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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 email and should be sent to
Suzannah Mercado at admin@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.

For the Bulletin mailings, all material **must** be submitted by **8:00** p.m. on the date of the deadline. Please submit all material by email to Barbara Balkin at bulletin@emeth.org and use **Times New Roman** font, **12 pt.** in a Word document file.

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Message From the Rabbi

The holiday season was extraordinary in so many ways. The feedback to our livestream services has been overwhelmingly positive, and that is due in large part to the tremendous support we received from Temple volunteers. Normally, we express our gratitude from the bimah on Yom Kippur morning, but this year I am using my Bulletin column to offer heartfelt thanks to those who gave of their time and talent this season.

Technology was foremost on our minds as we prepared for a holiday season when our Sanctuary would be closed to the congregation. Our Technology Task Force met weekly over the summer to ensure that we would have the capability to livestream our services and have outdoor sound when necessary.

First and foremost, I would like to thank **Ed Pierce**, who drew on his expertise as a Broadway designer and coordinated the installation of the livestream equipment and ran the control booth for every service. I am so grateful for the insight and dedication he brought to this project. Part of the project was to take the former gift shop and transform it into our livestream control room. Assisting Ed at every service was his son, **Isaac Pierce**, who also served as an assistant cameraman at our August recording sessions. **Vic Anesini** researched which outdoor sound system we should purchase and then monitored it during our outdoor services.

Four of our services featured pre-recorded Torah services. Thank you to **Ace Zaken**, who was our lead cameraman at the August recording sessions. He also came back later to shoot the artwork, plaques, and other artifacts in our Temple building. I also appreciate the work of **Damary Vargas Zaken**, our film editor for the four Torah service videos and other shorter videos on the High Holy Days. Thank you also to our honorees who took time out of a summer Sunday to dress up for the holidays and record their honor. **Barbara Balkin**, our Temple photographer, supplemented the visual element of our services by compiling photo montages at Simchat Torah. **Nickie Falk** created the montage of the past presidents for Kol Nidrei.

The heart of our textual experience during services is the reading of the Torah. Our Torah readers had less time than usual to prepare, but nonetheless they sounded great. Yasher Koach to (in alphabetical order) **Marc Chelemer, Rachel Eastman, Emma Eig, Idajeane Fisher, Judy Fox, Stephen Friedman, Jacob Newman, Emre Ozmamili, Evelyn Pierce, Iris Pierce, and Marion Wolf**.

As we do every year, we relied on the talent of our young people to give our services and programming vibrance. **Amanda Eastman**, whose beautiful voice on the bimah enabled Cantor Tilem to sing harmonies at several high points of the service, was outstanding. **Adam Kohane** played guitar and blew shofar, with an amazing *t'kiah g'dolah*. And **Caroline Wolinsky** led a timely activity for our teens on Zoom. That program immediately followed the children's programming for our K-7th graders, coordinated by **Amanda Eastman** and **Stacey Butler**, and featuring the "Jewpardy"-hosting talents of **Marla Levine**. Our young people tasted the sweetness of the new year with goodie bags prepared by **Kendall Seidenari**.

We had several new musical elements that came through beautifully on the livestream format. **David Kohane** and **Wendy Kosakoff** called in remotely to lead one of the songs at our Healing Service. **Bryan Wilson** played his cello beautifully as part of Kol Nidrei. Our junior and teen choir singers contributed to the virtual choir video that was played at the end of Yom Kippur morning. And of course, we owe a debt of gratitude to accompanist **Eric Clark** whose immense talent was evident at every service.

Our Security Committee, chaired by **Steve Chaiken** and our Ushering Committee, chaired by **David Wolinsky**, worked together to keep us safe, especially when we gathered in person during the Shofar service.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Thank you to all who participated in the alternate High Holy Day Food Drive to benefit the Center for Food Action, chaired by **Karyle Goldstein** with the support of the Social Action Committee, chaired by **Lynn Chaiken**. Together we contributed at least \$2,327 to feed our hungry neighbors. **Paul Kaufman** called us to action in a different way by speaking about the Religious Action Center's Civic Engagement Campaign.

Thank you to **Lynne Graizel** and her committee—**Judy and David Fox** and **Jacqueline Guttman**—for coordinating the Book of Remembrance, and to **Micaela Brody** for her design expertise. It helped bring meaning to our Yizkor service.

I wish to thank **Stephen Friedman**, the chair of the Ritual Committee, for his hard work distributing honors to members of the congregation. His work was accelerated to make sure that honorees had enough notice to attend our August recording sessions.

