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Join us for a different kind of gala - great food and drink, schmoozing all night, and an evening of music and muse, memories and madcap, performed by our own talent. *Like nothing you've experienced before!*

Come on MAY 6, 2023
to TEMPLE EMETH'S
75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Watch for the upcoming invitation and make sure to RSVP.

See pages 6 and 15 for forms and information to purchase a Journal Ad, contribute items for the Silent Auction, and take part in a special event.

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Message From the Rabbi

“Blessed are You, Eternal Our God, who has given us the opportunity to repair the world.”

With these words, seven teens from Temple Emeth joined with 400 Reform Jewish teens from across the country to give lobbying speeches on Capitol Hill in February. They divided into two groups—one speaking on mental health and the other on gun violence prevention—and expressed their opinions in the offices of Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker and Rep. Josh Gottheimer.

The lobby day was a culmination of a four-day program hosted by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), our advocacy office in Washington. The formal name of the weekend is the L’taken Seminar, but at Temple Emeth, we call it the “RAC Trip.”

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, this RAC Trip was two years overdue. But it was worth the wait. Participants celebrated Shabbat together, learning that while Shabbat dinner is wonderful, convention food leaves something to be desired. They had workshops on economic justice and other issues facing our country. They engaged in a simulation to demonstrate how money, power, and politics all combine to influence our elected officials. They practiced storytelling as a form of advocacy. They got to see Washington DC museums, memorials, and neighborhoods. And then they synthesized everything they learned into a lobbying speech for the last day of the program.

For all of our students, the RAC Trip is memorable. There were great photos to be taken, for example, at a Havdalah ceremony on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial. For a few, it is transformational. It demonstrates that Jewish values hold a powerful ethical message that can and should be reflected in our government’s policies. It opens the door to future advocacy on mental health, gun violence prevention, or other issues on which both the prophets and the Reform movement have taken an unequivocal stand.

The Temple’s cost per student for the RAC Trip, which includes transportation, hotel, programming, supervision and six meals is around \$900. We are fortunate that the tuition we charge our families is much lower than that. We draw upon a bequest from the estate of June Moss Handler and the BARJ Legacy Fund to ensure that the trip is within financial reach of all of our families.

If you’d like to know more about the RAC Trip, plan to attend Shabbat services on Friday, March 17, when our students will be recounting their experience. You can also visit the L’taken Seminar website at www.rac.org/ltaken.

The RAC Trip had a rigorous schedule for an entire weekend and into Monday morning. I’m proud of our students for their commitment that weekend, and I am grateful to the RAC for offering them this opportunity, the opportunity to repair our broken world.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



More photos on page 8.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us to learn about the recent updates and developments of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee at our Town Hall Meeting in the Social Hall on Sunday morning, March 5th at 9:00 a.m.

From the Religious School

Be Happy – It's Adar!

Our tradition instructs us to rejoice when the month of Adar begins in anticipation of the holiday of Purim. We are looking forward to some very special events and celebrations in the month of March, the Hebrew month of Adar.

On **Friday, March 3rd** our 4th grade students will be honored at a Kabbalat Siddur ceremony during our monthly Family Shabbat Service. The siddur that our students receive is inscribed with words of love and wisdom from their parents. This siddur is the one they will use for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and their continued spiritual participation in Jewish life.

On the evening of **Monday, March 6th**, all students,

their families and the Temple Emeth Community are invited to the reading of the Megillah at 7:00 p.m. Our annual Purim carnival will immediately follow with free games and prizes. We continue our festive Adar calendar on **Friday, March 17** with our 7th grade students leading the Shabbat service.



Dora Geld Friedman

At Temple Emeth Religious School, we know that Jewish religious education cannot be meaningful if it only happens in the classroom. For a compelling Jewish life, our school and parents form a “sacred partnership” of learning, doing, and celebrating.

