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BAZAAR IS BACK!

The event you've been waiting for!

Temple Emeth will have its annual Bazaar on **Sunday, December 3rd**, in the Social Hall and Youth Lounge. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for early birds (*for a small fee*), 10:00 a.m. to the general public, and customers must complete purchases by 3:30 p.m.



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'll have food and baked goods in the Youth Lounge. We already have large donations of brand-new sports-team-branded clothing, and a collection of nice serving pieces and ornaments – Limoges, Wedgewood, Mikasa, etc.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! It only works if you make it work. "Shifts" for working with customers are in two-hour segments: 9:30–11:30, 11:30–1:30, and 1:30–3:30. Set-up and cleanup occur outside those hours, and volunteers are needed for those times as well.

Please contact co-chairperson Marc Chelemer at bazaar@emeth.org to volunteer your time. Marc will prepare a schedule.

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

Jewelry drives the Bazaar. We often sell out of sterling and gold; they help the Jewelry booth succeed. If you'd check your trove of sterling pins, earrings, bracelets and necklaces for those you might be willing to part with, the jewelry booth mavens would be grateful. Any broken gold trinkets—one earring from a pair, for example, would be accepted as well. Just bring any jewelry to the Temple office marked "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
Marc Chelemer
Judy Distler
Gayle Goldberg

Rhona Herman
Ellen Monane
Eva Tobias

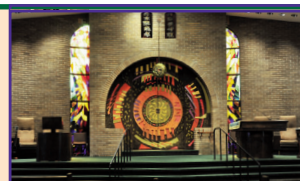
(Michael Goldberg – on temporary leave. He's got other things to work on!)

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March	February 17	March 1	March 8	March 13
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May	April 18	May 1	May 8	May 15
June	May 18	June 1	June 10	June 17

Material for the Bulletin is welcome and essential for the success of the publication, but 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. For Mid-month mailings, all materials are due by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the deadline.

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Message From the Rabbi

This is my first Temple Bulletin article since Israel was attacked on October 7th. We have sought to support Israel and comfort one another in several ways since then. On October 25th we had a Vigil for Israel in our Sanctuary. Many of you attended or watched online, but in case you missed it, here are my remarks from that evening. May Israel soon know peace!

We have gathered this evening because Israel was brutally attacked on October 7, and the country is at war.

We mourn for all the innocent victims killed in this conflict. The deaths of children, no matter their religion, their ethnicity, or their citizenship is tragic.

This evening, however, our focus is on solidarity with Israel. There is only one Jewish state, and on October 7 it was attacked by Hamas in the most brutal and gruesome way. Young people at a music festival were murdered. Entire families were wiped out. Children were forced to watch while their parents were shot. These weren't all Jews, by the way. Arabs were among the dead, including 23-year-old Awad Darawshe, an Israeli Arab paramedic who was on call at the music festival and was shot to death while tending to the wounded. Ten citizens of Nepal, being hosted on Kibbutz Alumim as they studied agriculture, were killed.

Over the last two and a half weeks, I have felt nearly every emotion imaginable...

Shock at the unexpected timing of the attack on Shabbat and a festival. Anger at the brutality of the attack. Sorrow at the loss of life. Grief at the greatest one-day loss of Jewish life since the Holocaust. Exasperation that there is so little I could do. The list goes on.

I suspect I am not alone.

But one thing that raised my spirits was being together. My spirits were raised at the JCC in Tenaflly for the first local community gathering to respond to the attacks. My spirits were raised when we invited Congregation Adas Emuno to join us for Shabbat

Services and the Trachtenberg Lecture. They were raised again when we stood in solidarity before a guest lecturer on Jews and chocolate spoke at our B'yachad breakfast. And they are raised again now, seeing so many people feeling so many of the same emotions, gathered here.

Because in a time of crisis, it is important to know you are not alone. It is important to have people who understand what you are going through affirm your humanity, acknowledge your grief, and give you a hug. This sanctuary is now filled with people who can do just that.

This evening's gathering is not political. It is not about the Prime Minister or any political party in Israel or the United States. It is simply about our pride to be Jews and our hopes for a peaceful Israel, where so many of our loved ones live and learn and serve their country.

I would add that it is also not political to understand that we have neighbors who have connections to Gaza and are in pain because of the conditions there. It isn't necessarily easy, but we can also acknowledge that pain. It is not a betrayal of our Jewish identity to feel the pain of another. Rather it is an affirmation of our common humanity, and the first step in building a bridge to understanding and peace.

Sadly there are some for whom the State of Israel's basic right to defend its borders is political. There are some for whom the right of Jews to live their lives without fear of rockets or bullets or bombs is political. To them we respond with three Hebrew words, which mean the Jewish people lives. The Jewish people lives after the Holocaust, after the Farhoud, after the Munich Olympics, after the Paris attacks, after the Pittsburgh attacks, after the Jersey City attacks.

These three words mean that at some times we are defiant and at all times we are resilient. They mean that we will not apologize for aspiring to be a free people in our own land and then defending that land when it comes under attack from Hamas or anyone else.

These three words are Am Yisrael Chai!



