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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 mailing and should be sent to

Rochelle Rudnick at rrudnick@emeth.org cc: ehanan@emeth.org

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

In October, I took my second trip to Alabama in eight years. You may recall my first trip, which was based out of Birmingham, Alabama's largest city. The trip I recently returned from was to Montgomery, Alabama's capital. Unlike Birmingham, which grew to prominence after the Civil War, Montgomery was a

hub of the slave trade, situated on the banks of the Alabama River and on a rail line that was constructed by slave labor.

My trip was organized by T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, and it had two major goals. The first was to tour the new Legacy Museum and the Memorial for Peace and Justice, which were established by the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) to commemorate the legacy of slavery and terror lynching. While the vast majority of lynchings took place in the South, there were several in the North, including Orange County,

New York and Monmouth County, New Jersey. The museum and the memorial lived up to their reputation by presenting a tragic period of American history with clarity, emotion, and nuance—challenging visitors to examine these events within the context of their own lives. And each is in a symbolic location within Montgomery's geography. The museum is in an old slave warehouse, and the memorial is on the highest hill in the city.

The second goal of the trip was to help this group of 30 Jewish leaders (most of them rabbis) to confront our complicity in a system that has oppressed African Americans in different ways for centuries. It's true that

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

most of us trace our roots in this country to the postslavery era. Nonetheless, we have benefited from this unjust system. The participants in the tour studied texts and discussed ideas such as hidden sins and intergenerational responsibility. We even debated the meaning of the term "racist," and whether that word is

too general and too powerful to be useful. Perhaps the best metaphor for understanding our role within the complexity of American racism was shared by a speaker from the EJI: "You may not have planted the tree, but you still get to sit in its shade."

I, of course, had a third goal. I was in Montgomery to scout out the area in advance of our congregational trip here in February. Not only did I get some good ideas of things to see and do, but I was able to think about the historical and moral issues presented in the Legacy

Museum and the Memorial for Peace and Justice. This will give me the opportunity to consider what readings, prayers, and songs will give our group's visit additional meaning. My peers in this group were so impressed that I already had a large group planning on coming with me. Though others sought to bring groups in the future, no one else already had a trip in the works.

As with all good Jewish travel, my trip to Montgomery taught me history, connected me with new people who shared my background but not necessarily my perspective, and challenged me to think about my potential in bringing change to the world. I intend to share these lessons with our entire congregation.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



From the Religious School

"MITZVAH GORERET MITZVAH" - ONE MITZVAH LEADS TO ANOTHER

Every November, Temple Emeth participates in the community wide *Mitzvah Day* held at Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey in Paramus. Helping others is a mitzvah that teaches us a lot about

ourselves. The sage Hillel taught: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? but if I am only for myself, who am I? And if not now, when?"

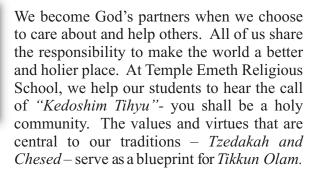
At Temple Emeth Religious School we learn about and model acts of *Tzedakah and Chesed* – acts of lovingkindness, expressions of gratitude, and praise for our world and its many blessings. Our students learn that we can help repair the world – *Tikkun Olam* – by contribut

ing money or other resources such as food, clothing, and our time and effort.

This year on Sunday, November 18, our ETC students will be volunteering in a variety of hands-on activities creating, sorting, and packing items to go to those in need both here and in Israel. In preparation for *Mitzvah Day*, Temple Emeth families are asked to donate clean used tee shirts – any color, any size – to be used to cre-

ate small gifts. Collection boxes are located by the front door and Religious School office. Donations will be accepted until November 18. Thank you for helping to make this a successful *Chesed* and *Tzedakah* initia-

tive!



LOOKING AHEAD: Fall back one hour on Saturday night November 3rd. Please join Religious School grades 3, 4 and 5 on Sunday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. for our M & M service, followed by the Temple Town Hall meeting at 9:30 a.m.

B'vracha, Dora Geld Friedman



Simchat Torah celebration on September 30. Dancing with the Torah and enjoying a sweet candy bar.