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman

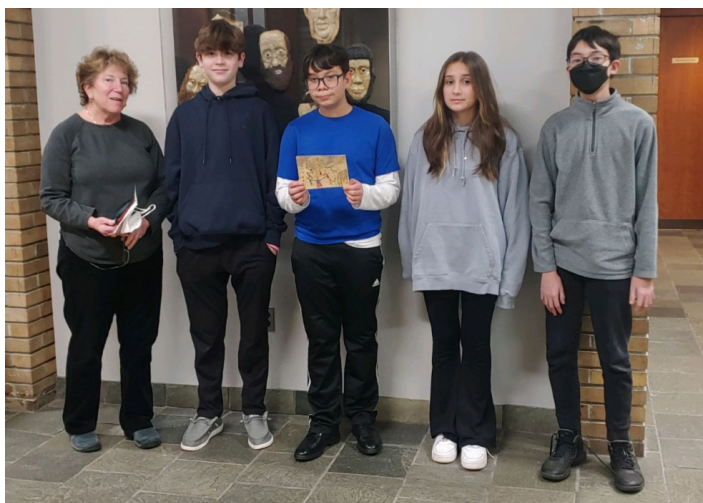


Photo by Barbara Shater

As a teacher, watching the 6/7th graders tackle the challenging subject of the Holocaust was inspiring. Empathy and curiosity led to numerous discussions, and for some of the topics, parallels were made to today's climate. Students were encouraged to bring tzedakah, and during the course of the past few months, they learned about four organizations related to the Holocaust. As a group, they chose to give to The Blue Card. A donation of \$72, which included a teacher-made contribution, was sent to this worthy cause.

Nancy Lederman-Scher

Religious School Tu B'Shevat Seder on February 5th, conducted by Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, Mora Dora Friedman, with musical accompaniment by Adam Kohane.

Photos by Carla Silver



Message from President Michael Robinson

Hello, all. Well, it's March. We are coming up to my favorite time of the year. The days are getting longer, Purim and Passover are just around the corner, and all this brings warmer weather and a chance for me to get on my bike and enjoy the sunshine. Good things are coming to our Temple Emeth community. Allow me to enumerate just two of them.

Let's talk 75th anniversary and the exciting event that is coming up in just a few short months. I'm of course talking about the celebration we are scheduled to have on May 6th. Thanks to the guiding hands of event co-chairs Marsha and Morris Sobel, as well as the extraordinary event team, this should truly be a night to remember. We will be celebrating us, Temple Emeth. We as a congregation deserve to be celebrated.

I don't have all the details as of this writing, but I am told we will be bringing back some of our old friends from Anatevka to entertain. I hope that you will be able to attend the event, but should you be unable to do so, I hope you will acknowledge our wonderful community with an entry in the event journal. Keep an eye on future updates and emails, as well as information in the Bulletin about the Ad Journal and Silent Auction.

Now an update on our strategic plan. As you may know, at our November Board meeting a resolution was approved stating that our current Religious School cannot be sustained in its present form and therefore the way we educate our children will have a

different look. Due to our small enrollment, it is difficult to bring to the students a program that meets the high standards we have for the Jewish education of our young congregants. To that end the Board has, at the February meeting, authorized the Temple leadership to initiate talks with Temple Sinai of Bergen County to form a collaborative educational partnership with us and combine the Religious Schools.

I realize that this can easily be seen as a radical decision. I know that change is hard and there is fear that somehow we will be absorbed by the other congregation and lose our own unique identity. Your Temple leadership will not let that happen. Although the details of this collaboration have yet to be determined, there will be programming with Temple Sinai as well as programs formulated just for our own students. By joining forces with another Religious School, we will be able to fulfill our obligation to instill our Reform Jewish values, to share our rich culture, and to prepare our children for B'nai Mitzvah. By connecting two Religious Schools, the resulting whole will be greater than the sum of its parts.

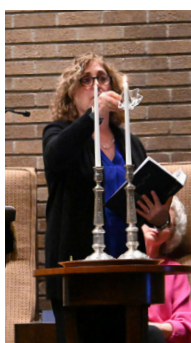
Changes are coming. Some will be easy and some less so, but with all this we are a strong and vibrant community that has an opportunity to come out even stronger than we already are. May the second 75 years at Temple Emeth be as fulfilling to our community as the first.

As always, I welcome your comments.

