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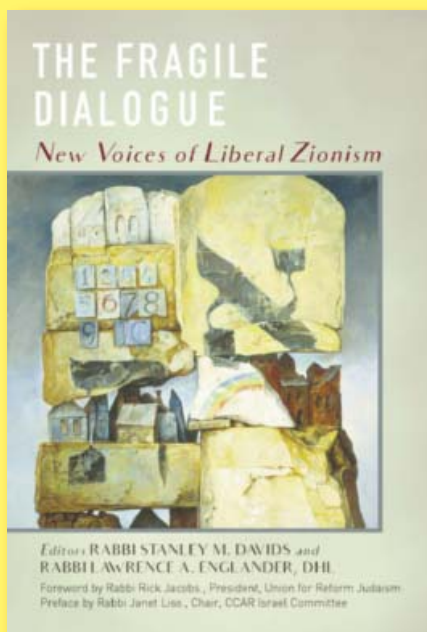
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Temple Emeth invites you to
**THE RABBI JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG
MEMORIAL LECTURE**
Friday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Lecturer
Rabbi Stanley M. Davids
The "Fragile Dialogue"
Among Those
Who Love Israel



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When "The Fragile Dialogue" was published by the CCAR Press last year, it showed a different set of concerns — primarily the inability of North American Jews to have civil, meaningful conversations about our profound differences regarding the contemporary State of Israel. The book respectfully examines liberal Zionist views that range from a One State Solution to a pro-BDS posture. But what was concerning before is rapidly becoming a crisis today. This lecture, presented by the co-editor of the book, will explore how together we can bridge gaps and heal wounds within our own community.

Copies of "The Fragile Dialogue" are available from the Temple office for \$12.

A festive Shabbat dinner will precede the service at 6:00 p.m.
Reservations for the dinner must be sent to the Temple office by **October 5.**
For additional information, please contact: Elaine Pollack at: ecpollack33@gmail.com

RSVP to attend the Shabbat Dinner on Friday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number attending at \$30 per person _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

___ I/we will help set-up on Friday morning, Oct. 12.

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Message From the Rabbi

Can one email change the way the federal government defines what it is to be Jewish? It's possible.

The Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education is investigating an incident that took place at Rutgers in 2011. Students holding an anti-Israel rally may have discriminated against Jewish students by hastily imposing an admission fee on them when the event was advertised as free of charge. The case had been investigated by the Obama administration which uncovered an email from one organizer to another that said, "We need to start charging because 150 Zionists just showed up!" but that "if someone looks like a supporter, they can get in for free." The case was eventually closed for lack of evidence.

The new Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Kenneth Marcus, is reopening the case because he is applying a different definition of Judaism and anti-Semitism. If Judaism is defined as a religion, as it has been for a long time, it is more difficult to read the email as incriminating, since there is no overt reference to the faith of the people being charged. (It is possible that "Zionists" is code for "Jews.") If it is defined as a national origin, which the State Department has done, then the email deserves another look, because discrimination based on someone's appearance fits into the definition of an ethnic group.

This is not the first time that this change has been advocated. The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Anti-Semitism, developed 14 years ago, offers a description of anti-Semitism in its

various forms, including hatred and discrimination against Jews, Holocaust denial, and of particular note, anti-Semitism as it can at times relate to Israel.

It can be difficult to draw a line between legitimate criticism of Israeli policy and anti-Semitism.

But it is easy to understand why we need a multi-faceted approach to what anti-Semitism is. We are a religion, but lots of people feel strongly Jewish without believing in God. We are an ethnic group, but unlike being Greek or Irish, you can convert to Judaism. We have a long and unique history, which has at times been distorted by anti-Semites to foment hatred against us. And

most American Jews are Zionists, supporting a Jewish state as the fulfillment of our national aspirations, but that doesn't mean that Jewish students deserve to be harassed on campus because of Israel.

Our varied identities are complex enough that coming up with a definition is difficult, but given this background it is reasonable to call us an ethnic group with a shared national origin.

Anti-Israel activists tend to target universities with large Jewish populations. Since Rutgers has one of the largest, it is important that administrators and civil rights officials have the tools they need to keep Jewish students safe from harassment and discrimination, and to ensure that anti-Semitism is not permitted to masquerade as anti-Zionism. If the Education Department's change is to advance this goal, then I am in favor.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

From the Religious School

“Z’man Simchateinu – The Season of Our Joy”

Our students, parents, and staff began the school year with lots of enthusiasm. Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem led a beautiful Tfila and Shira - prayer & song – service that was an inspiring beginning for our new year. The time of our fall festivals coinciding with the beginning of our school year allows our Religious School to experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of this joyous holiday season.