Thank you so much to Temple President **Nickie Falk**, our Officers, and the Board of Trustees for their endless dedication to the Temple. **Doug Falk, Nickie Falk, Marla Levine, Michael Robinson, and Nancy Scher** helped distribute prayer books in the parking lot. **Judy Fox** and **Mimi Sigel** wrapped 400 honey sticks that were distributed with the books, ensuring that even though we were apart, we were off to a sweet year.

Thanks to **Suzannah Mercado**, our Temple Administrator, and the front office staff for working tirelessly over the last month to make sure that every administrative detail was taken care of, and there were many more of them because of all of the changes. **Suzannah** also worked closely with our terrific custodial staff, especially **Marisol Plaza** and **Amanda Berrero**, for ensuring that our building was ready for this important season.

And finally, I wish to thank my clergy partner and friend, **Cantor Ellen Tilem**. This year presented countless challenges, but they just accentuated her ability to elevate us with her beautiful voice and her personal warmth.

In the traditional prayer book we read, "*Ashreinu*—We are fortunate, how good is our portion, how pleasant our lot, and how beautiful our heritage." The way so many people lent a hand during the holidays make these words ring true. May this be a year of health and happiness for us all!

From the Religious School

"Each person makes a spiritual journey in his or her lifetime."

From our tradition

The *Midrash* teaches us that Abraham and Sarah had a tent with four openings. Their tent was open to the North, South, East, and West. Any stranger who came by would easily find a way into their home. Everyone was greeted with a smile and a blessing.

Although our Religious School is virtual remote home learning, our teachers have prepared the most creative and interesting lessons and teachings. The devotion of our teachers has been unwavering. They bring Judaism to life and Mora Marla, Mora Amanda, Mora Allyson, Mora Nancy, Mora Jill, Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem transmit the spirit and sweetness of Torah, holidays, history, and Jewish values to our students and religious school families. It is particularly inspiring to hear all our students engage in discussions, and connect their Jewish learning and values to the

world around them, and turn their learning into action. At Temple Emeth Religious School we learn about and model acts of *Tzedakah* and *Chesed* – acts of loving kindness, expressions of gratitude and praise - for our world and its many blessings. Our staff and I are grateful and excited at the wonderful participation of our students and families. We appreciate the support and encouragement of the entire Temple Emeth Community as we continue our Jewish Journey together!



Dora Geld Friedman

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman

Looking Ahead:

On Saturday night, October 31 set clocks back one hour as we "Fall Back" to Eastern Standard time on Sunday, November 1.

Emeth Teen Community ADL Walk Against Hate



Speaker Mayor Hameeduddin



Speaker Theodora Lacey

Message from President Nickie Falk

Temple Emeth Teens Walk Against Hate

On Sunday, October 18, I was privileged to join our Emeth Teen Community (ETC) in a Walk Against Hate, sponsored by the ADL. The ADL was founded in 1913 by Sigmund Livingston, a Chicago attorney who envisioned an America where those who were different were not targets of discrimination and threats. While originally aimed to stop defamation of the Jewish people, ADL's mission has grown to confront discrimination and secure justice for all, irrespective of religion, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

The ETC offers Temple Emeth 8th to 12th graders the chance to explore their Jewish identities and give back to the community with two tracks—ETC On the Road and ETC Mitzvah. The program is run by Rabbi Sirbu, with assistance from Pixie Pierce, who is the chair of our ETC Committee, and Amanda Eastman. Many thanks to Rachel Eastman, who followed in the “chase” car during our walk, and to Barbara Balkin, who took pictures along the way.

The walk began in our parking lot with an address by former Teaneck Mayor Mohammed Hameeduddin (2016-2020), who was the first Muslim Mayor in Bergen County. “Democracy,” he said, “is very fragile. It always needs to be watered and nourished or it can be quickly taken away from us.” Mayor Hameeduddin noted that it took only ten years for Germany to transform into a fascist country. “With studies showing that white supremacy is on the rise, what does that mean for the society in which we live today?” he asked.

“Kids have the burden of working with people who don’t act and look like you....We have to come together in a positive way so that we don’t turn into the people we are protesting. However, working together, there is nothing we can’t accomplish.”

During our approximately 2½ mile walk, we made stops to learn about hate in our own community. At Benjamin Franklin Middle School, we talked about bullying, harassment, and intimidation. At Teaneck High School, Rabbi Sirbu spoke about the horrific acts in Charlottesville, Virginia, when hundreds of far-right extremists gathered in August 2017 to protest the removal of a Confederate statue and a counter-protester was killed.



