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to celebrate Cantor Tilem
on her 25th anniversary at Temple Emeth*

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Message From the Rabbi

Following Israel's recent elections, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was invited by President Reuven Rivlin to form the country's next government. A majority of Israeli's voted for right-leaning parties, and they claimed 65 of 120 seats in the Knesset, including 35 for the Likud party and 30 for other conservative parties.

Netanyahu's view of a possible two-state solution with the Palestinians has gone from skeptical to hostile. In a move that was intended to rally the support of settlers, the Prime Minister said during the campaign that he would unilaterally annex parts of the West Bank. This promise, if fulfilled, would erode what little foundation is left for a two-state solution that would ensure Israel's future as a Jewish democracy. It would likely lead to a new round of international condemnation and strengthen the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement that seeks to undermine Israel's legitimacy.

At least 16 seats within the 65-seat coalition are going to be held by Orthodox parties. Though in 2016, the Prime Minister made a ground-breaking agreement with non-Orthodox Jews for access to the Western Wall, he froze the agreement the next year under pressure from these same parties. The compo-

sition of the coalition, in which any religious party can bring down the government, indicates that he will have no incentive to unfreeze the agreement unless compelled to do so by a court.

In short, this was a very disappointing election for me and, I suspect, for many members of the congregation. But I think it is important to remember that our relationship to Israel is deeper than politics.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

We connect to Israel because it is the place where Jewish culture and the Hebrew language thrive. We support Israel because Israelis are our family—either literally or figuratively—and we understand that family must depend on one another. We love Israel because it is the land of our ancestors and the fulfillment of the dream that Jews should have an independent state where we can determine our own destiny.

As we prepare this month to celebrate Israel's 71st birthday, we can and should continue to advocate for our values—democracy, tolerance, and pluralism—even when an election disappoints us. For as it says in Israel's anthem: "Our hope is not lost, the hope of two millennia, to be a free people in our own land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem."



From the Religious School

HATIKVAH – THE HOPE & SHALOM

The month of May corresponding to the Hebrew months of *Nissan* and *Iyar* is a very busy time in our Religious School with lots of important and memorable holidays and events.

On Friday, May 3 – 28 of Nissan you are invited to the Family Service when our teachers will be honored and Etz Chaim will sing in appreciation of our teachers.

On Sunday, May 5 – 30 of Nissan we will gather to reflect and remember the darkest period of our history. We invite you to join Rabbi Sirbu, Religious School staff, and students as our 7th grade students lead the *Yom Hashoa Service of Remembrance* at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Temple Emeth's planting for the *Daffodil Project - A Living Holocaust Memorial*, will be dedicated and the service will continue in the Temple Emeth Garden. Temple members, parents of

all students, friends, and extended family are encouraged to attend. Also on Sunday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m., 7th grade parents are asked to attend a meeting with Rabbi Sirbu to discuss our teen program – ETC.



Dora Geld Friedman

On Wednesday, May 7 our students will gather to celebrate Israel's 71st birthday with singing, stories, goodies, and a special guest. Rick Abrams from the JNF will lead us in interactive games with a giant map of Israel!

As with all our programs and events, we hope to cultivate in our students and families an eternal bond to our culture and religion – a connection through space and time – teaching our students to never lose hope – *Tikvah* and to always pray for peace- *Shalom*.

YOM HULEDET SAMEACH *Happy 71st Birthday Israel and many more...*

Today Rabbah from Mora Dora

Wow! Chai - 18 years at Temple Emeth with Temple Emeth's children, families, clergy, staff and volunteers- A BLESSING I shall always cherish! My family at home knows how much I treasure my family at Temple Emeth. I delight in being with you and profoundly thank you for all the contributions to Temple Emeth funds and for the beautiful brunch in my honor. I loved the company, the food, the presentations, the music, the dancing, the decorations, the incredible scrap book, and the amazing photograph of Jerusalem. IT WAS ALL MAGICAL!