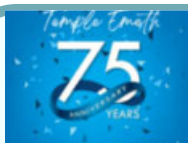
Mike



Michael Robinson



Disability Shabbat on February 17th, sponsored by the Viewpoints committee, featured a special song by Cantor Tilem, poetry recited by Rabbi Sirbu, songs by Kol Emet, and the speaker, Dr. Lisa Shulman, whose topic was "Shining a Light on Inclusion."



Temple Emeth 75th Anniversary Celebration

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Ad Deadline – April 2, 2023

The Virtual Ad Journal will be available on the Temple Emeth website for one year.

The Journal can be downloaded so you can print out selected pages or the entire journal.

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SILENT AUCTION

Celebrating Temple Emeth's 75th Anniversary

Dear Temple Members and Friends,

We hope you will join us on Saturday evening, May 6, 2023 as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary. This event includes a Silent Auction of items donated* or solicited by Temple members and friends. For this year's auction, we will not be assembling large physical baskets of prizes; instead, the focus will be on experiences and services. Please gather gift cards and items that can be presented as certificates or vouchers to the winners.

Popular items include:

A week at a timeshare or vacation home	A meal in your home prepared by a Temple "chef"
Overnight accommodations at a hotel	Tickets to the opera, ballet, a Broadway show or concert
A car service to an airport	Restaurant gift certificates
A make-over day at a spa	Tickets to sporting events

Please consider donating any of the above or similar items that you might have access to, and that others might enjoy. You can fill out and return to the Temple the donation form below, or email us with information regarding your donation. Please feel free to call, email or text us with any questions:

silentauction@emeth.org

Thank you.

Silent Auction Co-Chairs

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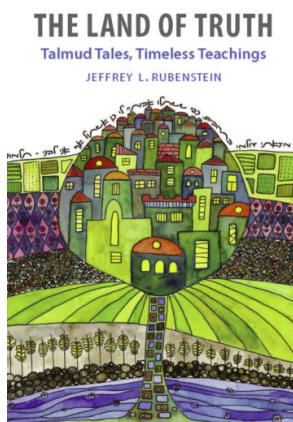
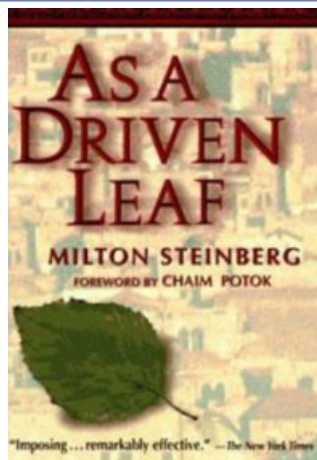
Temple Emeth 75th Celebration Silent Auction Donation Form

YES, I would like to contribute the following to the Silent Auction:

ITEM _____ VALUE _____
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Professor Jeffrey Rubenstein



Rabbi Barry Schwartz

As A Driven Leaf: The Epic Story of Faith and Heresy A Shabbaton

Sponsored by: Temple Sinai, Temple Emeth, and Congregation Adas Emuno

With

Professor Jeffrey Rubenstein (NYU)

Rabbi Elisha ben Abuyah: History and Myth

Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz, Director Michael Bias and Actors

As A Driven Leaf: A play based on the novel by Milton Steinberg

On Saturday, April 1, we will be participating in a collaborative Shabbaton with Congregation Adas Emuno, to take place at Temple Sinai of Tenafly, 1 Engle Street, Tenafly

The Shabbaton will begin with guest scholar Professor Jeffrey Rubenstein of NYU speaking about the life of Elisha and his fellow sages of the Talmud. Shabbat morning prayer will follow, led by cantors Joe Flaxman and Iris Karlin. A second session with Professor Rubenstein, and lunch, will round out the morning. That evening the play will be preceded by a short Havdalah service and conclude with a dessert reception.

Free and open to the public by advance registration: scollins@templesinaibc.org

Please RSVP by March 27th

At the height of his brilliant but short-lived career, Rabbi Milton Steinberg published "As A Driven Leaf," an epic novel set in 2nd century Israel under Roman occupation. Continuously in print since 1939, the book imagines the tragic life of Rabbi Elisha ben Abuyah, the enigmatic sage known for his apostasy and referred to in the Talmud as "the outsider."