Rabbi Joseph Trachtenberg Memorial lecturer Rabbi Stanley Davids spoke about "The Fragile Dialogue Among Those Who Love Israel" on October 11.



Sukkot Family Fun







B'Yachad breakfast about the "History of the Borscht Belt" on October 14 with speaker Marty Schneit.







Message from President Amy Abrams

Happy autumn! With only a slight change in the temperature, we are into the next season. I love the colors and brisk air in the fall. The changes are energizing. Of course, I grew up in a colder climate than this, so I actually enjoy putting on sweaters and warmer coats. It feels normal to me. I'm still sad that I can't ice skate outdoors here. If I could ice skate at all, that is.

We are holding our fall Town Hall Meeting on November 18 at 9:30 -11:00 a.m. The agenda for this meeting includes (1) an update on the continued success of our Voluntary Commitment program, (2) a financial update on the overall status of the Temple,

and (3) a program to take the first steps to help to review how to continue to best reflect our mission, vision, and values in our activities and decision-making. I hope that you will all plan to attend; the more people there, the better the discussion.

For the discussion, members will be participating in an interactive session, to be led by Nickie Falk, our first vice president, to give the leadership some direction for the future. This is your synagogue. Help guide its future.

What are we talking about? Well, for the last couple of months, I've been writing about Temple Emeth's Mission and Core Values.

In case you don't remember our Mission Statement, it

The mission of Temple Emeth is to create and sustain a welcoming, caring Reform Jewish congregation that supports the diverse spiritual, educational, and social needs of its members. The congregation inspires its members to pray, study, and practice our Jewish heritage, to engage in acts of tikkun olam (repair of the world), and to address the needs of our greater community.

Our Core Values are Spirituality, Caring Community, Welcoming, Torah Study, Israel, and Social Action.

The Vision statement is the only one I haven't discussed recently. Like our Mission and Values, our vision statement was created as part of our large-scale Strategic Planning Initiative. It is intended to be an ideal vision of what we would like to be ultimately, if everything worked as well as we could possibly want. It is:

- 1. We see a large, cohesive, harmonious congregation, financially secure, with a sound physical environment where a diverse population meets. A wide variety of programs reflecting our diversity attracts members not just for life cycle events, but as a central part of their spiritual and social life.
- 2. We employ an innovative, flexible space to

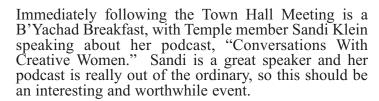
pray, meditate, and study. The sanctuary will be filled for Shabbat services. Adult education programs are varied and well-attended. Every weekend the social hall is filled with people of all ages participating in a variety of social, educational, and mitzvah activities.

3. All constituencies of the Temple Emeth community interact with each other. Adult members serve as role models for the Religious School and support students in their b'nai mitzvah and confirmation work. The Temple community participates in social action, entertainment, and fun-filled activities.

> To summarize, we envision a large diverse congregation that likes each other and the Temple for a wide variety of spiritual, mitzvah, educational, and social activities, that uses all parts of our sound physical plant for prayer and study, that shares activities and skills intergenerationally, and that is fiscally sound.

I think we are well on the way to satisfying this vision, but there is always more we can do. Integrating the Mission, Vision, and Values into everything we do is challenging,

but critical to our becoming the synagogue we want to be. Please come share your thoughts at the Town Hall Meeting.



Also coming up soon is the Temple Bazaar, on December 2! Always a wonderfully fun day! Come and volunteer for a couple of hours, then shop your heart out with our amazing bargains! Or shop first while the best deals are still there; we can be flexible. If you're interested in volunteering and no one has called you Gayle Goldberg please contact yet, Bazaar@Emeth.org. I hope to see you all there; it's a great community experience!

Next up in December is the Chanukah Dinner on December 7. Everything is so early this year! Chanukah actually starts on December 2. The Dinner is another wonderful annual event, where we bring our menorahs, light them all together, and welcome all our new members. Etz Chayim will be singing at the service immediately after that, too.

Busy, busy, busy. But all good. In the middle of this activity, I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you early and often in the next month!