Lots of Love!
Mora Dora

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



Photo by Carla Silver



Anniversary celebration for Dora Geld Friedman, Torah Trekkers play with Rachel Maddock, Jewish DrumTales: The Miraculous Story of Pesach group drumming, viewing the blooming daffodils that were planted in October, and an ETC meeting with Scholar-in-Residence speaker Rabbi David Saperstein.

Message from President Amy Abrams

It's the time of year when the weather turns nicer, we can enjoy being outside again, and our spirits improve with the sun. It's also the time when we begin to expect our new pledge forms from Temple Emeth. So it's time to talk about money again.

I'm certain you all remember the theory behind our voluntary commitment program. We wanted to break down any financial barriers that might have been stopping anyone from joining (or remaining in) our family. We wanted people to focus on what they love about Temple Emeth, not just on how much it cost them. We wanted to avoid the unpleasantness of congregants having to ask for a dues reduction. And we wanted to create transparency that would help our members understand what it costs us to offer the programs we do, so that each of you knows where your money is going.

With the enthusiastic approval of the congregation, therefore, we instituted a double switch. We not only changed the dues structure, but we also committed to an essential restructuring of the culture of Temple Emeth. No matter how much you pay, we are thrilled to have you in this community, no questions asked. It was our belief that choosing your own pledge level would help foster the joy of belonging, rather than the annoyance of being billed for a fixed amount. We hoped that the corollary of being more comfortable about the financial side of things would inspire more people to become engaged and involved in the many activities Temple Emeth has to offer.

Has the program worked? I would say most definitely that it has. Our income from member pledges has tracked our previous income from dues pretty closely. Significantly, many more payments have been made on time, which suggests that our members are both more able and more willing to meet their pledges than had been the case previously. And maybe I'm in a bubble, but it seems to me that the spirit and energy at Temple Emeth has been rising in the last two years.

It is crucial to keep up our momentum going into our third year. Based on the experiences of some other synagogues, there is a risk that members will begin to take the whole approach for granted, feeling that it's ok to relax and cut back on your own pledge because things have been going so well. In fact, on the contrary, the way the model of voluntary pledges should work requires our members – you – to continuously review Temple programs and expenses and recommit to support Temple Emeth each year.

T'rumat Halev asks you to give to the Temple from your heart. Keeping in mind that Temple Emeth is your spiritual home, we hope that when you get your pledge form, you will invest generously in a place where the return to you is immeasurable.

This past month we had a great turnout for the Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence program the weekend of April 12-14. Rabbi Saperstein's lectures were scholarly, engaging, inspirational, and humorous. We have a lot of thinking to do about how to approach the issues he raised for us, both as a congregation and as individuals. Many thanks again to David Fox and Rob Staffin and their amazing committee.

We also enjoyed a fabulous Annual Congregational Seder, as always ably coordinated by Rachel and Mike Eastman and led by Rabbi Sirbu with help from Richard Buchbinder and Marc Klausner.



Amy Abrams

On May 1, our own Cantor Tilem is receiving an honorary doctoral degree from Hebrew Union College acknowledging her 25 years of cantorial service. A sizable contingent will attend from Temple Emeth to cheer her on, despite having to sit through a full graduation service to be there for her part. We think it's worth it.

And you will remember that we are ourselves honoring the same 25 years of cantorial service in June! First there will be a Musical Tribute to Cantor Tilem at services Friday night, May 31, at the special time of 7:30 to allow for all of the singing. That will be followed on Sunday, June 2 with a major celebration from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. If you haven't already received your invitation, it should be there shortly!

The May calendar contains quite a few other important dates. Our May 3 Family Service will also be Teacher Appreciation Shabbat. May 10 will be the Duets service, featuring self-nominated congregants singing parts of our service with Cantor Tilem. The depth of talent we have in our congregation is always surprising and impressive. We will recognize our long-term members and anyone who has reached a five-year anniversary at our Milestone Membership Shabbat on May 17. In a new twist this year, we're going to try something to help all of our members get to know each other. So if you'd like to expand your pool of acquaintances at Temple, please come.