In 2014, to celebrate the book's 75th anniversary, Rabbi Barry Schwartz wrote a full-length play based on the book, which was performed at Temple Emanu-el in Manhattan. Now nearly a decade later, we are happy to announce the NJ premiere of the work!

"As A Driven Leaf" explores the hero as heretic — the rabbi, who in his attempt to reconcile Greek and Hebraic thought, becomes an outcast in one world only to be betrayed by another. The play revisits the age-old debate between faith and reason and the equally timeless themes of forbidden love and resistance to tyranny.

This production is made possible by the Adas Emuno Scholar and Artist in Residence Fund established in memory of Rabbi Schwartz's father Rudy Schwartz by his mother Barbara.



Religious Action Center trip to Washington, D.C. on February 10 - 13.

Photos provided by Amanda Eastman



Josh Kohane and Cantor Tilem presented a musical tribute on February 24th to Canadian composer Ben Steinberg, who died earlier this month. He was our Composer-in-Residence in 1998, and his music is frequently sung at our services.



Hamantaschen baking on February 26th with Rachel Kugelmass and Sammi Levin.



Paul S. Lazar Caring Community

Message about the iPad lending library from Marlene Salomon Ceragno, *Director of Caregiver Services and Outreach at Kaplen JCC on the Palisades Taub Campus*
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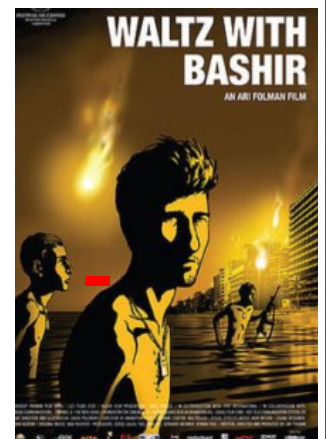
The Kaplen JCC on the Palisades is offering iPads to seniors in the community free of charge, already programmed for use, and with tech support. If you know anyone who may benefit, please pass on the word.

Movies That Mattered presents

"Waltz With Bashir"

Wednesday, March 29

This autobiographical film follows the director as he tries to recover blacked-out memories of his experiences fighting in the 1982 Israel-Lebanon war.



Shalach Manot Schedule

Assembling Baskets

Thursday, March 2
at 1:00 p.m.

Delivering Baskets

Sunday, March 5
at 10 a.m.



Museum announcement: Calling All Artists

If you are interested in participating in a Member Showcase this year, please contact Barbara Balkin at dkrm505@yahoo.com





PURIM



Join us for the Purim Service
and Megillah Reading
followed by the Purim Carnival
Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.



Save the Date:
Second Night Passover Seder
Thursday, April 6 in the Social Hall
Join us for our second night Passover Seder
on Thursday, April 6 in the Social Hall.
More details will be available soon.

Any questions, please contact Rachel Eastman
at amandasmommy@optonline.net.



Shabbat services on
February 10th
featured musical
performances by
Carol Shansky,
Wendy Kosakoff,
Tom Mustachio,
and Cantor Tilem.

Services and S'machot

11 Adar 5783
Friday, March 3

Shabbat Zachor
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Siddur Ceremony

Saturday, March 4

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

Torah Portion – T'tzaveh
Exodus 27:20-30:10

Haftarah – Ezekiel 43:10-27

13 Adar 5783
Monday, March 6

Erev Purim
Purim Service and Megillah Reading at 7:00 p.m.
Followed by a Purim carnival at 8:00 p.m.

18 Adar 5783
Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

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

Torah Portion – Ki Tisa
Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftarah – I Kings 18:1-39

25 Adar 5783
Friday, March 17

Shabbat Hachodesh
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.
7th Grade leads tonight's service. RAC Trip
participants will speak

Saturday, March 18

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

Torah Portion – Vayak'heil
Exodus 35:1-38:20

Haftarah – II Kings 12:5-16

3 Nisan 5783
Friday, March 24

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 25

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

Torah Portion – P'kudei
Exodus 38:21-40:38

Haftarah – I Kings 7:51-8:21

10 Nisan 5783
Friday, March 31

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1

**Collaborative Shabbat Program hosted by
Temple Sinai of Bergen County**
Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch and Learn at 11:30 a.m.