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Sirbu Wednesdays, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Learn is a weekly conversation on ideas that challenge us to think deeply. This year, we will study the Biblical prophets and their message of justice, and modern texts that continue the legacy of the prophets. Our textbook will be "Prophetic Voices: Renewing and Reimagining Haftarah." This book, published by CCAR Press not only explores the meaning of the Haftarah portions, but the context of the Haftarah itself. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the Temple office; it is also available as an e-book. Every six weeks or so, we set our books aside and discuss a topic from current events. You bring your lunch, and we provide the learning...and the coffee.

Message from the Cantor

One People One Heart

First, a word of thanks to the countless members of our Temple family, including Board members, President Michael Goldberg, and Rabbi Sirbu, for reaching out in the days following the horrific attack on Israel. Many of you knew that our youngest daughter, Eliana, had been there since August in a gap-year learning program. The outpouring of concern for her well-being and support for our very worried family was so meaningful. We are relieved that she decided to return to New Jersey and we pray that she will be able to return to Israel as soon as possible. Please be sure to show support to other Temple families who have relatives in Israel (you can email me for a list of those families).

Support and encouragement is one way to foster *achdut*, unity, within our community during this extremely trying and even frightening time. *Achdut*, derived from the word *echad*, meaning, “one” represents the idea of oneness and unity within the Jewish community. The root of the word *achdut* can also be found in the word, *b’yachad*, together, reminding us of the need for togetherness, especially in these days. *Achdut* transcends geographical, cultural, ideological, and political boundaries. It is a stark reminder that the Jewish people are bound together by a shared destiny and purpose. It emphasizes the importance of solidarity and mutual respect. These are the values that have sustained the Jewish people through centuries of challenges and hateful Antisemitism. The concept of *achdut* brings us together as a community, despite diverse backgrounds and beliefs, thereby bringing *g’vura*, strength, to the entire community.

Over many centuries the Jewish people have shown resilience in the face of evil through the unifying force

of *achdut*. Our people have been able to not only survive, but rebuild and thrive, over and over again through the strength that comes from standing together as one unified people. This strength also comes from continuing to outwardly advocate for Israel and speak

the truth that is deep within our heart even as others may try to silence that truth.

It is essential for the Jewish community to stand united in supporting Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish homeland, its right to effective security, and the right to defend itself. There are those who believe that Israel is being attacked in an attempt to wipe Israel and the Jewish people off the face of the earth.

The terrorists know full well that Israel and the Jewish people will still be standing when this is over, they know that the Jewish people will never cease to exist. That is why the horrific acts, brutality and evil with which they invade and savagely attack civilians, even small children, is not a coincidence. It is meant to invade our spirit, it is meant to crush the spirit and attack the soul of the Jewish people. We cannot let them win in this effort. We must remain strong and steadfast in our connection with each other. Let us not succumb to the emotional divisions that our enemies would celebrate.

Now, more than ever, it is incumbent upon each of us to bolster the spirit of our Jewish brothers and sisters. We are surely one people in the eyes of those that hate us. Let us be one people in each other’s eyes and weave the spirit of *achdut* into our lives as one people as we proudly say *Am Yisrael Chai*.

Cantor Ellen Tilem



Cantor Ellen Tilem

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Cantor Ellen Tilem will lead a bereavement support group each week. Together the group finds healing and wholeness through group discussion, shared expressions of pain and a deeper understanding of gratitude for those we have loved and lost. This support group will run in six-week units. Some may choose to continue through more than one unit. The group is for those who have had recent or acute mourning, loss and grief. Please contact Cantor Tilem before attending in order to assess your unique needs.

The second unit will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.: November 7, 14, 21, 28.

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Message from President Michael Goldberg

We Stand With Israel

Our hearts go out to all of the people of Israel and to our congregants with families and friends in Israel; we pray for the safe return of the hostages. We look forward to a peaceful resolution ensuring the safety and security of all those residing in Israel.

Thank you to Rabbi Sirbu for continually keeping us informed of the developments in Israel. Thank you to Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem for leading a most meaningful “Vigil for Israel” at Temple Emeth.

Thank you President Biden for your support of Israel.

We Stand With Israel



Thank You

Thank you to **Judy Distler** and her committee for organizing the first-ever Break-the-Fast at Temple Emeth. Close to 100 members were in attendance!

Thank you to all of the teens and adults who helped to assemble the Temple’s Sukkah under the guidance of **Marc Chelemer, Amanda Eastman, and Rabbi Sirbu**. Great teamwork!

Thank you to **Stephen Friedman** for all of your dedication and hard work as our Ritual Committee Chair for many years. I learned this year of the extensive amount of work and time required to assign and distribute the dozens of bimah honors for the High Holy Day services. Best of luck to **Marion Wolf**, our incoming chair.

Thank you to **Amy Abrams** for your many years of service as our Security Committee Chair. Under Amy’s guidance we received Homeland Security Grants enabling us to upgrade and enhance our security systems.

Thank you to **Ellen Monane**, the new chair of the Emeth Teen Community (ETC). Ellen is also our chair of the College Kids Committee.

Thank you to **Wendy Dessanti** for becoming our new House Committee Chair. One of her first actions, with the help of **Suzannah Mercado**, is the purchase of a new refrigerator/freezer.