Finally, planning ahead for June, please save the evening of Tuesday, June 11 for our Annual Congregational Meeting. This is your opportunity to hear about both the year that has passed and the year to come. Our plans for the future, and our budget for the coming year, will help inform your decision on the amount to pledge for the next fiscal year. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there!

Amy Abrams



Cantor's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Temple Emeth is proud to honor Cantor Ellen Tilem with a weekend celebration to mark her 25 years of inspirational leadership. The event begins with Shabbat services on Friday May 31st at 7:30 p.m. This special service will include several prominent guests, soloists, and the Temple Emeth Band. Additionally, the evening will also feature a combined choir consisting of current members and alumni from all of Temple Emeth's choirs. All members, past and present of: Etz Chayim, Me'ah Ehuz, Kol Emet, and the Temple Emeth Teen Choir are encouraged participate.

The festivities will continue on Sunday, June 2, from 5-9 p.m., at a celebration dinner honoring the Cantor's more than two decades of inspiration on and off the bimah. The evening will feature a silent auction, dinner, cocktails, and dancing and provide all with an opportunity to pay tribute to Cantor Tilem.

Silent Auction Committee

To all our wonderful congregants,

Thank you for the terrific donations for the Silent Auction honoring Cantor Tilem's 25th Anniversary on 6/2/19. We have finished collecting items (as of 4/28/19) but if you have something you MUST donate, do be in touch with us. We can always find room for it in one of our baskets. Again, many thanks!

Elinor Buchbinder, Pauline Hecht, Elaine Bergman, Silent Auction Co-chairs



Honor Cantor Ellen Tilem On Her 25th Anniversary

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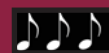
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Help us to celebrate Cantor Tilem's Silver Anniversary with music!!!!!!!!!!



On Friday May 31st Temple Emeth will honor Cantor Tilem during Shabbat services. The service will feature several surprise musical components including several guest soloists, the Temple Emeth Band, and a combined choir of Temple Emeth singers of all ages.

Current participants in the Religious School's music and Mitzvah program, and all members (past and present) of all Temple Emeth Choirs (youth, teen, and adult) are invited and encouraged to join us at services on Friday, May 31st to sing as a combined choir.

If you or a family member have sung with **ANY** Temple Emeth choir in the last 25 years, please join

us! The music will be simple and easy to learn. There is one rehearsal left:

Date: **May 15th.**

Times:

Children's rehearsal time: 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Adults' rehearsal time: 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to: idajeanf@optonline.net and rehearsal materials (music and links to recordings or live stream of rehearsals) will be sent to you in an email.

Please share this invitation with your friends and family members.

Social Action in Action

Social Action has been talking about:

- The No Meadowlands Power Plant Initiative. Fifty towns in Bergen County have signed resolutions opposing this power plant. We have signed the same sort of resolution in collaboration with GreenFaith. For more information, go to <http://nomeadowlandspowerplant.com/>. Learn more!
- Food insecurity - we do a great job with our food drives and our Walk In Dinners twice a year. What more can we do? We think it's time to re-examine food security in Bergen County. First step: learn more.
- Community Scholarship. Every year, the committee donates \$300 to the Teaneck Community Scholarship Fund. A motion was made to make the same donation this year, and it was approved unanimously.
- Grass Roots Activism Opportunities. Every month we bring notices of various activities to our meetings, to alert members where they can get active on issues such as gun violence prevention, racism, immigration, universal health care, etc.

Upcoming: Tuesday, May 28 Walk In Dinner. Help to feed the homeless in Hackensack! You can help. Contact Karyl Goldstein at keckpod@aol.com

Next meeting: Sunday, May 5, 2019, 9:45 in the Library.



The Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, organized by co-chairs David Fox and Rob Staffin, featured guest lecturer Rabbi David Saperstein. The group photo shows David and Judy Fox, Rabbi Sirbu, Mimi Sigel, Rabbi David Saperstein, Ken and Debbie Rutz. The committee included Elaine Pollack, Marion Wolf, Judy Fox, and Peter Adler.



Rob Staffin



Rabbi David Saperstein



Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, April 12-14 included lectures by Rabbi David Saperstein at Friday night services, Saturday morning Torah study, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning.



Services and S'machot

29th of Nisan 5779
Friday, May 3rd
Appreciation

Shabbat Acharei Mot
Family Shabbat Service - Teacher

Shabbat at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th

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

Torah Portion - Acharei Mot II: Lev. 18:1-30

Haftarah - Eze. 22:6-19

6th of Iyar 5779
Friday, May 10th

Shabbat K'doshim
Shabbat Duets Service at 8:00 p.m.

*The Oneg is sponsored by Amy and Seth Ginsberg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
 Bryan Robert Ginsberg*

Saturday, May 11th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service - at 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Bryan Ginsberg

Torah Portion - K'doshim: Lev. 19:1-20:27

Haftarah - Amos 9:7-15

13th of Iyar 5779
Friday, May 17th

Shabbat Emor
Music Service - Milestone Membership
Shabbat at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Miller-Breslow Baby Naming

Torah Portion - Emor: Lev. 21:1-24:23

Haftarah - Eze. 44:15-31

20th of Iyar 5779
Friday, May 24th

Shabbat B'har
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 25th

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

Torah Portion - B'har: Lev. 25:1-26:2

Haftarah - Jer. 32:6-27

27th of Iyar 5779
Friday, May 31st

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

Saturday, June 1st

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

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

Haftarah - Jer. 16:19-17:14

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 26th of Nisan 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn, Led by Dora Geld Friedman 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm JYG Pizza and Game Night 7:30pm - 9:00pm Holocaust Commemoration Event at Teaneck High School	2 27th of Nisan, Yom HaShoah 7:45pm - 8:45pm Officers' Meeting	3 28th of Nisan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat 7:36pm Candle Lighting	4 29th of Nisan 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
5 30th of Nisan 5779 9:00am - 10:00am Rabbi Sirbu Meeting with RS Parents 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting 10:00am - 11:00am RS Yom Hashoah Commemoration and Garden Dedication 11:00am - 12:30pm ETC Mitzvah: Community Garden 11:00am - 2:00pm JYG and Jr JYG End-of-Year Trip	6 1st of Iyyar 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	7 2nd of Iyyar 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "The Challenges of Liberal Zionism" with Rabbi Sirbu	8 3rd of Iyyar 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	9 4th of Iyyar, Yom Ha'Atzmaut 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting	10 5th of Iyyar 5779 7:44pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Duets Service	11 6th of Iyyar 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Bryan Ginsberg
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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 member
Sonya Atkins and sends condolences to her
son, Matthew Turner.

Condolences to...

Elyse Woods on the loss of her sister, Muriel Gordon.
Cantor Ellen Tilem and her husband Peter, on the
loss of Peter's mother, Roberta Tilem.

Jacqueline Guttman on the loss of her beloved
cousin, Krystyna Jaffe.

Mazel Tov to...

Eva and Larry Tobias on the birth of their grandson,
Zigi Leon Tobias, and to his parents, Evi
Robinson and Lane Tobias.

Carla and Larry Silver on the birth of their grandson,
Asher Dov Silver-Beck and to his
parents Deborah Silver and Andrew Beck.

Marilynn and Joel Friedman on the birth of their
grandson, Nolan Samuel and to his parents
Jeffrey and Kalley Friedman.

Marilynn and Joel Friedman on the birth of their
grandson, Benjamin Seth, and to his parents
Daniel and Lisa Friedman.

Randi Dubno Gardner, daughter of Gwen and Marty
Dubno on receiving an honorary doctorate
from the Hebrew Union College for 25 years
of Jewish Communal Service.