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 12th of Adar 5783 9:00am - 10:00am Town Hall Meeting @ Social Hall 9:45am - 10:45am Social Action Committee Meeting @ ZOOM 10:00am - 1:00pm Shalach Manot Distribution @ Museum	6 13th of Adar, Erev Purim 7:00pm - 8:00pm Purim Service and Megillah Reading 8:00pm - 8:45pm Purim Carnival	7 14th of Adar, Purim 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education Committee Meeting @ Library	8 15th of Adar 5783 Lunch & Learn 12:00 - 1:00 pm 3:45pm - 5:00pm Rabbi's RS Class 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School 5:00pm - 5:45pm "The Kinship of Sorrow," with Cantor Tilem 6:00pm - 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal	9 16th of Adar 5783 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ Youth Lounge	10 17th of Adar 5783 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service @ Sanctuary	11 18th of Adar 5783 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom) 10:30am - 12:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Learner's Service @ Sanctuary
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Good & Welfare

The congregation mourns the loss of longtime member, Hedy Geller, and sends condolences to her husband, Michael.

Condolences to...

Julia Besen on the loss of her husband, Herbert Besen.

Kendall Seidenari on the loss of her grandmother, Elaine Sieburt.

Mazel Tov to...

Beatrice Friedman and Oscar Piniones on the B'nai Mitzvah of their sons, Marcos and Thomas Piniones.

Steve and Holly Clark on the birth of their granddaughter, Eve.



Social Action in Action

What's All the Fuss About DEI?

Find out on Sunday, March 12, 2 pm, at a Zoom event with Dr Natalie Edmund, PsyD/Licensed Clinical Psychologist, who integrates multiculturalism and feminism into her work. The program, co-sponsored by Social Action and Viewpoints, will focus on celebrating differences and fostering inclusion.



Join RAC NJ in person or online on Sunday, March 19 from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m., for an afternoon of learning at Temple B'nai Abraham in Livingston, New Jersey. RAC-NJ's Learning Together campaign cultivates awareness of and curiosity about efforts to more fully integrate New Jersey's public schools.

We will have something for everyone, including the NPR crowd, the legal eagles, and music lovers.

Hear from:

Mark Winston Griffith and Max Freedman, hosts of [NPR's School Colors podcast](https://www.schoolcolorspodcast.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_content=2023_2_23), https://www.schoolcolorspodcast.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_content=2023_2_23 which examines how race, class, and power have shaped New York City and its schools.

Retired New Jersey Supreme Court Justice [Gary S. Stein](https://www.pashmanstein.com/team-gary-s-stein?utm_medium=email&utm_content=2023_2_2) who will provide a legal analysis of Latino Action Network v. State of New Jersey

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Stay for a **concert** with [Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell](https://www.anthonyrussellbass.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_content=2023_2_23), whose music combines traditions from his African American and Jewish identities.

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Registration for the entire afternoon will be out in a few days.

Refreshments will be served.

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Dove Lounge

Dove Lounge is a safe place for LGBTQIA teens and allies to hang out. You don't have to be Jewish; you are welcome.

The next event is on Sunday, March 26, 2023, 4:00 - 6:00, at Temple Avodat Shalom, 385 Howland Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661.

For more information, contact

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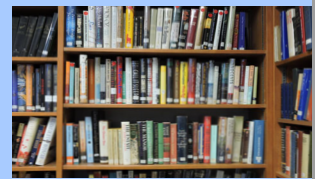
This event is sponsored by Bergen Jewish Social Justice Alliance, which is a new organization formed to bring Bergen County congregations together to advocate for social justice issues.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee is March 5, 2023 at 9:45 a.m.

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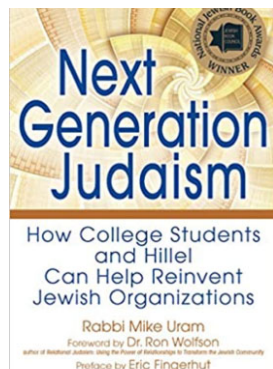
Monthly News Update: *The Past and the Future* by Marion Wolf

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Two wonderful new books have been added to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library. One is historical fiction that allows us to explore the recent and distant past. The other is nonfiction that can help us plan a vibrant future for our Jewish organizations.