Nickie Falk

Our final stop took us to Theodora Smiley Lacey School, where we had the honor of hearing from Theodora Smiley Lacey, described by Rabbi Sirbu as “living history.” Lacey grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, where her father served as the president of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church; Martin Luther King, Jr. was the pastor. “I was 13 before I could go to the zoo,” said Lacey. “Everything was separate.”

She vividly recalled the Montgomery Bus Boycott. “Riding a bus was very significant,” she said. “We depended on buses to take us to our jobs. Very few of us had cars.” The buses remained empty for over a year until the Supreme Court ruling.

Though her family moved to Teaneck in 1961 to escape the discriminatory practices of the South, she found racism here as well. “There were no signs for colored restrooms, but we realized we were not welcome here either,” she said. Neighbors would cross the street, so they didn’t have to walk in front of her house. One neighbor sat in his driveway with a shotgun across his lap. Black families were routinely sold houses in only the northeast part of town, thereby segregating the schools. She and her husband worked to integrate the town and the schools.

“I also found there were so many people of good will, who were willing to stand up for the rights of others. They did not perpetuate evil.”

She concluded by urging the students to “use your voice to make a difference.” Certainly, a great lesson for us all.





Viewpoints Series

Temple Emeth Viewpoints presents a series on “Unconscious Bias”

The Relations Between Jews and People of Color with Cheryl Rosario

Part Two

Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

The Viewpoints mission is to present programs about the non-traditional Jewish community. We are sponsoring a series about the relations between Jews and people of color. The second program takes place on November 4th at 7:30 p.m. and is about White Privilege. Each lecture is 60 minutes and is followed by a discussion. The program is free and open to the community. You must let us know that you are coming. Please RSVP your name to Viewpoints@emeth.org or give us a call at 201-833-1322.



B'yachad invites you to a special
Zoom presentation on
Sunday, November 22nd
at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a virtual B'yachad breakfast (BYOBagel)
and moderated discussion

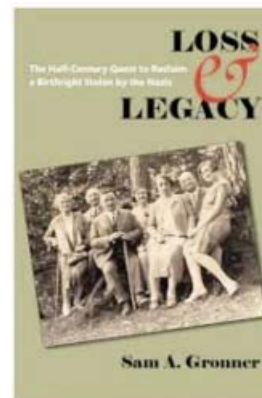
Sam Gronner, author of a memoir of his father:
“Loss & Legacy: The Half-Century Quest to Reclaim a
Birthright Stolen by the Nazis”



The narrative follows Sam's search for why the family left Israel in 1957 twenty years after his father's arrival as a 16 year old student. In researching the arc of John Gronner's life and the legacy he had left to his children, Sam discovers that the term “Holocaust Survivor” does not solely apply to those liberated from the camps with numbered tattoos or who spent the war years hidden by gentiles.

Sam came to recognize that his dad was a childhood witness to the seeds of hate planted in his hometown, which then sprouted and spread like crabgrass to culminate in the Holocaust.

Now a self-identified member of the Second Generation, Sam Gronner is committed to heed his father's warning to denounce mere words of hate before they inspire acts of hate.



Sam's book can be purchased for \$15 from his website: <https://lossandlegacy.com>



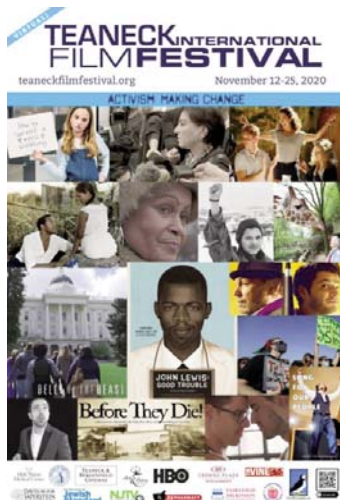
**The Zoom Link and Password will be distributed the week before
the B'yachad presentation**



High holiday book return, Kol Emet rehearsal, and Ice Cream Truck treats on October 25th



TIFF at 15 - All Virtual



Now in its 15th year, the Teaneck International Film Festival, a project of the Puffin Foundation, is going virtual and, according to Executive Director Jeremy Lentz, the benefits are many: No planes, trains, or automobiles and yet filmgoers can come from all over the country to watch films from the safety and comfort of their own homes. With features, documentaries, and shorts scheduled one at a time over a two week period – November 12 – 25 – no one will have to race between theatres and everyone will be guaranteed the best seats in the house. The all-access pass is back, with a price tag of just \$35 for admission to all (14) films and, for those who don't want to commit to a movie every night, ticket prices are just \$5 per film.