Welcome to New Members

Joseph Dunsay
Alan Zimmerman

We bid farewell to...

Lorraine Fisch, who recently moved to North
Andover, Mass., to be closer to her son
and his family.



Our journey exploring the Jewish experience in
cinema continues with our next
MOVIE THAT MATTERED:
Defiance (2008) - Tuesday, May 28

In 1941, Nazi soldiers are slaughtering Eastern
European Jews by the thousands. Three brothers,
Tuvia (Daniel Craig), Zus (Liev Schreiber) and
Asael (Jamie Bell), manage to escape and take
refuge in the forest where they played in childhood.
Seeking a way to avenge the deaths of their loved
ones, the brothers turn their daily struggle for sur-
vival into a battle against the Nazis. As news of their
exploits spreads, others join the fray, willing to risk
their lives for even brief freedom.

2019 Movie schedule:

Private Benjamin (1980) - Tuesday, June 18

Temple Community Garden



The Temple Emeth
Intergenerational
Community Garden
has come back to life!

Snow peas were sown
in early April and more
cool-weather-loving seeds (spinach, lettuce, snap peas)
and seedlings (collard greens and kale) went into the
ground in mid-April. All of this should be sprouted and
visible by the time you are reading this issue of the
Bulletin.

On May 5th, ETC Mitzvah will perform a miracle
when they lend us their strong arms and backs to help
us rototill and prepare beds and tubs for:
Planting on Sunday, May 19th of tomatoes, beans,
squashes, and other young plants that will bear fruit in
the summer months.

If you want to be in on the action, please come visit on
either of these days between 10:30 a.m. and noon.
Otherwise, come around back and take a peek any-
time.

Opera Shabbaton on March 23rd
featured Bizet's Carmen with
lecturer David Rosenmayer. If
you have a suggestion for next
year's opera, contact Elaine at
ejb1734@msn.com.

Photo by Carla Silver



**Save the Date
for the
Confirmation
Shavuot
service
June 8 2019
at 7:45 p.m.**



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Shabbat
on March
22nd.



Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: The Stories We Tell

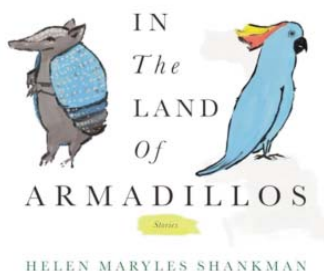
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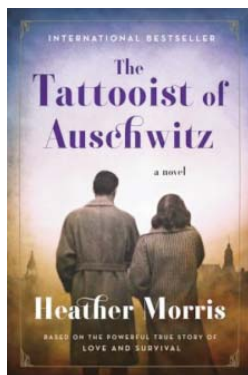


The stories we tell as individuals help us make sense of our lives and understand who we are. Likewise, the stories we tell about the Jewish people can help shape our shared identity. The Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library has recently acquired four books filled with fascinating Jewish stories.

The first, In the Land of the Armadillos, is the debut story collection of Helen Maryles Shankman, who has been nominated for two Pushcart Prizes and has also written a critically acclaimed novel. The eight interconnected tales in this book are all set in a German-occupied town in Poland in 1942. Myth and folklore mix with horrible realities of the time in “a testament to the persistence of humanity in the most inhuman conditions.” In a glowing review for the Jewish Book Council, Ranen Omer-Sherman says that this “stands out as one of the most original and consistently captivating short story collections to have appeared in recent years.”



A second book set in the same time period is also about people prevailing in the worst possible circumstances. The Tattooist of Auschwitz is the first novel written by Heather Morris, a New Zealander living in Australia. This international best-seller is based on a true story. Working in an old age home in Melbourne, Morris met a Slovakian Jew named Lale Sokolov, who shared his live story with her. He spent two and a half years in Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he was forced to tattoo his fellow prisoners. In July of 1942, when Lale tattooed a number on the arm of Gita Furman, he vowed that he would survive and marry her. Jenna Blum calls this “an extraordinary story of love so fierce it



sustained people enduring the unimaginable.”