New Initiative



The Viewpoints committee would like to inform the congregation of a new initiative in the Reform Jewish community. Do you know any nonbinary, gender

fluid and gender questioning Jewish teens? Would they benefit from a safe space to explore who they are, an online group where they can build community with other Jewish teens who identify beyond the gender binary? **Moving Traditions** is currently launching its second Tzelem group, offered in partnership. The following link:

https://www.movingtraditions.org/programs/tzelem gives information about this opportunity.



September 30.





Temple Emeth

invites you to the



19th Annual Chanukah Dinner

Bring your menorahs, candles and friends!

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

All new 2018 Temple members are invited as our quests

Enjoy a Kosher meal followed by a Music Service at 8 p.m.

Return form and payment to the Temple office no later than **December 1st**

RSVP for the Chanukah Dinner ~ Friday, December 7th PLEASE PRINT

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Name:			
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I'd like to volunteer for: \square setting up \square serving			
cleaning up			
# Member Adults @ \$25 per person = \$			
# Non-Member Adults@ \$30 per person = \$			
# Children, ages 4-12@ \$10 per person = \$			
Children, ages 3 and under (free)			
# of new or Sustaining 2018 Temple members			
adults:children:(free)			
Total Enclosed: \$			

For more information or to volunteer contact: Kendall Seidenari at kdoll143@gmail.com

Social Action in Action



Contribute Food Items for Helping Hands Food Pantry in honor of Janice Preschel

Janice Preschel is being honored as a Woman of the Year by Wise Older Women (WOW) on Sunday, November 4, 2018 as part of the Teaneck International

Film Festival. In her honor we're asking you to bring food for Helping Hands Food Pantry. Bring food on Saturday night, November 3 as well, if you happen to be coming to the Gala.

Join Us Once Again as Temple Emeth Becomes a Family Shelter

Be a part of our team of volunteers as we shelter working families. Dates are from December 16 to December 23, 2018. Our biggest need is for SLEEPERS (two per night, 8:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.) Women, in particular, are needed. Comfortable beds provided! Post B'nai Mitvah teens, accompanied by at least one parent may also sleep over. Teens can receive community credit on request. Temple Emeth parents are now encouraged to play with and/or read to the guest children. COOKS and SERVERS are also needed. This Family Promise of Bergen County program is sponsored by the Temple Emeth Social Action Committee. For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Elaine Bergman at ejb1734@msn.com

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Center for Food Action needs the following: hearty soups, canned vegetables, canned yams, gravy or gravy mix, instant potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, stuffing, pasta sauce, frozen turkeys. Please leave your contributions in the front hall box at Temple.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee is November 11th at 9:45 a.m.





B'yachad

Join us for Sunday Morning Breakfast and Discussion on November 18, 11:00 a.m. following the Town Hall Meeting

Our very own Sandi Klein will discuss some of her podcasts with a Jewish connection!

Veteran radio newscaster Sandi Klein has been "in the business" for 30 years; 20 as an anchor at 1010 WINS in New York City. In addition to hosting several public affairs programs, she was the cohost of "Arts Alive from the Algonquin," a 52-week series broadcast Sunday afternoon from Manhattan's famous Algonquin Hotel.

Sandi currently hosts the podcast "Conversations with Creative Women" which captures the fire and energy, humor, heart, soul and impact of the female creative experience. Sandi's interviews have included women performers, writers, directors, musicians, composers, artists, fashion designers, and scientists.

Podcasts with a Jewish connection include <u>Cantor Ellen Tilem</u>, and a two-part conversation with Malky Goldman and Melissa Weisz, two working actresses who abandoned the insular, cloistered, tight-knit Jewish community in which they were raised, in order to live, work, and experience life in modern-day New York.

This RSVP form must be filled out and returned with the \$6 fee per person by November 11th for the breakfast. If you RSVP after that date, the charge is \$8 per person. If you do not RSVP, you are welcome to attend the discussion, but not the breakfast.