The theme Activism: Making Change has earned the TIFF accolades as the “film festival with a social conscience.” The 2020 program will include movies and talkbacks about racism, oppression, the environment, the LGBTQ community, women's rights, immigration, and the underserved and forgotten whose stories have not been told. There will, of course, be opportunities for escape and laughter.

For film descriptions and previews; the schedule; information about talkbacks, guests, and tickets - visit the website: www.teaneckfilmfestival.org. Just click the “Buy Tickets” box to be directed to ticket sales on Eventbrite (there is a small service charge on each purchase). Make your selections, pick up some popcorn, and get ready for two weeks of thought-provoking and engrossing entertainment.

Services and S'machot

19 Cheshvan 5781

Friday, November 6th

Saturday, November 7th

Torah Portion - Genesis 18:1-22:24

Shabbat Vayera

Family Shabbat Service at 6:30 p.m.

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m.

Haftarah - II Kings 4:1-37

26 Cheshvan 5781

Friday, November 13th

Saturday, November 14th

Torah Portion - Genesis 23:1-25:18

Shabbat Chayei Sara

Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Bieber

Haftarah - I Kings 1:1-31

4 Kislev 5781

Friday, November 20th

Saturday, November 21st

Torah Portion - Genesis 25:19-28:9

Shabbat Toldot

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m.

Haftarah - Malachi 1:1-2:7

11 Kislev 5781

Friday, November 27th

Saturday, November 28th

Torah Portion - Genesis 28:10-31:3

Shabbat Vayetzei

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Inglis

Haftarah - Hosea 12:13-14:10

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 14th of Heshvan 5781 9:30am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 2:00pm - 3:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	2 15th of Heshvan 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	3 16th of Heshvan 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm "Cover Story" with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	4 17th of Heshvan 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch & Learn @ ZOOM 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ ZOOM 7:30pm - 9:00pm Viewpoints Program on Unconscious Bias, Part 2 @ ZOOM	5 18th of Heshvan 5781 7:00pm - 8:00pm Officer's Meeting @ ZOOM	6 19th of Heshvan 5781 6:30pm - 7:30pm Family Service	7 20th of Heshvan 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 11:00am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Live Stream
8 21st of Heshvan 5781 9:30am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 9:45am - 11:45am Social Action Committee Meeting @ ZOOM 2:00pm - 3:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	9 22nd of Heshvan 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	10 23rd of Heshvan 5781 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm "Cover Story" with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	11 24th of Heshvan 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch & Learn @ ZOOM 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ ZOOM 7:00pm - 8:00pm Caring Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	12 25th of Heshvan 5781 7:00pm - 8:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ ZOOM	13 26th of Heshvan 5781 6:30pm - 7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service @ Live Stream	14 27th of Heshvan 5781 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Eliana Bieber Bat Mitzvah
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29 13th of Kislev 5781 No Religious School	30 14th of Kislev 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM					

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 Condolences to...

Peter Adler on the loss of his sister-in-law, **Lidia Adler Maddy Wolf** and **Barbara Balkin** on the loss of their cousin, **Bob Friedman**.

Idajeane Fisher on the loss of her friend and colleague **Buzz Robbins**.

Mazel Tov to...

Ken and Judy Hart on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Jordana**.

Get well wishes to...

Art Vatsky



Social Action in Action

If you haven't already, now is the time to take your completed ballot to the drop box or the mail box. And if you still haven't gotten around to it by Election Day, Tuesday November 3, 2020, go to the poll where you can either take your completed ballot or fill out a provisional ballot. Whatever you do,

VOTE!

Your vote makes a difference!

Should you have questions or need help filling out your ballot, write to Paul Kaufman at pkaufman65@optonline.net or Lynn Chaiken at lynnchaiken@gmail.com and we will either help you or get help for you.

Legislative News. Bill To Protect, Expand Reproductive Healthcare Advances In NJ. Read all about it online:

In NJ.com

<https://www.nj.com/news/2020/10/nj-law-makers-murphy-push-to-expand-abortion-access.html>

In Patch <https://patch.com/new-jersey/mendham-chester/bill-protect-expand-reproductive-healthcare-advances-nj>

Hunger remains an issue, even in wealthy Bergen County. The Center for Food Action is still taking donations via cash, credit cards, etc. Contact them at **Center for Food Action, 192 West Demarest Ave., Englewood, NJ 07631**, and write "Temple Emeth" on the memo line.

