporating individual packaging and/or designated food servers. Masks must be worn except when eating and proof of vaccination is required. The amount for benefactors, sponsors, and patrons are lower than in the past but do not include meals recognizing that some people will want to support the program but not eat at Temple.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RSVP FORM

Please reserve places for me/us (indicate the number of people):

Shabbat Lunch ____ @ \$20 per person

Sunday Brunch ____ @ \$20 per person.

I want to support the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend as:

◆ Benefactor/s ____ @ \$200 per person ◆ Sponsor/s ____ @ \$100 per person ◆ Patron/s ____ @ \$50 per person

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return with a check payable to Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road Teaneck, NJ 07666
Contact David Fox at 201-836-0260 or jdjmfox@aol.com for further information.

Services and S'machot

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Friday, March 4

Shabbat Pekudei
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
K and grades 2, 3 and 4 present

Saturday, March 5

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

Torah Portion – Pekudi
Exodus 38:21-40:38

Haftarah – I Kings 7:51-8:21

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Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Both hosted by Temple Sinai

Torah Portion – Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftarah – Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Wednesday, March 16

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

15 Adar II 5782
Friday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 19

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

Torah Portion – Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Haftarah – Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 9:22-23

22 Adar II 5782

Shabbat Parah

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Guest Scholar Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia

Friday, March 25

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m. followed by presentation: “Prayers don’t change things. Prayers change people, and people change things.”
In person and on livestream

Saturday, March 26

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom: Parashat Sh’mini and the Laws of Kashrut
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion – Shmini
Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Haftarah – II Samuel 6:1-7:17

Saturday, March 26

Lunch in the Social Hall at 12:00 p.m. followed by presentation at 1:00 p.m.: “We should take Torah seriously. We should not take Torah literally.”
In person and on livestream

Sunday, March 27

Brunch in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. followed by presentation at 11:00 a.m.: “Jews Owned Slaves?”
In person and on livestream

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 28th of Adar I 5782	2 29th of Adar I 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room	3 30th of Adar I 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Officers Meeting	4 1st of Adar II 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	5 2nd of Adar II 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
6 3rd of Adar II 5782 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 9:45am Social Action Committee Meeting	7 4th of Adar II 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM 7:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	8 5th of Adar II 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: "Searching for My Yiddishe Mama: Sacrifice and Assimilation," with Cantor Tilem (make-up date) @ ZOOM	9 6th of Adar II 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 6:00pm - 6:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge	10 7th of Adar II 5782 1:00pm - 4:30pm Shalach Manot Packing @ Social Hall 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	11 8th of Adar II 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Collaborative Shabbat Evening Service	12 9th of Adar II 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class hosted by Temple Sinai in Tenafly @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service Hosted by Temple Sinai @ ZOOM
13 10th of Adar II 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 9:00am - 12:00pm Shalach Manot Distribution @ Museum 9:30am - 10:30am Zoom Presentation with Rabbi Sally Priesand 10:00am - 11:00am Purim Carnival at Temple Avodat Shalom @ Temple Avodat Shalom 1:00pm - 2:00pm Youth Event at Kol Dorot @ Out of building	14 11th of Adar II 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	15 12th of Adar II 5782 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered @ Social Hall	16 13th of Adar II, Erev Purim No Religious School 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 7:00pm - 8:00pm Purim Service and Megillah Reading @ Sanctuary	17 14th of Adar II, Purim 7:30pm - 8:30pm Book Group - The Rent Collector by Camron Wright @ ZOOM 7:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	18 15th of Adar II 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	19 16th of Adar II 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study Class @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
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27 24th of Adar II 5782 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 9:00am - 12:00pm RS Kehilla 6 & 7 @ Out of building 10:00am - 11:00am Scholar-in-Residence Sunday Brunch @ Social Hall 11:00am - 12:00pm Scholar-in-Residence Presentation @ Sanctuary 1:00pm - 2:00pm ETC Mitzvah Cemetery Photo Project @ Out of building	28 25th of Adar II 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	29 26th of Adar II 5782	30 27th of Adar II 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 6:00pm - 6:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	31 28th of Adar II 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Officers Meeting (for April)		

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Good & Welfare

*The congregation mourns the loss of member...
Sylvia Pollack.*

Condolences to...