RSVP for the November 18th B'yachad Break	tast
with Sandi Klein	
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Number Attending: Phone Number:
Email address:

Amount Enclosed (@\$6 per person)___

Services and S'machot

25th of Heshvan 5779 Chayei Sarah

Friday, November 2 Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 3 Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Chayei Sarah: Genesis 23:1-25:18 Haftarah - I Kings 1:1-31

2nd of Kislev 5779 Shabbat Toldot

Friday, November 9 Kristallnacht Commemoration Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Kol Emet Sings

Guest Speaker David Fox

Saturday, November 10 Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Toldot: Genesis 25:19-:28:9 Haftarah - Malachi 1:1-2:7

9th of Kislev 5779 Shabbat Vayetzei

Friday, November 16 Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

The Oneg is being sponsored by Meredith Alvaro-Gebhart and Peter Gebhart in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Allegra

Saturday, November 17 Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Allegra Alvaro

Torah Portion - Vayetzei: Genesis 28:10-32:3 Haftarah - Hosea 12:13-14:10

16th of Kislev 5779 Shabbat Vayishlach Friday, November 23rd Duets Service at 8:00 p.m.

The Oneg is being sponsored by Sandrine and Robert Kravitz in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jeremy

Saturday, November 24th Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Kravitz

Torah Portion - Vayishlach: Genesis 32:4-36:43 Haftarah - Hosea 11:7-12:12

23rd of Kislev 5779 Shabbat Vayeishev

Friday, November 30th Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1st Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Vayeishev: Genesis 37:1-40:23 Haftarah - Amos 2:6-3:8

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4 26th of Heshvan 5779 Teaneck International Film Festival 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 12:30pm TIFF Film: "My Annie Hall & Wendy's Shabbat" 2:40pm TIFF Film: "Sammy Davis Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me" 5:05pm TIFF Film: "Ayla: Daughter of War" 7:30pm TIFF Closing Night Film: "Bathtubs Over Broadway"	5 27th of Heshvan 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	6 28th of Heshvan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Sirbu	7 29th of Heshvan 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm JYG Pizza and Game Night 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	8 30th of Heshvan 5779 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting	9 1st of Kislev 5779 4:24pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - Kristallnacht Commemoration - Kol Emet Sings - Guest Speaker David Fox	9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study, led by Temple Member Linda Poskanzer 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
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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 long-time member **Jeal Sugarman** and sends condolences to his wife, **Rachael**.

Condolences to...

Flip and Larry Bernard on the loss of her brother-in-law, Peter Kelley.

Mazel tov to...

Carl Nahm on his marriage to Adrienne.
Robyn Villany on the marriage of her
daughter, Emily to Fletcher Keil.

Michele and Steven Nagin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Danielle Elizabeth Nagin.

Joy and Dan Firshein on the birth of their grandson, Rafael Jonathan Wallach. Parents are Jess Firshein and Kerry Wallach.

Ann and Steve Packles on the birth of their grandson, Leo Edward Packles. Parents are David and Ellie Packles.

Get Well Wishes to... Emma Lieberman Emily Hadjis Michael Robinson

Welcome new members...
Danielle Schwartz
Erica Kaser
Clement and Deborah Batelli

Save the Date

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence
Weekend

April 12 - 14, 2019

with

Rabbi David Saperstein

Director Emeritus, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Senior Advisor to the URJ for Policy and Strategy, Former U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom

Temple Emeth Book Group Selections

2018-2019 *Update* **◄**



Nov. 15th: **Autumn** by Ali Smith Dec. 20th: **Among the Living**

by Jonathan Raab

Jan. 17th: **The Plot Against America**

by Philip Roth

Feb. 21st: **The Battle for Rome** by Robert Katz

March 21st: **Small Country** by Gael Faye April 11th: **Between the World and Me**

by Ta Nahesi Coates

May 16th: Waking Lions by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

June 20th: Planning Meeting

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



Due to the overwhelming response by the congregation, we are continuing the program. Refreshments will be served.

Here is our 2018-19 Movie schedule:

Cast a Giant Shadow (1966) Tuesday, November 27

In 1947, following the U.N. decision to split British Palestine into separate Jewish and Palestinian states, a former U.S. Army officer is recruited by the Jews to reorganize the Haganah. Directed by Melville Shavelson. Starring Kirk Douglas, John Wayne, Frank Sinatra, Yul Brynner, Senta Berger, Angie Dickinson and Luther Adler.

