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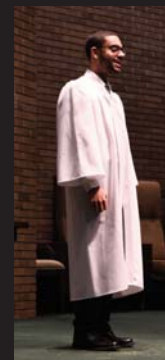
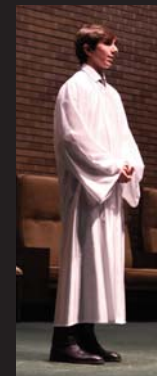
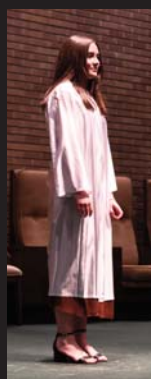
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## Please Join Us as the Confirmation Class of 5781

Joseph Patrick Conlon	Talia Sara Sirbu
Luke Zachary Conlon	Jordyn Rylee Snyder
Jacob Werner Newman	Austin Presley Steiner
Lillian Faye Newman	Kieran Alexander Wallach
Bridgitte Joyce Norr	Michela Sydney Wallach
Iris Elani Pierce	Aidan Scott Wilson
Isaac Edward Pierce	Ryan Jared Zaken

Leads Our Congregation in Shavuot Evening Services  
Sunday, May 16, 2021  
7:45 p.m.



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# Message From the Rabbi

Jewish history has gone through periods of welcome, when borders are permeable and identities flexible, and periods of exclusion. The Book of Ruth represents a period of welcome.

The story seems an unlikely one for the Bible. Naomi, the mother of two grown sons is widowed. Her sons marry Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah, but in the next verse Naomi's sons die too. And all this is in the first five verses of the book. With no man to represent and guide them, this family is an anomaly. Orpah makes the conventional choice and returns to her father's house; he will presumably find her another husband.

Ruth, however, chooses to stay with her mother-in-law and to journey with her back to Judah, their ancestral land. Ruth makes a passionate declaration devoting herself both to Naomi and her God: "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus and more may the LORD do to me if anything but death parts me from you."

By tradition, Ruth is the first convert to Judaism, and these words are considered by many to be the moment Ruth converts. I believe that is mostly true. The Bible does not mention conversion as we consider it today, because one's national identity and religious identity were essentially one and the same. Just as it would be farfetched today to think one could convert to, say, being Irish or Korean, so too would conversion to Judaism have been considered. Rather the Bible strongly implies that a woman takes on her husband's national identity when she marries, and then eventually raises sons with that same identity.

So what happens when a woman who has no children becomes widowed? Ruth is in a legal gray area. In my view she is not so much converting as she is affirming the identity she assumed when her husband was alive.

Without a man to make her an Israelite through marriage, she makes herself an Israelite through kindness and devotion.

To the author of the book, Ruth can seem to do no wrong. She is obedient and a hard worker. And she knows how to seduce a man without bringing shame upon either of them. (At least I think that's what she does; the text is vague on the details.) At the end of the

book, it is established that King David will be her descendant. There can be no greater reward.

I mentioned above that this is an unlikely story for the Bible. Most of the Bible tells the story of powerful Israelite men. They establish laws, seal covenants or lead their troops into battle. Most of these same texts portray other nations with suspicion

or worse. The Book of Ruth, by contrast, is about the good that is accomplished when a Moabite woman and an Israelite woman, both essentially powerless, form a bond of friendship and love. The welcome Ruth receives as a Moabite living in Judah is unprecedented and uplifting.

The festival of Shavuot, which falls this year on May 16-17, features the Book of Ruth. There are many reasons for this, including the harvest scenes that would have taken place this time of year. But the key connection of Ruth to Shavuot is the sense of commitment and covenant. Just as the Israelites as a nation commit themselves at Sinai to a covenant with God, so too does Ruth as an individual with Naomi as her witness.

Both the Israelites and Ruth had suffered prior to this moment. Both must have been fearful of what such a commitment truly meant. But in the end, both chose faith and community.

Since that moment, the Jewish people have admired Ruth for her choice. We welcome Jews-by-choice as part of her legacy. And we pay tribute to her on Shavuot, the day that celebrates the union of God, Torah, and Israel.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



# From the Religious School

## Z'man Matan Torateinu – The Time of the Giving of the Torah

Greet every person with joy - Avot 3:16

On Shavuot we celebrate a wonderful gift, the Torah. Our tradition teaches us that the Torah was “given” years ago on Mount Sinai, but it is “received” every day. A rabbinic story explains that at Sinai each of our ancestors heard what was in his or her power to hear. It teaches us that in each generation we have the power to open our ears, eyes, and hearts to the words of the Torah and accept them for ourselves.



