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## Bazaar is Back!

By popular demand, Temple Emeth will have its annual Bazaar on  
**Sunday, December 4th**

right here in our building in the Social Hall and Youth Lounge. It will be on the scale of this spring's garage sale but all indoors this time. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. for early birds (for a small fee), 10:00 a.m. to the general public, and we will ask customers to complete their purchases by 3:00 p.m.

**Proof of vaccination for those age 16 and up is required and masks are optional.**

This year we'll feature:

Jewelry, Women's Clothes, Men's Clothes, Toys and Games, Kitchen and Housewares, a Fancy Table, and, of course, Books, CDs, and DVDs.  
We're hoping for a food court and a bake sale in the Youth Lounge.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** It only works if you help make it work. "Shifts" for working with customers will be for two hours: 9:30—11:30, 11:30—1:30, and 1:30—3:30. Setup and cleanup will occur outside those hours, and volunteers are needed for that as well. Please contact co-chairperson Marc Chelemer at 201-926-6140 (text) or [mchelemer@gmail.com](mailto:mchelemer@gmail.com) (email) to volunteer your time. Marc will prepare a schedule.

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!** We only have merchandise to market if you provide it! But please, fellow congregants, gently used clothing only, with the usual caveats: no undergarments or socks unless in original packaging, no bathing suits, no T-shirts. And for "hard goods," please make sure anything you donate is without blemish, like the sacrifices of old. No one wants a Cuisinart that has crusted food on it (*I kid you not; we've found things like this*). But this year... **NO ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND** (monitors, TVs, faxes, palm pilots, old phones, computers, etc.) – take them to your town's recycling center. And **NO STATIONERY OF ANY KIND** (office supplies, picture frames, folders, paper, etc.).

The Jewelry Booth did very well in our spring garage sale. In fact, we sold out our entire stock of sterling silver and any gold we had. Sterling and gold are what drive the success of the Jewelry booth, so...If you'd check out your sterling earrings, pins, bracelets, and necklaces that you are willing to part with (and haven't worn in years), the jewelry mavens would be extremely grateful! Any broken gold trinkets, one earring to a set etc., would be gratefully accepted as well. Just bring them to the Temple office, marked as "Donation to Bazaar." Thank you all!

Got ideas? Share them, please! We don't have a monopoly on ways to make Bazaar a success. Share your thoughts with any one of the team members! Thanks in advance for making Bazaar a success, year after year. We couldn't do it without your help.

The Bazaar team:

Laaren Brown, co-chairperson  
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## CELEBRATING OUR 75TH YEAR

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| December                  | November 18          | December 1              | December 12                        | December 18             |
| January                   | December 18          | January 2               | January 10                         | January 16              |
| February                  | January 18           | February 1              | February 11                        | February 19             |
| March                     | February 17          | March 1                 | March 8                            | March 13                |
| April                     | March 17             | April 1                 | April 9                            | April 16                |
| May                       | April 18             | May 1                   | May 8                              | May 15                  |
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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, submit all material 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

Election Day is on November 8.

As I emphasized in two of my High Holy Day sermons, Jews thrive in democracy. On this Election Day, our obligation to democracy is threefold.

Our first obligation is to vote. Participating in our democracy shows our neighbors and our leaders that we have a rightful place in the process. Our concerns, both domestic and international, should be reflected and represented in our leadership. New Jersey now has early voting, so casting a ballot is easier than it used to be.

Our next obligation is to support voting rights and voter turnout nationwide. The Religious Action Center, our office in Washington—which also has a state project here called RAC-NJ—has renewed its “Every Voice, Every Vote” campaign to promote voter participation. Our Social Action Committee has already partnered with the RAC to send post cards to potential voters with information they will need to cast a ballot. The RAC’s website has opportunities for you to get the word out about the importance of this election, including texting potential voters. Log on to <https://rac.org/take-action/every-voice-every-vote> for more information.

Finally, our obligation is to use our ballot to strength-

en democratic institutions. This includes freedom of the press and stopping censorship from school libraries and public libraries, which disproportionately seek to remove books about the Holocaust and LGBTQ families. It includes protecting abortion access, as complete abortion bans which are now in effect in some states after the *Dobbs* ruling may pre-

vent Jewish women from obtaining abortions in accordance with Jewish law. And it includes equality in public education as a birthright for all American children.