Another best-seller added to our shelves is The Other Woman by Daniel Silva. This is “a masterpiece of espionage, love, and betrayal” by Silva, who “is best known for his long-running thriller series starring spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon.” Allon is chief of Israel’s secret intelligence service. In this installment, he is lured into the hunt for a traitor after his most important asset inside Russian intelligence is murdered while trying to defect to the West. “Fast as a bullet, hauntingly beautiful, and filled with stunning double crosses and twists of plot, The Other Woman is a tour de force.”



The last of our new books is America’s Jews & America’s Game: Voices of a Growing Legacy by Larry Ruttman. Ruttman is a practicing lawyer in Boston, who produces and hosts a TV interview show. His book is a work of oral and cultural history based on interviews with players, owners, officials, sportswriters and others involved in America’s favorite pastime. According to Jonathan D. Sarna, chief historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History, “There may well be more books about Jews and baseball than there are Jews who played professional baseball. But this one is different. Here baseball’s most interesting Jews speak in their own words about their lives, their love of the game, and above all about their Judaism. Informative, inspiring, historically significant, and a pleasure to read, this is a book that anybody who cares about America’s game or America’s Jews will cherish.”



These and other stories we tell are waiting for you in The Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

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Rachael Sugarman sending warm thanks to the thoughtful Temple Emeth families who remembered her with Shalach Manot on Purim
Gayle and Michael Goldberg wishing Mazel Tov to Eva and Larry Tobias on the birth of their grandson, Zigi Leon Tobias

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David Bloom in memory of his father, Michael Bloom

Summary of Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019

Laaren Hort –Marketing Report - Laaren attended a Federation meeting on branding and marketing. We pay for print ads in the Jewish Standard for Rentals, Religious School, and Viewpoints events. We publicize events online and the Jewish Standard and Bergen Record. Carla Silver sends publicity notices to publications. Barbara Balkin's photographs are amazing and can be used in all forms of media. We need more photos of students. Laaren suggested that when we advertise our speakers and travel discussions as events that are open to the public, we should consider labeling them as a lecture series. A new logo is in the works.

Rabbi's Report – April 12-14 is the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence weekend. Rabbi David Saperstein is our speaker.

Youth engagement – the 5 teens who attended the RAC will speak on March 29th. Rabbi Sirbu has been acting as the Youth Director since we do not have anyone in that position.

The URJ Youth Report was discussed. We sent 11 students to NFTY events. 20 students participated in the summer camp and school year events.

Ron and Jackie Arams are in charge of Youth Scholarships. Several have been awarded and there are some funds still available for future events.

Camp Harlam presentation; the URJ new 6 Points Creative Arts Academy will make a presentation following the Purim service

There are 5 students in our Confirmation class this year.

Administrator's Report.- Roof needs replacement. The roof is 21 years old – it is a 20 year roof. Rochelle will get quotes. Some funds from the website marketing budget have been moved to Shulcloud. Shulcloud is expected to partially go live after Passover, with the balance to go live around June.

Treasurer's Report – Gary reported there is one more meeting to finalize the budget before presenting it to the board.

Financial Secretary's Report - As of Feb. 28th, approximately \$400K paid which is 84%. Past due of 4% based on scheduled payments. Letters were sent to those in arrears, etc.

President's Report – Silent Auction reminder of Board members' 3 item responsibility.

Town Hall Meeting 3/24 to include: Update Finances, Break-out session on membership engagement and recruitment. Flip, Danielle, Howard, and Marc volunteered to scribe.

Cantor reported that Eric Clark will be moving on. His last service will be April 26th. Cantor has met with Steve Friedes regarding replacing Eric. There will be enough time to prepare for High Holy Days. Steve is familiar with service music.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Kantor
Assistant Secretary

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