Thank you to **Beth Pascarello** and **Barbara Balkin** for preparing a most informative Temple Emeth Fall 2023 Brochure of programs and activities. The Winter Brochure should be out soon.

Upcoming Events

This coming Sunday, November 5th, over fifty congregants will be attending the Broadway play, *Harmony*. Thank you to **Susan Breznick** for arranging and coordinating this Temple trip.

Hope to see you at our **Chanukah Dinner on Friday evening, December 8th**. We will be honoring our new members who joined since 2019. Thank you to our co-

chairs, **Beth Pascarello** and **Damary Zaken**, and their committee.

2024 Spring Gala

Please save the date, **Saturday, June 1, 2024, for our Spring Gala**. Past President **Nickie Falk** will be our main honoree as Past President with other honorees to be announced soon.

Highlighting Linda Poskanzer, our Adult Education Committee Chair

Linda has been an active member of Temple Emeth for over 25 years and has been the Chair of the Adult Education Committee for about 10 years. Linda is a member of the Ritual Committee. She attends and often teaches Torah Study, Lunch and Learn, Stories from a Jewish Perspective, and other Adult Education classes. She leads shiva

minyan services, has tutored B’nai Mitzvah students, and delivers Shalach Manot. She is a past Chair of One Book One Community. Linda plans and coordinates Shabbatons and festive lunch events, coordinates the dinner following the Prayers on the Palisades, and even finds time to help polish the silver!

Linda is an observant Reform Jew and attends services “religiously,” especially on Saturday mornings. She leads services during Rabbi’s summer vacation. You will see Linda at almost every Temple service and event. She shows up!

Linda graduated from Douglass College, majoring in Political Science, and she earned a Master’s Degree in Social Work from Yeshiva University’s Wurzweiler School of Social Work in 1979. She has a private psychotherapy practice and also supervises clinicians who need to complete supervised hours in order to earn their licenses.

Linda has three adult children, two stepdaughters, and seven grandchildren. In 2015 Linda met Paul Rosenberg, and as she so poetically told me – that story continues to be written.

In addition to Jewish studies, Linda has a passion for theater and travel. She spends as much time as possible in the Berkshires, enjoying Tanglewood, theater, and the magnificent scenery. Of course, she attends services there too at Hevreh of South Berkshire in Stockbridge. When Gayle and I visited the Berkshires, we attended services per Linda’s recommendation. We mentioned that we were friends with Linda and were treated like royalty!

Thank you, Linda, for all of your years of service and devotion to Temple Emeth.

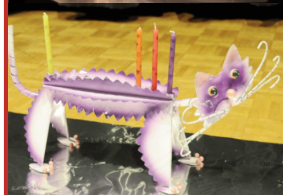
Please reach out to me with your questions and concerns.

All the Best,
Michael Goldberg, President



Michael Goldberg





Temple Emeth invites you to the
21st Annual Chanukah Dinner
(The first since 2019!)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023
at 6 p.m.
Dinner will be followed by a
Family Service at 7:30 p.m.
New Members attend as our guests
If you are a new member, please call the office
at 201-833-1322, or email Suzannah at
smercado@emeth.org to register.
Members - \$35
Non-Members - \$40
Children 4 - 12 - \$15
Children under 3 - Free
Bring your Chanukiyot (Menorahs)
to light with your
Temple Emeth Family
emeth.org/event/chanukahdinner2023
RSVP by November 28, 2023



After a good start this past month, the next Fun and Games Day at Temple Emeth will be held on Wednesday, November 8th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. (and continuing on the second Wednesday of every month).

If you play Canasta, Bridge, Mahjong, Scrabble, Chess or other games we will have tables and chairs set up in the social hall for you to play with your family and friends. It's absolutely free for Temple members (and for non-members who play at their table). Cost is \$5 for non-members.

Come with a full table to play (and if not let us know and we will try to fit you in at a table). Bring your games, cards and sets. Coffee, tea and water will be provided and feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Call the office at (201) 833-1322 to register for November 8th. Any questions? Contact Caryn at gameday@emeth.org



EMETH KESHER

Havdalah & GAME night



Saturday, November 18
Temple Emeth Youth Lounge
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join Emeth Keshar, the social group for our extended Emeth family, for an evening of refreshments and games. We will begin with Havdalah, then it's BYOG - Bring Your Own Games, so that we have a way to connect with each other across the generations.

A night for Friends & Family Fun

To register contact
Suzannah at
smercado@emeth.org
or call the office:
201-833-1322

TO ALL TEMPLE EMETH BAZAAR BAKERS / BUYERS

The 2023 Bazaar is being held on
DECEMBER 3rd
Can you once again BAKE
or CONTRIBUTE GOODIES
for our Bake Table??

**HELP MAKE
BAZAAR
A GREAT
SUCCESS**



Please contact

Teri or Carlene now at
bazaarbakers@emeth.org



TIFF at Temple Emeth



From November 5th - 12th, there is a treasure trove of films to be seen at TIFF 2023. Three movies, including *Jews of the Wild West*, will be online and on demand, starting Sunday evening, November 5th. The live portion of the festival will be held November 9 - 12, at Teaneck Cinemas, the Puffin Cultural Forum, and, on Saturday evening and all day Sunday at Temple Emeth. Check the website – www.teaneckfilmfestival.org – for details and tickets.