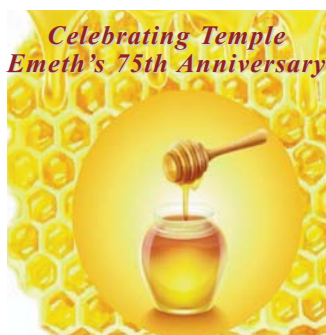
Temple Emeth, as a non-profit religious organization, cannot endorse a candidate or party. The law is barely enforced, and some politicians want to repeal it. Even if it were legal to endorse candidates, it

would be unwise. Our politics are divisive enough without a house of worship being explicitly associated with a candidate or party. But it is important to advocate participation by all and to understand that Americans of all backgrounds bring their religious values with them into the voting booth. As Jews who thrive here like we have nowhere else, we must be passionate about the laws and policies that protect our community and about the values that we hold dear.

Election Day stands alone as an occasion to do just that.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



## HONEY FOR SALE

To mark our 75th anniversary, Temple Emeth is selling 8-ounce jars of fresh and delicious natural honey for \$18. If you're interested in purchasing the honey, call the office to order and reserve your jars, or contact Steve Clark at:

[sclark@andovercommunications.com](mailto:sclark@andovercommunications.com)

All proceeds from the sale of honey will be earmarked to Temple Emeth.



**The supply is going fast!**



## From the Religious School

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

*Rabbinic Commentary*

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. No stranger who would come by would have to look for a way into their home. Everyone was greeted with a smile and a blessing.

At Temple Emeth Religious School, parents, students, and staff love participating in many joyful Jewish activities and studying and praying together. Our various holiday and Shabbat programs create "Jewish Quality Time" for our families – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings are all welcome. These school events and gatherings help build solidarity and friendship in our school.

What makes a community a *Kehillah Kedosha*, a sacred community?

Here is an example – On Sunday, October 9, Erev Sukkot, our students, families, and teachers celebrated Sukkot as we sang and made the special blessing for the *Lulav and Etrog*. Our classes also had their own special time in the sukkah with Rabbi Sirbu and their teachers.

Our students learn Torah not only from text, but also in the encounters and events shared with classmates and teachers. The values and virtues that are central to our tradition – *Tzedakah* (justice), *bal tashchit* (not destroying or being wasteful), and *rachamim* (compassion) – all serve as a blueprint for *Tikkun Olam*.



Dora Friedman

B'vracha,  
Dora Geld Friedman

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Come and discover the joy of Jewish learning and living!**

**Friday, November 4th at 7:30 Family Shabbat Service with Consecration of our new students.**

**Saturday night, November 5th set clocks back 1 hour as we "Fall Back" to Eastern Standard Time.**

### NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, Nov. 11 & Sunday, Nov. 13 - NJEA break**

**Wednesday, Nov. 23 & Sunday, Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving break**



Etz Chayim sang, Mora Dora told a story, and Religious School students and parents had Pizza in the Hut on October 9th.



Kiddush was recited by Stacey Butler, Religious School chairperson.



## Message from President Michael Robinson

Well, the High Holy Days are over, fall is in full swing, colors are changing, and we then have those brisk mornings that before you know it will lead to ice and snow (I hope not too soon).

So first, a short High Holy Day review. I look forward to the holidays every year. Showing up at Temple and greeting friends is invigorating for me. I get to see some people that I might not have seen all year. This year was special. People are showing up in person, and I know this may not be a universal view, but being at Temple Emeth in person and seeing a large participation adds juice to the building. The thing that is so amazing is that the clergy make it look seamless. I have now seen how the sausage (kosher, of course) is made—all the important details that look effortless, from sermons to music to prayers, both uplifting and moving. Anyway, thanks to the clergy, staff, volunteers, and leadership for making this year's holiday season one of our best.



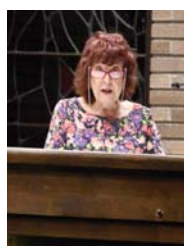
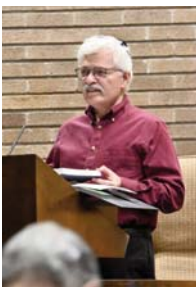
Michael Robinson

As I have stated before this will be an exciting year, special because it's our 75th anniversary year. We've started a sweet year by selling honey to family and friends, thanks to the vision of Lisa Eig and Steve Clark. We still have some available so check with the Temple office. When it sells out, it sells out.