Dora Friedman

The stories, laws, and values in the Tanach (five books, Prophets, and writings) are the building blocks for Jewish life. Each year as we celebrate Shavuot we re-commit ourselves to the guidance of Torah in our lives. Jewish ethics and values are rooted in the Torah. Examples of ethical teachings in Torah include “Love the stranger as yourself for you were strangers in Egypt” (Leviticus) and “Justice, justice you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy).

As our tradition instructs us “Turn it (Torah) and turn it again for everything is in it. You can have no better

guide in life than it.” In Temple Emeth Religious School we study and experience the importance of Torah in our daily lives. We learn from the Torah that we are God’s partners.

B’vracha,  
Dora Geld Friedman

### **Looking Ahead:**

Friday, May 7 - You are invited to the Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m., when our teachers will be honored. Details will follow in “This Week at Temple Emeth.”

Sunday, May 16 - “Moving Up” in the parking lot. (rain date May 23) 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Watch your email for more information.

Sunday, May 16 - Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation, 7:45 p.m.  
*Registration materials for Religious School 2021 - 2022 will be mailed over the summer. Your prompt response will help us plan for the new school year. Thanks!*

## Temple Emeth 2021 Fall Gala Saturday, October 2, 2021

Please join us in celebrating Past President **Marc Chelemer** and Devotion Award Recipients: **Barbara Balkin** and **Carlene Fleishman** by purchasing an ad or tribute in the [Virtual Fall Gala Journal](#).

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### QUESTIONS:

Please contact Gayle and Michael Goldberg, Ad Journal Chairs  
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# Message from President Nickie Falk

## Survey Says...What Members Are Thinking

Thanks to all of you who answered our recent survey about reopening our building. We recognize that the responses reflect your feelings about a moment in time and that your viewpoints might be different in a month or two. My own position changes daily, depending on the news reports, and Governor Murphy's and the CDC's daily press briefings.

The survey was meant to give us a snapshot in time as our Ad Hoc Committee on Reopening the Building develops guidelines to give to our Board as they grapple with what will happen going forward. So, what were Temple Emeth members thinking as of April 16, the cutoff for responding?

*Would you feel comfortable coming to Temple if you did not know how many or the percentage of members who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19?*

40.51% responded they would feel comfortable, while 59.49% said they would not.

*Are you fully vaccinated against COVID-19?*

Of the 158 people answering the survey, 154 were vaccinated; 3 were not; and 1 preferred not to answer.

*If you are the parent of a Religious School child, is your child/children attending classes?*

21.43% of our children are attending classes in their school's building; 35.71% are going to school virtually; and 42.86% are learning through a hybrid situation.

*Will you feel comfortable in the Sanctuary if children (those under 16) are present and not yet fully vaccinated against COVID-19?*

49.37% of our members would attend services in our Sanctuary with unvaccinated children present; 37.34% would not; and 13.29% preferred not to answer the question.

*What services/activities would you feel comfortable coming to the Temple to attend?*

The response to this question was mixed, with people feeling most comfortable attending Shabbat and High Holidays services.

*If the Temple has limited seating for services or other activities available on a first-come, first-served basis, would you want to reserve a spot?*

Email was the reservation basis of choice, with 62.66% saying they would reserve a spot by email; 24.68% through ShulCloud (our online database system that all members have access to); 9.49% would rather call the office; and 3.16% gave a mixed bag of other means of responding.

*It is likely that the Temple will reopen to limited attendance before we resume serving food and drink. If services, Torah study, or other activities resumed in person, but without the Oneg or bagels, would you be more likely to attend, just as likely to attend, or less likely to attend?*

Only 3.16% of those responding said they'd be less likely to attend if no food were served; 31.92% said they'd be more likely to attend; and 82.91% said they'd be just as likely to attend.



Nickie Falk

*If the Temple offered in-person, outdoor services that are also livestreamed would you be more likely to attend outdoors, equally likely to attend, or more likely to watch on livestream?*

31.01% would be more likely to attend outdoors; nearly half, 46.20%, would be equally likely to attend outdoors or watch on livestream; and 22.78% would be more likely to watch on livestream.