Elyse Balzer on the loss of her cousin, Herb Lehman.

Emily Hadjis on the loss of her father, Eli Hadjis.

*Stephanie and Robert Kwait on the loss of Robert's
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Mazel Tov to...

*Joseph Deninzon and Yulia
Ziskel-Deninzon on the
Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max.*



Social Action in Action

What We're Working on Now: JOIN US!

With Jewish Federation. On March 1, we will join the Jewish Federation's **March Mega Food Drive** and will be collecting food items for distribution to over 20 recipient organizations in Bergen, Passaic, and Hudson Counties. From now through the end of March, when you come to the Temple, bring a bag of food to donate. More info to come soon.

With RAC-NJ. We are making progress in urging passage of the "Democracy in a Day" bill, i.e. same day voter registration. RAC-NJ will shortly begin its research process - that is, a series of meetings with various social justice organizations in NJ to determine ongoing projects. More to come.

With B'yachad. On Sunday, April 3, we will show "The Sacrifice Zone," a 40-minute film detailing the environmental degradation inflicted on the Ironbound section of Newark for many years. There will be breakfast before and a discussion after.

With GreenFaith. There will be an environmental Shabbat on Friday, April 22, 2022.

What We've Been Up To: We hope you didn't miss these events.

Repro Shabbat. On January 28, 2022, we held a Repro Shabbat together with Temple Avodat Shalom. Sponsored by NCJW, CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) and Temple Emeth's Social Action Committee, this service featured an update of reproductive rights in NJ and in the USA with special speaker, Casey Olesko.

American Disabilities Shabbat. On February 17, 2022 we again partnered with Temple Avodat Shalom. This time our guest special speaker was Abbe Greenberg, who works to get services for disabled adults.

"Once We Were Slaves." Laura Arnold Liebman gave a lecture at the Bilder Center at Rutgers.

With the Temple Emeth Gardeners. We have been learning more about plans for this growing season. Please remember that everything they grow is donated to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Teaneck (founded by Janice Preschel).

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 6, 9:45 via Zoom

Anticipated discussion: Think about how we can get more people involved in our projects and how we can support each other as we work to make this a better world.

Mark your calendar for the Temple Emeth Garage Sale, hosted by the Bazaar Committee. This will be our first in-person Bazaar event since 2019—you don't want to miss it!

SAVE THE DATE
Temple Emeth Garage Sale
Sunday, April 24th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donations are now being accepted and we want YOU as a volunteer! Contact Marc Chelemer for more information at: mchelemer@gmail.com See you there!

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Real Life Inspirations

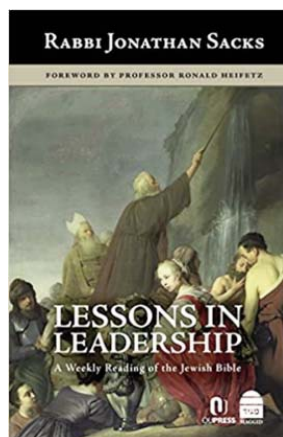
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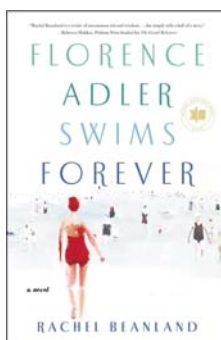


A rabbi and his study group focus each week on what the Torah can teach us about leadership. A woman hears family lore about secret-keeping. A student is fascinated by an anecdote a professor shares with him. What do these disparate examples have in common? Each has served as the inspiration for a book. These are the starting points of three books recently acquired by the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

Lessons in Leadership: A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible is the work of the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who served as the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth for 22 years. When he and his team faced challenges, they would look to Torah for guidance. They would find insights into the nature of power, authority, and leadership. This book grew out of their study sessions. Rabbi Sacks draws lessons for all of us, whether we are the leader of a country, community, or family. In crystal-clear writing, Rabbi Sacks gives us thought-provoking, fresh interpretations of ancient texts. Rabbi Sirbu's Lunch and Learn class has very much enjoyed the time we have spent with Lessons in Leadership.