The next event we had was a successful Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture. Our guest lecturer, Lisa Moses Leff, was stimulating, and the event was well-attended. To make it extra special, it was held on October 14th, the exact date to the day, that our Temple was chartered 75 years ago.

This is only the beginning—we have many more great things planned for this anniversary year.

Stay tuned.  
Mike Robinson



Lisa Moses Leff spoke at the October 14th Trachtenberg lecture, and Kol Emet sang, after a dinner organized by Elaine Pollack was held.



Caring committee assembled baskets October 2nd.



Yom Kippur services October 5th with Etz Chayim and Havdalah.



Sukkah building by ETC under the direction of Ed Pierce on October 9th.



Food sorting and packing on October 9th.





# IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR for the **BAZAAR**

## CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BAKE TABLE AGAIN??

To all of you who have contributed to the Bazaar Bake Table in past years, Carlene and I are making this request for baked goods donations for this year.

Bazaar 2022 will take place on Sunday, December 4th. We hope that you will again contribute goodies, home baked or store bought, to our table! If you need ideas we'd be happy to make suggestions. In past years, thanks to your efforts, we have raised as much as \$400 for Temple Emeth! Every year we sell out everything you have donated! Please let us know if you're able to help this year either by replying to me by email at [twbinder@aol.com](mailto:twbinder@aol.com) (be sure not to hit "reply all"), or by phoning Carlene at 201-836-0226. Let's make Bazaar 2022 our best yet!!

Please be sure to label your donations with the name of the item and any important information e.g. 'contains nuts', 'sugar-free', etc. As always, the best time to deliver your baked goods is the morning of Bazaar, directly to the Bake Table. If you're bringing your items earlier, leave them in the Temple kitchen on the counter or in the refrigerator or freezer, **clearly labeled Bake Table.**

Thanks again!  
Teri & Carlene



Sukkot service on October 9th.



Viewpoints viewing and discussion led by Karen Rappaport of the film "Dimona Twist" was held on October 30th.



# ANCESTRY@EMETH

A new Museum exhibit opening and reception was held on October 21st.

The exhibit, entitled “Immigration and Family Stories,”

organized and produced by Barbara Balkin, had displays of documents, photographs, and stories from Temple members

**Stewart May**  
**Florette Koffler**  
**Sam Gronner**  
**Eva Sandrof**  
**Nancy Scher**  
**Gail Turner**  
**Carlene Fleishman**



Nancy Scher, Sam Gronner, and Florette Koffler were featured speakers at services, describing their unique immigration and family ancestry stories.



**EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY.**  
**WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY'S STORY?**

If you are interested in sharing your family story for the next Ancestry@Emeth exhibit, please contact Barbara Balkin at [dkrm505@yahoo.com](mailto:dkrm505@yahoo.com)

## MINI-UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

The schedule for Mini-University has changed.

There will be only one class each evening. That class will be from 8 – 9 p.m.

Stories from a Jewish Perspective will be held on Tuesdays: November 1, 8, 15, 22, with the 29th as the make-up date.

Stories will continue in 2023 on 1/3, 10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, with 2/7 as the make-up date.

The Cantor's class in 2023 will be held on 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, with 3/21 as the make-up date.

The Rabbi's class in 2023 will be held on 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, with 5/23 as the make-up date.



Simchat Torah service October 16th.