The Saturday night gala, beginning at 7 p.m. on November 11th, is where the Emeth action begins. Join us for a light buffet, including kosher and halal selections, for a minimum donation (in advance) of \$35. The wining, dining, and mingling will be followed by a screening of *The Old Oak*, a poignant and inspiring feature that will take you to a pub in a Northern England town that is going through hard times and dealing with an influx of immigrants.

On Sunday, November 12, the first film at Emeth is *Vishniac*, a documentary about the incredible photographer whose photos captured Jewish life in Eastern Europe in the 1930s, before it was erased. At 1:30 p.m., stay for the incredible documentary about Eichmann – *The Devil's Confession*. At 4:10 p.m., watch *Commitment to Life*, about Hollywood's response to the AIDS epidemic and *Unexpected*, about efforts to help pregnant women with AIDS. At 7:30 p.m., join us for the closing film, *Bella!* (Abzug), at which we will present the WOW (Women of Wisdom) award to National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section.

Unfortunately, there is so much that there are choices to be made: Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., at the Puffin Cultural Forum, there is *Shared Legacies*, about the Jewish/Black relationship, which will be paired with *The Empty Saddle*, the short doc about the NJ lynching of Samuel Johnson. Rabbi Sirbu will participate in the talkback following the films. At Teaneck Cinemas, at 4:35 p.m., is *Four Winters*, about the Polish resistance movement during WW II. At 5 p.m., Teaneck's Paula Eiselt's short film, *Under G-d*, about lawsuits being launched by rabbis and interfaith leaders to challenge the overturn of Roe vs. Wade, is on the schedule at Teaneck Cinemas, where it will be paired with *Hollywood's Orthodox Jew Problem*, about the portrayal of Jews in movies. If you need a good laugh – put David Levin's film, *Viral Vignettes*, on your calendar on November 11, 4:25 p.m., at Teaneck Cinemas.

Make decisions – buy tickets – check it all out at www.teaneckfilmfestival.org. Questions may be emailed to tiff@teaneckfilmfestival.org.

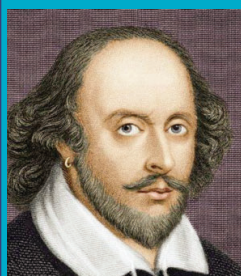
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on NOVEMBER 19th

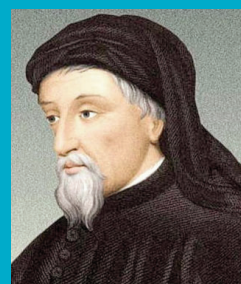
from 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

THE IMAGE OF JEWS IN LITERATURE (It's Not a Pretty Sight)

Where did the image of the "Jewish Mother" or the "Jewish Princess" come from?
Or for that matter, good guys wearing white hats, bad guys in black?
Never underestimate the power of stereotypes in the hands of great storytellers.



Shakespeare and Chaucer, two preeminent writers of the English language did more than their part in elevating and promulgating their particular stereotype of Jews as a hateful trope that is accepted by far too many people today.



Our Speaker: Janet B. Chertkoff has an MA in Literature, and is a former high school English teacher. She has taught Shakespeare's plays and lectured about his life, times, and theater for many years at civic groups, adult courses, and schools throughout the area.

Temple members and non-members welcome.

Please RSVP by November 15th to pay \$8.00 per person

Use this link to pre-register: <https://www.emeth.org/event/jewsinliterature>

Adult Ed Mini University: Stories from a Jewish Perspective - Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m.

This popular peer-led class selects short stories from a variety of genres to discuss.

Classes will be held in our hybrid format in the Library and on Zoom on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to participate on Zoom.

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ETC received certificates for Stop the Bleed training; they planted daffodils; and learned how to make rugelach with Barbara Balkin and Mike Eastman.

Yiddish Class Meets Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

in the Library and on Zoom.

Come join our Yiddish class

with instructor David Braun

Click [here](#) to join on Zoom

Meeting ID 895 7326 8791

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ETC photos by Amanda Eastman



A busy month with Sukkot services, "Pizza in the Hut," sorting and packing food collected during the High Holy days, consecration of new student, story by Rabbi Sirbu, Etz Chayim sang, start of Religious School, and a Sukkot luncheon.



Dancing with the Torahs at Simchat Torah services concluded with the famous candy bar.