*If an outdoor service needed to be cancelled and moved to livestream because of inclement weather, how far in advance would you need to know to adjust your plans?*

Most people, 81.01% would only need two hours to adjust their plans, while 14.56% needed at least 8 hours; and 4.43% would prefer at least 24 hours' notice.

### What's next?

The Officers have already established clear protocols for those special lifecycle events that the Board has authorized people can enter our building—Bar/Bat Mitzvah, funerals, weddings, Auf Rufs, and Confirmation. These include limited attendance, distanced seating, masks, temperature taking, and information collected for contact tracking. We are now investigating what possible changes to our physical structure would we need to consider before letting people back in greater numbers. The Board and Ad Hoc Committee on Reopening the Building welcome your continued feedback. Please email me ([president@emeth.org](mailto:president@emeth.org)) with your comments so that I can pass them along.

Remember, our building is closed to members. If you want to make a donation, pay a bill, or do any other business with us, please email our Temple Administrator, Suzannah Mercado at [smercado@emeth.org](mailto:smercado@emeth.org) or call the office at 201-833-1322. We are eager to help.

Until we reopen, stay masked; stay healthy; stay safe.

Sending virtual hugs...Nickie



## Temple Emeth B'yachad Breakfast via Zoom SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

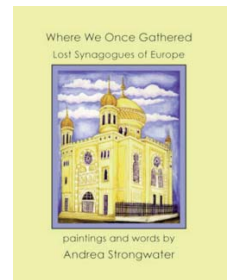
**Distinguished artist Andrea Strongwater will present  
"Lost Synagogues of Europe",  
her project which documents 83 synagogues across Europe  
which were destroyed during the Third Reich.**



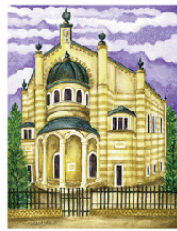
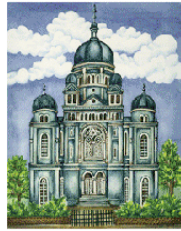
This presentation will be a short overview of her work as a visual artist and a discussion of how she got into the project. She will provide details of several of the synagogues that she painted at their best and describe the communities that built each building. Images will be projected throughout the presentation.

### About Andrea Strongwater:

Manhattan resident Andrea Strongwater has been an artist all her life. Her work can be seen in galleries, museums and shops around the world. In the past few years Andrea has focused on creating exceptional art for books. Her first published work won two independent book publisher's awards. Andrea's work is very diverse and includes artwork for gift items, teaching manuals for women in Afghanistan, jigsaw puzzles for Cornell University and lectures on her big project documenting synagogues across Europe destroyed during the Third Reich.



The Zoom Link and Password will be distributed the week before the B'yachad presentation.



## PRICE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS INCREASES JULY 1

The Bergen County Reform Temple Memorial Association is a cemetery association founded in 1954 to serve Temple Emeth. Prices for graves will increase from \$900 to \$1200 per grave effective July 1, 2021. This is the first price increase in seven years. While the \$1200 price is still well below market value, we encourage you to consider making a purchase while the \$900 price is still in effect.

Family plots of four graves or larger are available in our sections in Cedar Park and Beth El Cemeteries on Forest Avenue in Washington Township. Single graves and multiples thereof are available in our section in Riverside Cemetery located on Market Street in Saddle Brook. In accordance with the cemeteries rules, we may sell graves only to Temple members for use by those who at the time of their death are of the Jewish faith.



For more information or to purchase graves, contact David Fox at 201-836-0260 or [jdjmfox@aol.com](mailto:jdjmfox@aol.com).