## Temple Emeth Book Group Selections 2022-2023

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| November 17 | <u>The Sentence</u> by Louise Erdrich   |
| December 15 | <u>One Book One Synagogue: The Book of Lost Names</u> by Kristin Harmel                                       |
| January 19  | <u>Our Country Friends</u> by Gary Shteyngart   |
| February 16 | <u>Black Cloud Rising</u> by David Wright Falade  |
| March 16    | <u>Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties that Helped Create Modern China</u> by Jonathan Kaufman |
| April 20    | <u>Ritz and Escoffier: The Hotelier, The Chef and the Rise of the Leisure Class</u> by Luke Barr              |
| May 18      | <u>The Flight Portfolio</u> by Julie Orringer   |
| June 15     | Planning Meeting  |



## Services and S'machot

**11 Cheshvan 5783**  
**Friday, November 4**

**Shabbat Lech-L'cha**  
**Family Shabbat Service, Consecration, and**  
**Camp Harlam Shabbat at 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 5**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Lounge and**  
**on Zoom**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and B'nai Mitzvah of**  
**Kevin Nagin and Joshua Gomez at 10:30 a.m.**

*Torah Portion – Lech-Lecha*  
*Genesis 12:1-17:27*

*Haftarah – Isaiah 40:27-41:16*

**18 Cheshvan 5783**  
**Friday, November 11**

**Shabbat Vayeira**  
**Shabbat Evening Service hosted by**  
**Temple Avodat Shalom at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 12**

**Torah Study hosted by Barnert Temple**  
**at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. hosted**  
**by Barnert Temple**

*Torah Portion – Vayeira*  
*Genesis 18:1-22:24*

*Haftarah – II Kings 4:1-37*

**25 Cheshvan 5783**  
**Friday, November 18**

**Shabbat Chayei Sarah**  
**Camp-Style Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 19**

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

*Torah Portion – Chayei Sarah*  
*Genesis 23:1-25:18*

*Haftarah – I Kings 1:1-31*

**2 Kislev 5783**  
**Friday, November 25**

**Shabbat Tol'dot**  
**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 26**

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

*Torah Portion – Tol'dot*  
*Genesis 25:19-28:9*

*Haftarah – Malachi 1:1-2:7*



# November 2022

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |   | <b>1</b> 7th of Heshvan 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library                | <b>2</b> 8th of Heshvan 5783<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm<br>Lunch & Learn @ Library<br>3:45pm - 5:00pm<br>RABBI'S RS CLASS @ Lounge<br>4:00pm - 6:00pm<br>Religious School @ Upper Conference Room, room 5 & 8<br>6:00pm - 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge   | <b>3</b> 9th of Heshvan 5783<br>7:30pm - 8:30pm<br>Officer's Meeting @ ZOOM   | <b>4</b> 10th of Heshvan 5783<br>7:30pm - 8:30pm<br>Family Shabbat Service - Consecration - Camp Harlam Shabbat @ Sanctuary        | <b>5</b> 11th of Heshvan 5783<br>9:00am - 10:00am<br>Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom)<br>10:30am - 12:00pm<br>Shabbat Morning Service - Kevin Nagin & Joshua Gomez B'nai Mitzvah @ Sanctuary |
| <b>6</b> 12th of Heshvan 5783<br>8:45am - 11:00am<br>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL<br>9:45am - 10:45am<br>Social Action Committee Meeting   | <b>7</b> 13th of Heshvan 5783<br>10:30am - 12:30pm<br>Yiddish Class Hybrid @ Library  | <b>8</b> 14th of Heshvan 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library               | <b>9</b> 15th of Heshvan 5783<br>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NJEA<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm<br>Lunch & Learn @ Library<br>7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary  | <b>10</b> 16th of Heshvan 5783<br>7:30pm - 9:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ ZOOM  | <b>11</b> 17th of Heshvan 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Shabbat Evening Service hosted by Temple Avodat Shalom @ Temple Avodat Shalom | <b>12</b> 18th of Heshvan 5783<br>9:00am - 10:00am<br>Torah Study hosted by Barnert Temple @ ZOOM<br>10:30am - 12:00pm<br>Shabbat Morning Service hosted by Barnert Temple @ Barnert Temple                           |
| <b>13</b> 19th of Heshvan 5783<br>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NJEA   | <b>14</b> 20th of Heshvan 5783<br>10:30am - 12:30pm<br>Yiddish Class Hybrid @ Library | <b>15</b> 21st of Heshvan 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library              | <b>16</b> 22nd of Heshvan 5783<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm<br>Lunch & Learn @ Library<br>3:45pm - 5:00pm<br>RABBI'S RS CLASS @ Lounge<br>4:00pm - 6:00pm<br>Religious School @ Upper Conference Room, room 5 & 8<br>6:00pm - 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge<br>7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary | <b>17</b> 23rd of Heshvan 5783<br>7:30pm - 8:30pm Book Group - The Sentence<br>7:30pm - 8:30pm<br>Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ ZOOM | <b>18</b> 24th of Heshvan 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Shabbat Evening Service @ Sanctuary   | <b>19</b> 25th of Heshvan 5783<br>9:00am - 10:00am<br>Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom)<br>10:30am - 12:00pm<br>Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary   |
| <b>20</b> 26th of Heshvan 5783<br>8:45am - 11:00am<br>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL @ Upper Conference Room ROOMS 5, 7 & 8<br>9:00am Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting @ ZOOM | <b>21</b> 27th of Heshvan 5783<br>10:30am - 12:30pm<br>Yiddish Class Hybrid @ Library | <b>22</b> 28th of Heshvan 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library              | <b>23</b> 29th of Heshvan 5783<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm No Lunch & Learn<br>4:00pm - 6:00pm NO Religious School<br>7:45pm - 9:00pm No Kol Emet Rehearsal   | <b>24</b> 30th of Heshvan 5783  | <b>25</b> 1st of Kislev 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Shabbat Evening Service @ Sanctuary   | <b>26</b> 2nd of Kislev 5783<br>9:00am - 10:00am<br>Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom)<br>10:30am - 12:00pm<br>Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary   |
| <b>27</b> 3rd of Kislev 5783<br>8:45am - 11:00am<br>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL @ Upper Conference Room ROOMS 5, 7 & 8<br>9:00am - 11:00am NO Religious School                          | <b>28</b> 4th of Kislev 5783<br>10:30am - 12:30pm<br>Yiddish Class Hybrid @ Library   | <b>29</b> 5th of Kislev 5783<br>8:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Stories from a Jewish Perspective (make-up date) @ Library | <b>30</b> 6th of Kislev 5783<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm<br>Lunch & Learn @ Library<br>3:45pm - 5:00pm<br>RABBI'S RS CLASS @ Lounge<br>4:00pm - 6:00pm<br>Religious School @ Upper Conference Room, room 5 & 8<br>6:00pm - 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge<br>7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary   |   |  |   |