Services and S'machot

20 Cheshvan 5784
Friday, November 3

Saturday, November 4

Torah Portion
Genesis 18:1-22:24

Shabbat Vayeira
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

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

Haftarah
II Kings 4:1-37

27 Cheshvan 5784
Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

Torah Portion
Genesis 23:1-25:18

Shabbat Chayei Sarah
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.
Kristallnacht Observance, Kol Emet Sings

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

Haftarah
I Kings 1:1-31

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Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

Torah Portion
Genesis 25:19-28:9

Shabbat Tol'dot

Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

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

Haftarah
Malachi 1:1-2:7

12 Kislev 5784

Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

Torah Portion
Genesis 28:10-32:3

Shabbat Vayeitzei

Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom at 8:00 p.m.
From Arbor Terrace

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

Haftarah
Hosea 12:13-14:10

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 17th of Cheshvan 5784 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	2 18th of Cheshvan 5784 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officers Meeting @ ZOOM	3 19th of Cheshvan 5784 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	4 20th of Cheshvan 5784 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom) 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Healing Service @ Sanctuary
5 21st of Cheshvan 5784 9:00am - 11:30am Religious School (Music Workshop with Sheldon Low) @ Temple Sinai	6 22nd of Cheshvan 5784 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class Hybrid in Library and Zoom	7 23rd of Cheshvan 5784 4:00pm - 5:30pm Religious School @ Temple Sinai 7:00pm - 7:45pm Growing Through Grief with Cantor Tilem @ Museum 8:00pm - 9:00pm Stories From a Jewish Perspective @ Library	8 24th of Cheshvan 5784 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 1:30pm - 4:30pm Fun & Games @ Social Hall 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	9 25th of Cheshvan 5784 7:30pm - 8:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ Youth Lounge	10 26th of Cheshvan 5784 8:00am - 9:00am Shabbat Service - Kristallnacht Observance - Kol Emet Sings	11 27th of Cheshvan 5784 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom) 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
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Good & Welfare

Condolences to...

Larry Bernard on the loss of his beloved mother,
Roslyn Bernard.

Lisa Eig on the loss of her beloved friend,
Ardyth Stimson.

Idajean Fisher on the loss of her beloved sister,
Maryanne Fisher.

Joan Paul on the loss of her beloved sister,
Marcia Thaler.

Alissa Sandler on the loss of her beloved aunt,
Carol Biegel.

Carol Shansky on the loss of her beloved mother,
Pearl Shansky.

Mazel Tov to...

Jonathan and Merri Adler-Ross on the birth of
their grandson, Weston Sawyer Rajwan.
Parents are Samantha and William
Rajwan.

Steve and Lynn Chaiken on their 40th wedding
anniversary.

Meryl and Ivis Recinos on the birth of their
daughter; and **Janet and Howard Rosen**
on the birth of their granddaughter,
Kayla Briana Recinos.

Marion Wolf on celebrating her 70th birthday.

Social Action in Action

RAC: Update

Next committee meeting:
November 14th 7:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Power for Purpose/ RAC National Campaign

The summer of 2023 was the Earth's hottest since
global records began in 1880. **What can we do?**

Alone, it is tough, but together...

We can continue to work as part of the national
Reform Movement (URJ) Religious Action
Center's "Power for Purpose" campaign to
tighten pollution standards. On **Thursday,**
November 16 from 5 to 6 p.m., we are meeting
(via Zoom) with Tomás Carbonell from the
Environmental Protection Agency. Tomás is the
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Stationary
Sources, Office of Air and Radiation, a key
leader in the office that regulates power plant
emissions. We will highlight the thousands of
comments submitted by our members demanding
tightened pollution standards, stressing the
importance of regulation to us, and making it
clear that we need this to be done now.

Register here to join us, so that, together, we can
speak with a strong moral voice to provide
balance to the fossil fuel companies who are
lobbying to weaken the standards:

<https://urj.tfaforms.net/901?id=7014u000001e0yf>

Learning Together Campaign Update/ RAC- NJ

On Friday night, October 6, **the trial court issued its decision** in *Latino Action Network v. State of New Jersey* (The Judge held that the Plaintiffs have not established that the entire State is unconstitutionally segregated, but did hold that Plaintiffs "have demonstrated marked and persistent racial imbalance in numerous school districts across the State that Defendants' actions, policies, programs, and inaction have failed to remedy.")

What does this mean?

Plaintiffs have indicated that they intend to appeal. Plaintiffs will ask the New Jersey Supreme Court to issue an order holding that New Jersey's education system – as a whole – is unconstitutionally segregated. Plaintiffs believe that appealing now on this question of whether there is statewide liability is the fastest way to bring about real change for New Jersey's children.

We'll keep you informed as to what does this mean for RAC-NJs Learning Together Community Conversation Campaign.



Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Questions of Jewish Identity

By Marion Wolf

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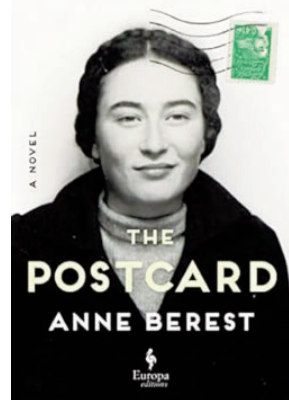
Do you remember as a child hearing family stories from your relatives? Such lore could give you a powerful personal connection to the past. Sometimes authors draw on their own families' tales in their writing. In the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, we have recently acquired two such novels of historical fiction.