The Matchmaker's Gift is the third novel written by best-selling writer Lynda Cohen Loigman. Alternating chapters follow the lives of Sara and her granddaughter Abby. The book opens in 1910, when Sara is only ten years old. She and her family have left eastern Europe and arrived in New York to live in the Lower East Side. At that tender young age, Sara discovers that she has a remarkable gift: she can tell when two people are soulmates meant for one another. Over the years her instincts are repeatedly confirmed, and she often says, "I see what I see, and I know what I know." Two generations later in the 1990s, Sara's granddaughter is a successful divorce attorney. When Sara passes away, she leaves Abby some mysterious notebooks about her life's work. But in fact, Abby may have inherited more from Sara than just those notebooks. Both Sara and Abby are strong women facing challenges. Sara wants to work as a matchmaker in a male-dominated field; the men who make their living making matches see her as a threat to their livelihood. As for Abby, her boss is tough, her job is demanding, and—as she reads her grandmoth-



er's notebooks—she is having doubts about her chosen profession. This is a charming book that left me with a smile on my face.

Rabbi Mike Uram, executive director of Hillel at the University of Pennsylvania, is the author of Next Generation Judaism: How College Students and Hillel Can Help Reinvent Jewish



Organizations. This book is a National Jewish Book Awards winner. Rabbi Uram tells us the lessons he's learned in dealing with millennials on a college campus. He shows us how we might use those lessons to revitalize our institutions and encourage greater involvement for all in the Jewish community. Rabbi Uram considers the college Hillel "a learning lab for Jewish innovation." Rabbi Uram seeks to *empower* those who arrive on campus already committed to Judaism; he wants to *engage* those who do not feel that connection to Judaism. Responding to these two groups leads to two different kinds of programming. This book is a terrific resource for lay leaders and clergy, really for anyone concerned with building a bright Jewish future. Says Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, Senior Rabbi at Central Synagogue, "We know Jewish organizations need to change, but Mike Uram offers clear, practical, and proven guidance on how to actually do it."

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

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Temple Emeth Book Group Selections 2023

March 16	<u>Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties that Helped Create Modern China</u> by Jonathan Kaufman
April 20	<u>Ritz and Escoffier: The Hotelier, The Chef and the Rise of the Leisure Class</u> by Luke Barr
May 18	<u>The Flight Portfolio</u> by Julie Orringer
June 15	Planning Meeting



SING OUR "THEME SONG" ON MAY 6 - NO AUDITIONS REQUIRED!

As Temple Emeth turns 75, we're celebrating in a big way on May 6 for an evening of catered food and drink, music and muse, and memory and madcap in a birthday bash you won't easily forget! Specially created entertainment will include a Temple Emeth Theme Song, performed by our very own members. Interested in participating in the 3-minute parody? Here are some details:

- The melody for the parody is Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" – a tune we all know.
- Format will be "street performance" in style. The spotlight will come on, music will begin, and guests will turn their attention to the brief performance. Once the piece ends, everyone will go back to mingling and enjoying the party.
- We'll provide the lyrics we composed and a recording of the music so you can rehearse on your own in advance of 3 in-person rehearsals, which will take place in April (evenings and/or Sundays).
- You do not need to memorize the lyrics - everyone can have a copy of them in hand.
- Participation in the Theme Song assumes attendance at the May 6 Celebration, i.e., you will be a paid ticket guest at the Celebration.

Are you interested in coming together to sing and relive so many wonderful memories and our life at Temple Emeth today? Please reply to Cynthia Massarsky at cwmassarsky@gmail.com by **Friday, March 3rd** if you would like to participate, and she'll keep you posted on the next steps.

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**On Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. Carol Shansky will be giving a concert at Temple Emeth
Voices Lost: Music of Dutch Composers Suppressed in the Holocaust.**

Voices Lost: Music of Dutch Composers Suppressed in the Holocaust is a concert-lecture that looks at music written by Dutch composers in the years just before the occupation of Amsterdam by the Nazis. Those who were not sent to camps went into hiding and still composed or sponsored concert evenings to support music-making despite the Nazis' ban. In some cases, the music performed on this program was some of the last by that composer.