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 members...*

*Michael Goodman and sends condolences to his daughter Danielle Feuer.*

*Allan Gutfleish and sends condolences to his wife Phyllis Gutfleish.*

*Sandi Klein and sends condolences to her family.*

*Condolences to...*

*Caren Zisk, on the loss of her father, Larry Jacobson.*

*Caryn Diuguid on the loss of her uncle, Norman Grossman.*

*Mazel Tov to...*

*Todd Snyder and Alissa Zenack on the Bar*

*Mitzvah of their son,*

*Gabriel Snyder.*

*Welcome new members...*

*Daniel Haber*

*Joseph and Ronit Chalom*



## **Social Action in Action**

# **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

### **Pay Attention!**

We seem to be in a time of conspiracies, groups that none of us have ever heard of, producing bad information. That means we all have to pay attention to who is telling us what, as we decide who to vote for.

### **From USA Today about School Board Elections**

<https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/politics/2022/10/23/super-pacs-spending-local-school-board-races/8125668001/>

A recent USA Today article highlights the efforts by an outside political group promoting extreme points of view to influence local boards of education around the country. It's part of a disturbing national trend involving different political organizations. It's happening here.

### **In our own school yards**

A group called the NJ Project has endorsed candidates for Bergen County School Boards in Fairlawn, Ft. Lee, Paramus, Rutherford, Wood-Ridge, and Teaneck (5 candidates). You can view the endorsement list here:

[https://newjerseyproject.org/local-politics/?fbclid=IwAR328UMurQSFjGRTBU-0oLkiw\\_E83Bq0cW2i9sWTuunkRs90KUJP6upW1Mk](https://newjerseyproject.org/local-politics/?fbclid=IwAR328UMurQSFjGRTBU-0oLkiw_E83Bq0cW2i9sWTuunkRs90KUJP6upW1Mk)

Details of the NJ Project philosophy are apparently in line with those of their linked site, Chaos Control: <https://chaosandcontrol.substack.com/>

### **Friends in Tenaflly are reporting that**

"We have a new slate of three candidates... who feel strongly that it's inappropriate to teach anything about LGBTQ issues in elementary school and also have issues with anything anti-racist (in fact, I think anything mentioning race at all).