The Thread Collectors is the work of coauthors Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman, who explain, "The novel is loosely inspired by our own backgrounds and is born from our decades-long friendship as a Black woman and a Jewish woman, each proud of their heritage. We wanted to explore the Civil War experience through two underrepresented lenses and illuminate the important and often overlooked tragedies of this era. But we also wanted to show how ingenuity and creativity can bridge cultural divides and create power for the seemingly powerless." One of those powerless is a young Black woman named Stella, who is living in a cottage in New Orleans in 1863. Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union army. She must hide her efforts from the white man who is keeping her (he would kill her if he learned about them). Stella's other secret is her love for William, a Black soldier and brilliant musician. The second thread collector of the title is Lily. She is a Jewish woman, an abolitionist, in New York City stitching a quilt of her husband, Jacob. Jacob, like William, is a musician stationed with the Union Army in New Orleans. When months go by without word from Jacob, Lily risks her life by going south to search for her husband. Ultimately the paths of Stella, William, Lily, and Jacob converge in this dramatic novel.



More recent history is the subject of The Postcard by

Anne Berest and translated from the French by Tina Kover. A best-seller since 2021 in France, this book has won all sorts of prizes and is based on true events. In 2003, the author's mother, a chain-smoking college professor, finds an anonymous postcard in her mail. The postcard lists the names Ephraim, Emma, Noemie, and Jacques. These are relatives, the Rabinovitches, who perished at Auschwitz. But who has sent this mysterious card and why? The family sticks the postcard in the back of a drawer and forgets about it. Ten years later, when Anne Berest is expecting her first child, she feels an urge to hear about her family history. That's when her mother describes the Rabinovitches' travels from Moscow to Latvia to Palestine to France and finally to Auschwitz. The Postcard then skips ahead six years. Berest's daughter mentions antisemitic remarks heard at school, and Berest becomes obsessed with the postcard and who sent it. At that point The Postcard takes on the urgency of a detective story. You may be hooked right away by the book's opening sentence: "My mother lit her first lung-charring cigarette of the morning, the one she enjoyed the most, and stepped outside to admire the whiteness blanketing the entire neighborhood." Or like me you might like this description of collecting the mail: "At my parents' home in those days, one picked the mail up off the ground, like ripe fruit fallen from a tree; our mailbox had gotten so old that it was like a sieve—nothing stayed inside—but we liked it that way. It never occurred to any of us to get a new one; that wasn't how our family solved problems. You simply lived with things, as if they deserved the same respect as human beings."



These two suspenseful novels inspired by family stories are both available in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

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

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Brenda Weiss in memory of Marcia Thaler, beloved sister of Joan Paul

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Joel and Meryl Sachs with appreciation for contributing spirited prayers during our holiday services

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Steve and Holly Clark in honor of the baby naming of the granddaughter of Stefanie and Mark Stokes

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LIBRARY FUND

Judy Distler wishes Marion Wolf a Happy Birthday

MUSEUM

Barbara Balkin in honor of the baby naming of the granddaughter of Stefanie and Mark Stokes

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Victor and Ilene Anesini in memory of Maryanne Fisher, beloved sister of Idajean Fisher

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in memory of Marilyn Schwartz, beloved mother of Ellen Schwartz

Michael and Gayle Goldberg wish a Mazel Tov to Marc Chelemer and Carol Shansky on their 36th wedding anniversary

Joan Paul in memory of Maryanne Fisher, beloved sister of Idajean Fisher

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in memory of John Scelfo, brother-in-law of Sharon Friedson
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Phyllis Gutfleish with gratitude

Joel and Meryl Sachs with appreciation for providing us with meaningful holiday services

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Judy and David Fox in memory of Maryanne Fisher, beloved sister of Idajean Fisher
wishing Marion Wolf a Happy Birthday

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Michael and Gayle Goldberg wish Meryl and Ivis Recinos a Mazel Tov on the birth of their daughter
in memory of Maryanne Fisher, beloved sister of Idajean Fisher

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Michael and Paula Dillon in honor of the baby naming of the granddaughter of Stefanie and Mark Stokes

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TEMPLE EMETH FUND

Carlene Fleishman wishes Elinor Buchbinder a speedy recovery

Jacqueline Guttman in memory of Maryanne Fisher, beloved sister of Idajean Fisher
in memory of Marcia Thaler, beloved sister of Joan Paul

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Suzanne Keusch in memory of her beloved mother, Isabel Hammel
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Changing the Torah covers at Simchat Torah services.

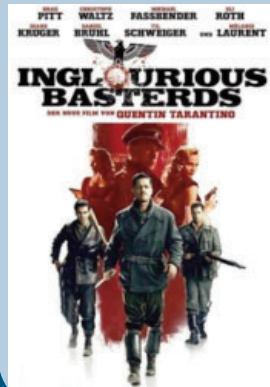
Trachtenberg Lecturer Rabbi Barry Schwartz spoke about "The Blessing of Doubt - Jewish Agnosticism", and was joined by cantorial soloists and congregants from Congregation Adas Emuno, after the dinner organized by Elaine Pollack.



Speaker Rabbi Deborah Prinz talked about "Jews on the Chocolate Trail" at the B'Yachad breakfast arranged by Marcia Orange and Gayle Goldberg.



Birthday celebratory Oneg sponsored by Marion Wolf and Jacqueline Guttman.



Movies That Mattered

The next movie is "Inglourious Basterds" on **Tuesday, November 28th** at 7:30 p.m. In Nazi-occupied France during World War II, a plan to assassinate Nazi leaders by a group of Jewish U.S. soldiers coincides with theater owner Shosanna Dreyfus's plan to avenge the Nazis' execution of her family. Starring Brad Pitt and directed by James Tarantino.