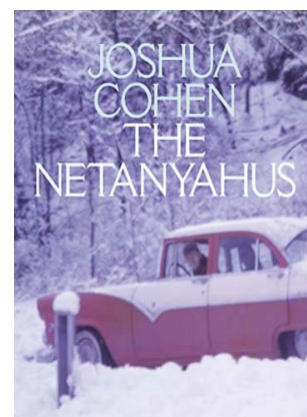


Florence Adler Swims Forever is the debut novel of Rachel Beanland, who grew up hearing about her great-great aunt Florence Lowenthal. Despite being a competitive swimmer, Florence Lowenthal drowned tragically at age 19 along the Atlantic City coast. At the time, Florence's sister was pregnant and in the hospital on bedrest after losing a baby boy the previous year. To protect her and her unborn child, the family decided not to



tell her about her sister's death until after she safely delivered that child. This true story became the basis for the fictional Florence Adler Swims Forever, which is set in 1934 Atlantic City, a time and place the author brings to life for readers. Florence Lowenthal is Florence Adler in the book, and her sister is Fannie. The story is told from all different perspectives—that of Fannie's 7-year-old daughter, her husband, and her parents, as well as a refugee boarder and a handsome non-Jewish life-guard. Beanland makes us think about what risks we ourselves would be willing to take to protect those we love.

Coincidentally the author of our third book was born in Atlantic City (long after Florence Lowenthal)! Joshua Cohen's latest book is called The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family. This novel is dedicated to the memory of Professor Harold Bloom.



According to Leo Robson writing in *The Guardian*, Bloom told Joshua Cohen how he had played chaperone in 1960 "to Ben Zion Netanyahu, a Polish-born, Israeli-based academic better known as Benjamin's father, during a visit to Cornell." In Cohen's book Bloom is transformed into Rubin Blum and Cornell is called Corbin. Blum is a reluctant host to Netanyahu, who has brought his whole family with him to the States. *The New York Review of Books* describes The Netanyahus this way: "Mixing fiction with non-fiction, the campus novel with the lecture, The Netanyahus is a wildly inventive, genre-bending comedy of blending, identity, and politics that finds Joshua Cohen at the height of his powers."

All inspired in one way or another by real life, these books are waiting for you in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

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

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Movies That Mattered on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.: "Brighton Beach Memoirs" in person



Eugene, a young teenage Jewish boy, recalls memories of his time as an adolescent youth. He lives with his parents, aunt, two cousins, and brother, Stanley, whom he looks up to and admires. He goes through the hardships of puberty, sexual fantasy, and living the life of a poor boy in a crowded house.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" stars Jonathan Silverman, Blythe Danner, Judith Ivey, Bob Dishy, Stacey Glick, Lisa Waltz, and Brian Dillinger.

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B'nai Mitzvah Learner's
Service was held on
February 12th.



Carol Shansky played the
flute in duets with Cantor
Tilem at services on
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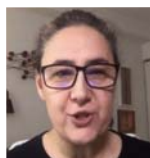
What is your family story?

If you would like to participate in
the next Ancestry@Emeth
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Book Group Calendar 2022

March 17th: The Rent Collector by Camron Wright
April 21st: Summer Water by Sarah Moss
May 19th: The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy
June 16th : Planning Meeting



The Viewpoints Committee presented
the film, "A Question of Survival" and
had filmmaker Elka Nikolova join via
Zoom to discuss it on February 13th.

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- Email a picture of the vaccination card to Suzannah at smercado@emeth.org
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This is a wonderful way to honor your departed loved ones by purchasing a permanent plaque in our Sanctuary. It will evoke fond memories to see their names on our Memorial wall. When you purchase these plaques, one is permanently placed on the Memorial wall and the second larger one is displayed on the actual week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375 FOR BOTH PLAQUES. You may also buy and reserve plaques in advance. Contact the office if you would like to make a purchase.



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