They are looking to eliminate racism and Marxism from the schools. But except for the one well-known guy, who has ranted at many BOE meetings in the past, they're running on a slate of 'listening to the parents' voices.' Lots of code words. At least one of them really doesn't seem to understand the function of the Board of Education, so it's an important race for Tenaflly voters to be aware of and to vote on."

How to decide who to vote for - Do some research online, talk to friends, call your local League of Women Voters (LWV) which generally creates voters' guides and is sworn to be non-partisan.

Sources to help you make up your mind: <https://www.vote411.org/> - LWV voting guide

See the full video of the LWV's Board of Education forum on Sept. 19th at <https://vimeo.com/751729053>

See video of the LWV's Town Council Forum on October 3rd at <https://vimeo.com/756826424/1d6d33ddac>

# **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

Next Social Action Meeting: Sunday, November 6, at 9:45 a.m.



# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

## Monthly News Update: Fall Fiction

By Marion Wolf

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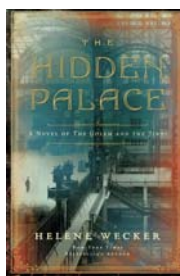


As the days grow shorter and cooler, it is time to curl up with a good book. You might enjoy some works of fiction we have added to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library: a short story collection, a sequel to an acclaimed novel, and a brand-new novel.

Johanna Kaplan is a prize-winning author, who arrived on the literary scene in the late 1960s. Some of her best short stories have now been assembled in Loss of Memory Is Only Temporary as part of a series called “The Art of the Story.” Kaplan is renowned for her insight into character and her pitch-perfect command of dialogue. Her stories are specifically set in post-WWII Jewish New York but nevertheless have a universal significance. Cynthia Ozick says, “Johanna Kaplan brings...a large-minded, capacious intelligence; a vitality; and a brilliant sense of irony...She exhibits an astonishing power of rendering a whole society with virtuosity, energy, and explosive satire.” Francine Prose suggests we open the book at random: “Everywhere you’ll find passages and plots that amuse and surprise and move you.”



You may remember Helene Wecker’s debut novel, The Golem and the Jinni. It was the book we read in 2015 for our One Book One Community. A blend of folktale and historical fiction, The Golem and the Jinni was set in 1899. It told of two supernatural beings who made their way to New York City and tried to blend in with other immigrants. Chava was a golem made of clay, and Ahmad was a jinni, a creature of fire. These characters return now in The Hidden Palace, a sequel that follows their



adventures right up to the beginning of WWI. They are still having a powerful impact on the lives of the humans around them, while trying to sort out what they mean to each other. Helene Wecker has earned accolades from The New York Times for combining “the narrative magic of The Arabian Nights with the kind of emotional depth, philosophical seriousness, and good old-fashioned storytelling found in the stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Still another masterful storyteller who knows her way around a plot twist is Jean Hanff Korelitz, author of The Latecomer. This book begins in 1972 with a tragic accident and continues to the present day. First we meet Salo and Johanna Oppenheimer, the parents, who are brought together by that accident. Later we meet their triplets—Harrison, Lewyn, and Sally—who are conceived via in vitro fertilization. These siblings despise one another and cannot wait to leave home for college, where they don’t even want to acknowledge the others exist! Facing an empty nest, Johanna decides to take a fourth embryo that’s been on ice and bring “the latecomer” of the title (Phoebe) into the world! She may be an afterthought, but Phoebe plays an important role in this fractured family. The book “touches on the topics of grief and guilt, generational trauma, privilege and race, traditions and religion, and family dynamics.” Allegra Goodman says in her New York Times review that The Latecomer “is both compulsively readable and thought-provoking.”



We have some wonderful books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library—come see for yourself!

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

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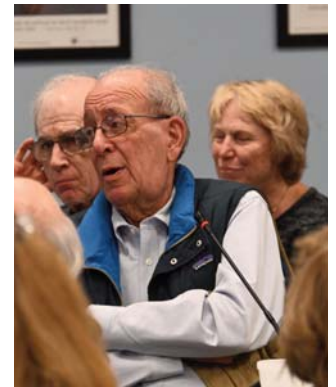
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