Refreshments will be served.

For information contact Susan or Eley at movies@emeth.org

Spend this New Year's Eve at Temple Emeth!



A committee is now being formed to plan the Temple's **first-ever New Year's Eve party.**

If you'd like to help with the planning, contact

marketing@emeth.org

Temple Emeth Book Group Selections 2023-24

Meetings take place on Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Library

November 15th	<i>Master Slave Husband Wife</i> by Llyon Woo
December 20th	<i>Sadness is a White Bird</i> by Moriel Rothnam-Zecher
January 17th	<i>Horse</i> by Geraldine Brooks
February 21st	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> by Bonnie Garmus
March 20th	<i>More Than I Love My Life</i> by David Grossman
April 17th	<i>Go As A River</i> by Shelley Read
May 15th	<i>The Postcard</i> by Anne Berest
June 15	Planning Meeting

For information contact Brenda at bookgroup@emeth.org



RIDES to TEMPLE SERVICES and EVENTS

Did you know that the Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee has a fund to pay for Uber/Lyft rides to services and Temple events for members?

Please contact caring@emeth.org or call the Temple office at 201-833-1322 at least two days in advance if you would like us to arrange a ride for you.



CELEBRATE A SIMCHA ON SHABBAT



Please consider sponsoring an oneg on a Friday night. Let the Temple family share your joy. You may bake, buy, or pay (Temple) to do something special or recognize someone - for a birthday, anniversary, birth, graduation, marriage, or - just because!

Let us tell you more. . .

Email Mary Jane Tucker or Judy Distler at oneg@emeth.org

We hope to hear from you!



Summary of Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on July 13, 2023

A motion was made by David Fox and seconded by Stacey Butler to confer honorary Temple membership on Dora Friedman and her husband. The motion passed.

Rabbi's Report:

Rabbi Sirbu reported that B'Yachad Breakfast went well and thanked Marcia Orange, the new co-chair, for her efforts; that the first partnership service with Arbor Terrace went well; that our member, Lenny Hort has written a play, entitled *Chicken Dance*, that will have its first reading at the Temple on Sunday, July 23, 2023 to which all Temple members are invited; and that we will begin publicizing the position of Coordinator for Emeth Keshet. Rabbi Sirbu also reported that Prayers on the Palisades will occur on July 14, 2023, hosted by Temple Sinai; that Guy Ratki will be present and Temple Religious School families have been notified of the opportunity to meet Guy; and that in the event of rain, services will be held at Temple Sinai.

Administrator's Report:

Suzannah Mercado reported that we have installed new security lights outside; that dead bulbs have been replaced in the sanctuary; that the new lines drawn in the parking lot have been well received by the congregation; and that another walk-through of the building will be conducted soon.

Life-long Learning Sub-Committee Report:

Linda Poskanzer reported that we have already implemented free Uber and Lyft rides for members in need of transportation to Temple. Receipts should be submitted to the Temple office for reimbursement. It is being paid for by the Caring Committee. The new program has been announced on our Facebook page but needs additional promotion.

Linda Poskanzer also reported that more day-time classes have been added to the Temple calendar; that there are plans to design an education and events brochure which will appear on the Temple website and in print; that a life-long learning committee has been set up with the purpose of program planning; that con-

sideration is being given to charging a nominal fee for special events (not regular programs); that there is a need to publicize our events; and that reviews of events should be posted on the Temple website.

Strategic Plan Implementation Committee:

David Fox and Stacey Butler reported that have reached out to all sub-committees to see who will be remaining on each; that each implementation committee member has been assigned a sub-committee to help them to implement their action plans; that they are looking into what Funds are available to be used for Temple activities to reduce pressure on the budget; that they are looking into how to raise new revenue; that they are cataloging all their work through the use of a "gorilla chart"; that they are trying to coordinate overlap between subcommittees; that they will update the Board at the September meeting while putting out emails and articles in the Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Richards, provided a simplified financial report and advised that he will send out a variance analysis next week.

Financial Secretary Report:

Alan Winters reported that there are ~ 349 household memberships; and that we have lost only 9 members since July 1, 2023, which includes the Religious School families who will not be returning.

New Business:

Marc Chelemer reported that two more roofers will be giving us estimates and references; that they are vetting the idea of a renewed effort by Jewish Federation to build a senior residence on part of the Temple's property; and that there is a need for a professional appraisal of the property. Marc Chelemer proposed and Stacey Butler seconded a motion to authorize Wendy Dessanti to spend up to \$3,000 within 90 days to obtain a professional appraisal. The motion passed.

Prepared by: Martin Breznick, Secretary

Summary of Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on September 7, 2023

President's Report:

Michael Goldberg reported that at the Officer's meeting the idea of voting by absentee ballot at congregational meetings was discussed, and the idea of a minimum voluntary commitment amount was discussed; that the Bergenfield Board of Education is interested in renewing their lease for another 5 years; that each Board member will receive a Board call list; and that David Wolinsky needs volunteers to usher over the High Holy Days.