## Services and S'machot

**18 Iyar 5781**

**Saturday, May 1st**

*Torah Portion - Emor  
Leviticus 21:1-24:23*

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**

**Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Livestream**

*Haftarah - Ezekiel 44:15-44:31*

**25 Iyar 5781**

**Friday, May 7th**

**Family Shabbat Service and Teacher Appreciation  
at 7:30 p.m. Livestream**

**Saturday, May 8th**

*Torah Portion - Behar-Bechukotai  
Leviticus 25:1-27:34*

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**

**Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of  
Gregory Norr at 10:30 a.m. Livestream**

*Haftarah - Jeremiah 16:19-17:14*

**3 Sivan 5781**

**Friday, May 14th**

**Kabbalat Shabbat and Milestone Membership  
Appreciation at 5:45 p.m. Zoom**

**Saturday, May 15th**

*Torah Portion - Bamidbar  
Numbers 1:1-4:20*

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**

**Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Livestream**

*Haftarah - Hosea 2:1-2:22*

**Sunday, May 16th**

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

**Monday, May 17th**

**Shavuot Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. on Livestream**

**10 Sivan 5781**

**Friday, May 21st**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m. Livestream**

**Saturday, May 22nd**

*Torah Portion - Naso: Numbers 4:21-7:89*

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**

**Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Zoom**

*Haftarah - Judges 13:2-13:25*

**17 Sivan 5781**

**Friday, May 28th**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 a.m. Livestream**

**Saturday, May 29th**

*Torah Portion - Beha'Alotcha  
Numbers 8:1-12:16*

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Zoom**

**Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of  
Leila Kravitz at 10:30 a.m. Livestream**

*Haftarah - Zechariah 2:14-4:7*

# May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 19th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 11:00am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Live Stream
<b>2</b> 20th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 9:45am Social Action Committee Meeting @ ZOOM 10:00am - 11:00am Religious School Parents' Meeting @ ZOOM 4:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	<b>3</b> 21st of Iyyar 5781 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>4</b> 22nd of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Education with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	<b>5</b> 23rd of Iyyar 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School 7:30pm - 9:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	<b>6</b> 24th of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officer's Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>7</b> 25th of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat @ Live Stream	<b>8</b> 26th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Gregory Norr
<b>9</b> 27th of Iyyar 5781 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 4:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	<b>10</b> 28th of Iyyar 5781 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	<b>11</b> 29th of Iyyar 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective (Make-Up Date) @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Education with Rabbi Sirbu (make-up date) @ ZOOM	<b>12</b> 1st of Sivan 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School 7:00pm - 8:00pm Caring Committee Meeting @ ZOOM 7:30pm - 9:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal (if necessary) @ Sanctuary 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>13</b> 2nd of Sivan 5781 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>14</b> 3rd of Sivan 5781 5:45pm - 6:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat - Milestone Membership Appreciation @ ZOOM	<b>15</b> 4th of Sivan 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 11:00am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Live Stream
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For up-to-the-minute event information, additions, cancellations, or make-up classes go to [www.emeth.org](http://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 longtime members Nanette Badian, and Joseph Pollack, and sends condolences to his wife, Elaine.*

### Condolences to...

*Naomi and Gerald Weber on the loss of their friend, Judith Ann Berg.*

*Arlene Packles on the loss of her uncle, Fred Siegel.*

### Mazel Tov to...

*Jody Eskenazi and Mark Pobutkiewicz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sam Pobutkiewicz.*



*Paul Kaufman on the birth of his great-grandson, Gregory Edward Kaufman.*

*Michael and Gayle Goldberg on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Goldberg, to Matt Cecere.*

*Stacey Butler on receiving her Doctorate in Jewish Education from Gratz College.*

### Get well wishes to...

*Meredith Alvaro*

*Susan Berlinrood*

*Dione Danis*

## Garden News

What a great afternoon we gardeners had with Emeth Teens on Sunday afternoon, April 18th. The garden is off to a roaring start this year, with planting of squash and kale alongside the peas that were planted a month ago and are now up in two neat rows. Tomato and other beds were rototilled and are now ready to receive the tomato, pepper, and other seedlings that will be ready for planting in mid-May.



Many thanks to the teens for their enthusiasm, curiosity, and strong backs. Great job!!



## Social Action in Action

### Upcoming Social Action Events

We will have a Social Action Committee meeting plus two events that might be of interest to you this spring.

The next Social Action meeting will be on Sunday, May 2 at 9:45 a.m. Zoom information will be sent out shortly.

### RAC-NJ 2021 Issue Campaign Kickoff

Join RAC-NJ on **Thursday, May 6** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. via Zoom for our 2021 **Ban the Box in Housing Campaign Kickoff**. About the issue: This is the first state legislation in the nation to prohibit landlords from discriminating, sight unseen, against potential tenants who have criminal records. It would prohibit landlords from asking whether a potential tenant has a criminal history on an **initial** application for housing. Learn more about the issue from our partners at **Fair Share Housing Center**, hear from Rabbi Hilly Haber about her volunteer chaplaincy with our URJ congregation at Northern State Prison in Newark, and join RAC-NJ's strategy for action to help get the bill across the finish line. Register at <https://RAC.org/NJCampaignKickoff>

Questions? Contact Lynn Chaiken: [lynnchaiken@gmail.com](mailto:lynnchaiken@gmail.com)

### Join the Temple Emeth Team for the Jewish Family & Children Services Wheels for Meals Annual Ride to Fight Hunger

Temple Emeth is organizing a team to ride in the Jewish Children & Family Service's (JCFS) 11th Annual Wheels for Meals Ride to Fight Hunger event on **Sunday,**

**June 13.** The ride offers 5, 10, 25, and 50 mile ride options, as well as hiking for those who prefer to walk rather than ride. Join us as we get out in the fresh air, have some fun, and do it for a good cause!