Dutch composers are in general not well known in history, nor is the music being written at that time familiar to many. This concert exposes listeners to the kinds of approaches that Dutch composers were using in writing and gives us a chance to hear some wonderful music that otherwise would have remained unfamiliar to us.

The format of this concert is that of a lecture-recital. Carol Shansky will give background on each of the composers, their lives, and experiences, in addition to performing selections of their music. Composers included are Rosy Wertheim, Henriette Bosmans, Dick Kattenburg, and Leo Smit. Carol is joined by pianist Amber Liao, with whom she has performed this program at the Holocaust Center at Kean University as well as at several academic conferences.

Carol Rina Shansky, flutist, has been a prizewinner of the Concerts Atlantique Competition, the Pearl Amster Concerto Competition, the JCC of Metro NJ Young Artist's Competition, and Artists International. A particular interest in chamber music has brought her to concert halls at the British Arts Center of Yale University, Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Tanglewood's Little Theatre, and the Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center. Described as "produc[ing] a lovely tone with a large palette of colors" (*NY Concert Review*), Dr. Shansky has performed by peer-reviewed invitation at the conventions of the National Flute Association, College Music Society, NACWPI, International Duo Symposium and the International Clarinet Association, among others. A chamber musician and orchestral flutist, Carol plays with Bergen Chamber Artists and Synergy 78, and is principal flute of the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra. Carol has performed live and been interviewed on New York Public Radio and North Jersey Public Radio, who described her performance as "first-rate." Her CD with guitarist Seth Himmelhoch, "Songs and Dances of the Americas" has been on the rotation at classical radio stations WNYC and WVPR. Dr. Shansky is Assistant Professor of Music and Coordinator of the Music Education Program at New Jersey City University, where she teaches applied flute, as well as maintaining a private studio in Tenafly, NJ. She received her Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees from Boston University and her Bachelor of Music degree from Ithaca College.



Pianist **Amber Yiu-Hsuan Liao** has given recitals and solo performances throughout the United States and Taiwan. Her solo engagements include recitals at the Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center in NYC, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, the National Concert Hall in Taiwan, Chicago Cultural Center in Chicago, and the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in California. Ms. Liao's recording of works by Granados, Schumann, and Beethoven was released on the MSR Classics label. She has been invited to participate in several music festivals in Europe, including Courchevel Academie Musicale in France, Internationale Sommerakademie Mozarteum in Salzburg, and New Millenium Piano Festival in Gijón, Spain. As a chamber musician, Ms. Liao's collaborations with vocalists and instrumentalists have led to performances in the CAMI Hall, Symphony Space, and the Lenox Athenaeum, among others.

Amber Liao received her Doctor of Musical Arts from the Manhattan School of Music and Master of Music from the Peabody Institute under the tutelage of Arkady Aronov and Boris Slutsky. She taught at Seton Hall University and Montclair State University, and she served as the Director of Piano/Theory at Snow College in Utah. She is currently Assistant Professor of Music at Borough of Manhattan Community College of CUNY in NYC.



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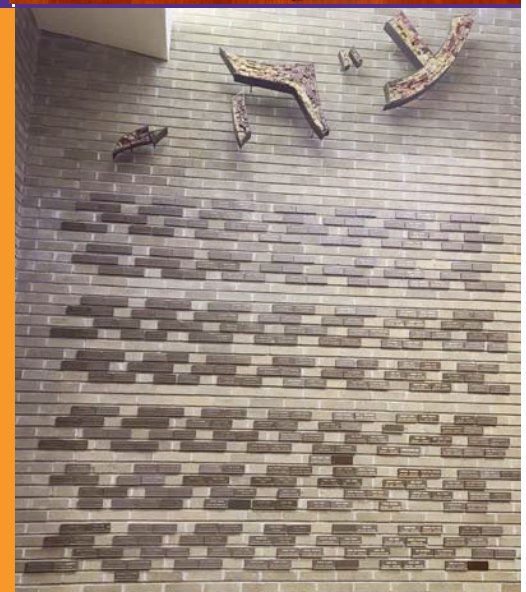
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