Avalon (1990) - Tuesday, December 18

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1974) Saturday, January 19

White Palace (1990) - Tuesday, February 5 Liberty Heights (1990) - Tuesday, March 12 Keeping Up With The Steins (2006) - Tuesday,

April 23

Defiance (2008) - Tuesday, May 28 **Private Benjamin** (1980) - Tuesday, June 18



"Bathtubs Over Broadway," a documentary that is a toe-tapping, funny tribute to a bygone era of corporate musicals is the closing film of the 2018 Teaneck International Film Festival. It will be sponsored by WOW (Wise Older Women), Teaneck Rotary, and Broadway producer Marc Levine on Sunday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Emeth. At the start of the program, WOW will honor two Women of the Year: Temple member Janice Preschel, and Yvonne Witter, who will receive awards for their many contributions to our community. Check out details about the schedule of films and talkbacks taking place on Sunday at Temple Emeth at www.teaneckfilmfestival.org

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Barbara Balkin in gratitude to Cantor Tilem

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Betty Ann and Hal Marcus in memory of Hal's beloved mother, Esther Marcus

Carlene Fleishman in honor of the Kohane-Kosakoff family for enhancing High Holy Days services

Linda Poskanzer and Paul Rosenberg honoring the first yahrzeit of Idajean Fisher's beloved brother, Richard Fisher in memory of Idajean Fisher's beloved brother-in-law, Robert Jaggi

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Jacki and Roni Arams in memory of Ron's father, Frank Arams

Carla and Larry Silver in memory of Tom Cripps, father of Ben Cripps

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Mary Jane Tucker in appreciation of the Kohane-Kosakoff family for the beautiful music during the High Holiday services

Bunny and Nathan Ritzer sending Eric Loeb get well wishes sending Ruth Adler get well wishes

TEMPLE EMETH FUND

Geraldine Kaufman wishing Mazel Tov to Robyn Villany on her daughter Emily's marriage to Fletcher Keil

Francine Einiger wishing family member Cara Nicole Vogt a refuah shlemah

VIEWPOINTS COMMITEE FUND

Nickie and Doug Falk wishing Joy and Dan Firshein Mazel Tov on the birth of their grandson wishing Ann and Steve Packles Mazel Tov on their birth of their grandson

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Karyle and Henry Goldstein in memory of Karyle's mother, Lillian Podolsky

Bunny and Nathan Ritzer in memory of Nathan's mother, Bertha Ritzer

Francine Einiger in memory of her mother, Edith Segal Dickstein

Marian and Rubin Ferziger in memory of Marian's mother, Cecille Lebowitz

Geraldine Kaufman in memory of her husband, Herbert Kaufman

Barbara Balkin in memory of her mother, Syd Shana **Barbara Balkin** in memory of her cousin,

David Rosenthal





The HIAS National Refugee Shabbat on October 19th featured a musical performance by Eric Clark, speaker William Mehrvarz, and a postcard signing session on behalf of refugees.





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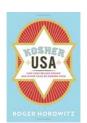
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By Marion Wolf
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What happens when ancient dietary laws meet modern food production? What happens when the ancient hatred of anti-Semitism is spread with modern technology? The answers to these questions can be found in two books recently added to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

Roger Horowitz is a food historian (who knew there was such a thing?). His previous books about the meatpacking industry made no mention of kosher meat. His uncle wondered about the omission.

Horowitz's response to Uncle Stuart is Kosher USA: How Coke Became Kosher and Other Tales of Modern Food. The book opens in the author's childhood with family squabbles about whether sturgeon is kosher, with Orthodox and Conservative branches



of the family disagreeing. Other disagreements abounded in the mid-20th century. Marvels like Coca Cola, rennet, and jello were constantly being advertised. Could they be served in a kosher household? What exactly were their ingredients? One almost had to be a chemist to understand how these foods were concocted. If the process involved non-kosher ingredients but these weren't present in the final product, was that food kosher or not? And who would decide—rabbis with Talmudic reasoning or scientist who knew about industrial techniques? Horowitz shows how today's familiar kosher labels evolved,

how certain organizations became trusted authorities on these matters, and how all this affected people in their homes.