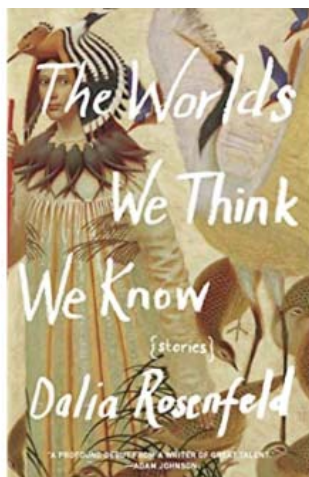
In addition, you may recall that we collected donations in the summer for the Family Promise June Walk-in Dinner for the homeless. The good news is that we collected enough last summer to fund our November 10 Walk-in Dinner. So thank you again.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library
Monthly News Update: Post-Pandemic Possibilities
By Marion Wolf
ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION



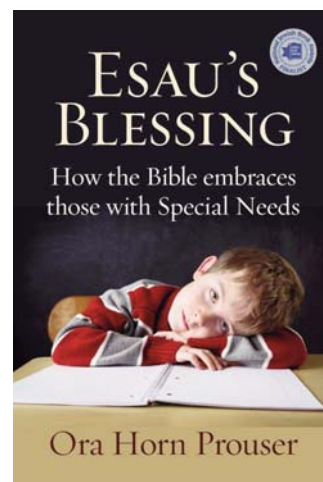
Someday this pandemic will end,
And time at the Temple we'll spend.
You'll then check our shelves
And see for yourselves
These books that new authors have penned.

As we look ahead to a more normal future, we acquire new titles for the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library. These include two debut volumes.



The Worlds We Think We Know by Dalia Rosenfeld is a collection of short stories. The American-born author is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop who currently lives in Tel Aviv. Her stories are set in both the U.S. Midwest and in Israel, but wherever her characters are, the suffering of the Holocaust haunts them. Despite the pervasive feelings of sadness, loneliness, and isolation, these stories are leavened with humor. According to a review by Ranen Omer-Sherman, Dalia Rosenfeld takes "special delight in awkward encounters, mismatched pairings, uncertain destinies, and sexy indeterminacies." Molly Antopol calls the characters "deeply human and unforgettable." Gary Shteyngart says Dalia Rosenfeld is "very funny, Jewish, and wise."

Another wise Jewish writer is Dr. Ora Horn Prouser. You may recognize Dr. Prouser's name, as she spoke at Sweet Tastes of Torah this past February. She is the author of Esau's Blessing: How the Bible Embraces Those with Special Needs. Dr. Prouser takes familiar Bible stories, traditionally interpreted one way by Rabbis, and looks at them with a new perspective taken from the field of special education. For example, Esau is seen by medieval commentators as evil personified. But Prouser wonders if his impulsivity in selling his birthright and some of his other behaviors would today lead to a diagnosis of attention deficit. Rereading Torah tales from such a different angle can not only lead to fresh insights but can also "help us to imagine our special needs brethren in the embrace of a loving God, and instruct us to respond in a similar compassionate manner." So many people with disabilities are featured prominently in Scripture! Just think of Jacob limping, Moses speaking with difficulty, and Isaac going blind. Prouser reminds us that all deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.



Both of these books you will someday find in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Caring Community Committee, in lieu of sending baskets, has made donations to various funds on behalf of Temple members who lost loved ones this past year. (Designated in italics)

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Jodee and Larry Fink in memory of Edith Dubois,
mother of Karen Kahn
in memory of Ilse Kohn, mother of Eley Kohn
in honor of Gayle and Michael Goldberg's
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making this year's High Holidays very special

Elinor Buchbinder thanks Cantor Tilem for the
wonderful and meaningful High Holiday
Services

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Michael and Gayle Goldberg wish Jordana Hart
Mazel Tov on her Bat Mitzvah
wish Mazel Tov to Sarah Newman on her Bat
Mitzvah

In memory of Mary Josephine Reynolds, mother of Mark Reynolds

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MUSEUM FUND

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MUSIC FUND

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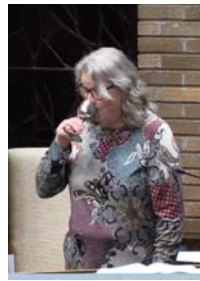
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