Rabbi's Report:

Rabbi Sirbu reported that, with the help of the URJ, the Temple is setting up a healing committee composed of Rabbi Sirbu, Stacey Butler, Stephen Friedman, Greg Janoff, Yaron Prywes, Susan Schwartz and Michael Goldberg, ex officio; that High Holy Day tickets have been mailed out; that the schedule for Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr is in place; that each Board member is receiving an e-vite to Rabbi's sukkah for October 1 between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm; that Tom Mustachio will be the choir director of the junior choir with Emma Feuer working with him; that only Temple Emeth's children will be singing at our Temple on the High Holy Days; that subsequently the performance dates will be collaborative with the junior choir singing at Temple Emeth on our family services and singing at Temple Sinai on their grade level services. Rabbi Sirbu also reported that with regard to the youth program, Alison Reiser will assume the administrative duties, Ellen Monane will be the new chairperson, and Amanda Eastman will assist the Rabbi. The first teen event is this Sunday – assembling food bags for distribution during the High Holy days. Rabbi Sirbu also reported that the first day of Religious School has been pushed back to October 1; that we have 10 firm students committed to the program; that we are still reaching out to 3 other families; that all of the families were invited to tour the Temple Sinai school facility, with 5 or 6 families attending; and that 4 families have resigned from the Temple citing disagreement over the change in our religious school education offering.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Richards provided a Restricted Cash report and a Simplified Budget report; advised that he will start preparing a

more detailed breakdown of income on a quarterly basis; and that the Temple has ~ \$375,000 in the bank.

Financial Secretary Report:

Alan Winters reported that members have committed ~ \$350,000 this fiscal year to voluntary commitment compared to ~ \$357,000 last year at the same time; that the majority of Temple members who had made a minimal commitment have raised their commitment; that members who were reluctant are starting to make commitments; and that there are ~ 20 members being carried with \$0.00 commitment, which is lower than in prior years. Alan also reported the total commitment for this year will probably be less than last year's total commitment of ~ \$462,000. This led to a discussion on ways to market the Temple.

Strategic Plan Implementation Committee:

David Fox reported that we should attend the Back to Shul night service to reconnect with members; that the Temple is having our first Yom Kippur break fast; that the book club will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month and that Fun and Games will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month – both ideas generated by the Marketing committee; that an ad for rentals appeared in the Jewish Standard; that the Life-long Learning brochure is out for the fall; and there will be a brainstorming meeting on how to raise the \$50,000 budgeted for Temple fundraisers, with Cynthia Massarsky and Ilene Anesini advising the group.

Emeth Keshet/Emeth Connection Report:

There will be 2 events per month – 1 other than Family service; that the response to an ad for the part-time position has drawn only 1 resume; that Alison Reiser and the Education Committee will pitch in and help; and that 2 immediately upcoming events need to be planned – Pizza in the Hut and the potluck dinner.

Roof Repair Report:

Marc Chelemer reported that the committee has received 5 quotes with a range of pricing from \$90,000 to \$393,000 for a variety of different methods to repair the roof; that all of the roofers agree that the roofs do not have to be replaced; and that one roofer suggests repairs while four others suggest re-coating.

Prepared by: Martin Breznick, Secretary

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Viewpoints Presentation

Felice Cohen spoke about her grandfather's Holocaust survival story, which she wrote about in her book, *What Papa Told Me*.



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in Israel**

Mar 11, 2024 - Mar 21, 2024

2024 TRIP to ISRAEL



Temple Emeth is excited to announce our next congregational trip to Israel, to take place on **March 11-21, 2024**. Rabbi Sirbu looks forward to bringing a large group on this trip, and for the first time, Rabbi Rebecca Sirbu will join us for the first two days of the tour.

For our first Israel tour in six years, we have partnered with Makor Educational Journeys. They have created a unique itinerary for us that focuses on art and cuisine in Israel. We will spend two nights in Tel Aviv, one night in Tiberias, and five nights in Jerusalem, including Shabbat.

To view our complete itinerary and register, click here: [Makor Educational Journeys \(makorjourneys.com\)](https://makorjourneys.com).

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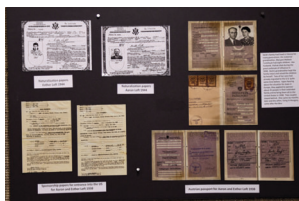
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ANCESTRY@EMETH

Every family has a story, a
unique story. What is yours?

Ancestry@emeth is a project
that began in 2019, with
two museum exhibits using
documents, photos, and stories by fourteen participating members. Themes have included immigration and survival, family trees, celebrations of life cycle events, holiday celebrations, ketubot (marriage contracts), and more.



If you are interested in participating
in the next ancestry@emeth exhibit,
please contact Barbara Balkin at
museum@emeth.org.

ARTISTS MEMBER SHOWCASE COMING



Temple Emeth has many talented member artists.
The next Member Showcase is being planned.
If you are an artist who would like to join us for
the upcoming exhibit, please contact
Barbara Balkin at museum@emeth.org.
List your name, media, and approximately how
many pieces you would like to show.
Works can be listed for sale as well, with a price
that includes a twenty percent contribution
to the Temple.



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