While JCFS has waived the \$36 registration fee for team members, we encourage team members to raise funds for the cause. As you know, food insecurity is a real problem, even in Bergen County, and as a community that prides itself on social action, we are well positioned to help, so get on board, and start pedaling for this great cause!

Register here:

[theridetofighthunger.rallybound.org/Account/Register](https://theridetofighthunger.rallybound.org/Account/Register), then view our team page [here](#).

View our team page:

<https://theridetofighthunger.rallybound.org/emeth>

For further information contact Team Captain Michael Robinson, [michaelrobinson.emeth@gmail.com](mailto:michaelrobinson.emeth@gmail.com)

Next up:

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021** is our **primary** election day! In order to vote, you must be registered as either a Democrat or a Republican - Make sure you're registered! Call the County Clerk's office 201.336.7000.

**Tuesday June 29, 2021** is our next Family Promise Walk-in-Dinner. More details to follow.



# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: How to Travel During a Pandemic  
By Marion Wolf

## ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION



While we have been in lockdown for over a year, the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library has been steadily acquiring new books. Several of these volumes tell stories set in places far from Teaneck, New Jersey. You may be stuck at home, but let your imagination roam!

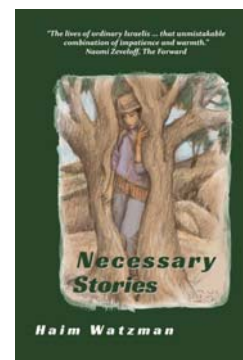
According to the *Jewish Review of Books*, A. B. Yehoshua is “the greatest Hebrew novelist.” His latest novel, skillfully translated by Stuart Schoffman, is *The Tunnel*. It tells the story of Zvi Luria, a 72-year-old retired engineer living in Tel Aviv. His wife is a respected pediatrician, and their long, loving relationship is at the heart of this book. Together they are facing a big challenge: Luria has the beginnings of dementia. To stave off his decline and stay engaged with the world, he takes an unpaid position assisting a young engineer building a road in the northern Negev. On the route there is a Palestinian family living without proper permits among ancient ruins. A tunnel would allow them to stay there. Robert Alter writes in his review, “A story centered on cognitive decay and involving an encounter with Palestinians that has fraught political implications may sound a little grim, but it is characteristic of Yehoshua’s fiction that most of this is rendered as wry comedy—a strange sort of comedy that repeatedly highlights bizarre incongruities.” *The Tunnel* is both witty and suspenseful; it’s no wonder that it is a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award.



*To Be a Man* is a collection of short stories by Nicole Krauss. *The New York Times* calls her “one of America’s most important novelists and an international literary sensation,” whose stories “cross boundaries of geography and convention.” *Esquire* says this book is “masterfully crafted and deeply contemplative...an astounding collection of ten globetrotting stories, each one a powerful dissection of the thorny connections between men and women.” Krauss’s male characters are fathers, friends, seducers, and even a lost husband who may never have been a husband at all.



Haim Watzman is an American-born, Jerusalem-based writer, journalist, and translator. Since 2008 he has written a column called “Necessary Stories” for *The Jerusalem Report*. From that column Watzman has chosen 24 stories of Israeli and Jewish life and compiled a collection also called *Necessary Stories*. Sometimes Watzman reimagines historical encounters; at other times he shares personal anecdotes. Joseph Skibell says, “*Necessary Stories* is a quietly beautiful work, haunting in places, gently funny in others, written by a graceful, thoughtful, eloquent man.”



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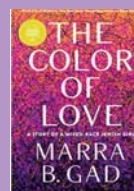


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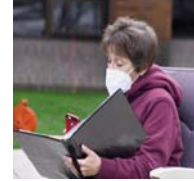
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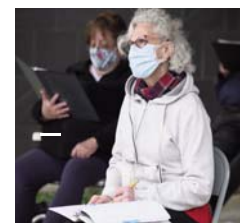
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