Jonathan Weisman is also writing about a subject that's had an impact on his own life. He is an editor at The New York Times, an assimilated Jew suddenly targeted for neo-Nazi attacks in



JONATHAN WEISMAN social media during Donald Trump's 2016 campaign. His book is called (((Semitism))): Being Jewish in the Age of Trump. Weisman speaks about his scary experiences and that of other Jewish journalists facing vicious threats from the alt-right. He traces the origins of this group, its aims, and its methods. He concludes with suggestions about what we should do next. Reviewing this book in Tablet Magazine, Liel Leibovitz says, "Passionate, candid, and elegant, (((Semitism))) is a moving exploration of Jewish life in Donald Trump's America, and of the sinister specters of prejudice so many of us assumed belonged in the distant past. Jonathan Weisman has given us a stirring and necessary reminder that we are all, Jews and non-Jews alike, in the throes of a dire national moral crisis, and that its is up to all of us to rise together against bigotry's startling ascendance."

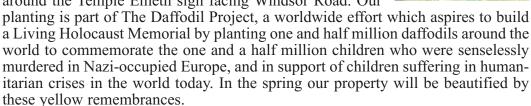
Come to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, where you can read about both the ancient past and contemporary concerns.

Garden News

Garden Committee members have been busy picking the last of the garden's crops for the season. September and early October yields of our vegetables have been plentiful. Beans, tomatoes, and green leafy veggies have been delivered to the Helping Hands Food Pantry each week. In keeping with the intergenerational focus of the Garden



Committee, members of the committee have prepared the soil for ETC youth to plant 150 daffodils on October 21 around the Temple Emeth sign facing Windsor Road. Our planting is part of The Deffodil Project a worldwide effort



Coming up in November, our young Religious School gardeners will join with us to clean up the garden and prepare the soil for next spring's plantings.

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Minutes from the September 13, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

The August minutes were approved as amended.

Rabbi Sirbu gave a report on the High Holiday Appeal and asked for a driver for the Trachtenberg lecturer.

The Board members were asked to consider comments about the services at the next meeting.

The Board also noted kudos to the staff for the good state of preparations and kudos to David Kohane for the preparation for honors.

Rochelle Rudnick gave the Administrator's report. She noted that the stage floor has buckled and needs to be replaced. The plan is to replace with vinyl flooring as most cost-effective. Cost is estimated at \$9,000 to \$10,000 and will be done by the end of October.

She also noted that the Shul Cloud website is up and running, and the existing copier contract is set to expire. A new contract has already been approved and the existing copiers will be replaced.

The Treasurer and Financial Secretary gave their reports.

Michael Robinson reported that of the pledges made last year, which was the first year of the voluntary commitment, out of a total pledge amount of \$470,000 only approximately \$11,000 has not been collected. To date (as of the end of August) there are

total pledges of \$379,000 and with the assumed pledge amounts for the people who did not specify, we expect the total pledges to be approximately the same as last year. Total collections as of the end of August 2018 were \$259,000.

Gary Richards reported that the average pledges were the same as last year: 64% exactly the same; 24% increased their pledge, and 13% decreased their pledge. By dollar amount, the dollar amount of pledges from people who were members last year declined slightly, but it was offset by the number of new members since last year.

Amy Abrams noted that we are getting a steady stream of inquiries from potential new members.

There was a discussion of how to keep track of people who attend High Holiday services and do not have tickets.

The President gave her report. She discussed the evaluation process for clergy and other employees. She also asked Board members to make calls to congregants wishing them good holidays.

Finally, she asked for the Board to consider new candidates for leadership development.

Respectfully submitted, Risa Rosenberg Secretary







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Teaneck Packathon for Haiti

Join us with our neighbors as we help pack almost 10 tons of food to make sure children in Trois Maresand, Chapottin Haiti get enough to eat. Meals are made of rice, beans, and dehydrated vegetables (fortified) to provide enough nutrition to promote healthy growth, even if they are the only meals the children eat each day.

Volunteers are needed Saturday, November 10, 2018, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Packing sessions are held in the back gym of Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 River Road, Teaneck. For more information and to sign up, contact Sandy Loft at sandyl1360@gmail.com





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