We celebrated Sukkot with a “Sukkah Sit-In” or as we call it – “Pizza in the Hut,” with lots of blessings, stories, songs, and of course – pizza! Sukkot in particular provides our Religious School community with a unique opportunity to show appreciation and thankfulness for all our blessings.

We are excited about our new enrichment program, “Music & Mitzvah.” Cantor Tilem will be teaching all students in grades 3 – 7 every Wednesday. She will teach songs in both Hebrew and English which will give the students the chance to explore Jewish holidays, values, and history on a deeper level through music.

We thank our returning faculty, Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor

Tilem, Wendy Filowitz, Allyson Gur-Aryeh, Shoshana Ishayik, Naomi Klein, Jill Kravitz, and Nancy Lederman-Scher for their continued hard work, inspiration, and commitment to our school.



Dora Geld Friedman

Today Rabah to our specialists Marc Klausner and Idajeen Fisher for providing Religious School support wherever and whenever it is needed. Their knowledge, dedication, and kindness enrich all of the students and Temple Emeth families. Thank you to Barbara Shater, Religious School Administrator, for her tireless efforts and special talent in coordinating all the elements of our busy school. Our thanks to Danielle Feuer and Tammy Hecht, our Religious School Committee co-chairs, for enriching our school with special events, creative ideas, and assistance whenever needed.

It is truly a blessing to see all the eager students back at school. What a wonderful Jewish adventure awaits us all in the coming year!

B’vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



Opening day of Religious School began with greetings and a service. Parents participated in a meet and greet where the new music program was described.



Message from President Amy Abrams

The older I get, the more I believe that Life has to be a cooperative effort. To be good at Life, you need to care about the people around you, whether they are similar to you or not. If you care about them, you have to pay attention to what is important to them, which may not be the same thing that is important to you. You learn and grow and expand your horizons with each new person you meet. You take your community as they come to you; all of us have our quirks and foibles, and that's what makes our community so rich. Why do we want to do this? Because we value being part of a community, we respect other people and their skills and knowledge, and we are always interested in learning something new.

Having just completed the intensive Holiday season, starting with Selichot and ending with Simchat Torah, we are all primed for a good year. I spoke at Rosh Hashanah about how Temple Emeth can help you be a better person this year. While we are all thinking about our personal approach to Life, let's also revisit our communal values.

Temple Emeth is built on six Core Values, which were identified and defined as part of the Strategic Planning Process in 2005. They are:

Spirituality, where we nourish and connect with each person's individual Spirituality through Jewish Tradition and ritual;

Caring Community, where we create an environment of caring and concern for our congregation and the larger community;

Welcoming, which reflects our ability to be an inclusive community that embraces diversity and is welcoming to all families, regardless of religious background, family structure, or level of religious knowledge;

Torah Study, continuing the tradition of Jewish education from generation to generation, lifelong;

Israel, recognizing our connection with the people and land of Israel, and

Social Action, requiring active participation to contribute to tikkun olam, the care and repair of our world.

When we think about improving ourselves, and how Judaism and Temple Emeth can help us to do that, these values are right on point. They inform everything Temple Emeth does, and guide our decision making and planning. Our communal values reflect the fundamentals that make Reform Judaism what it is: a vital, expanding tent that flows and changes with the times, but maintains the essentials, helping each of us find our own core values and follow them. Let Temple Emeth help you do that.



Amy Abrams

We may be finished with the Holidays, but our calendar continues to be bursting at the seams for October and November. Don't miss our Trachtenberg Lecture on October 12, with Rabbi Stanley Davids speaking on "The Fragile Dialogue Among Those who Love Israel." Copies of his book are available in advance from Rabbi Sirbu. We have a B'Yachad Breakfast with Dr. Marty Schneit on October 14, speaking about the Borscht Belt and what happened to it. October 19 is National Refugee Shabbat, which we are observing with a special music service featuring music written by refugees. On October 28, Rabbi Sirbu will be leading one of his One Hour Specials on "The Three Books of the Bible You've Never Heard Of" at 10:00 a.m. in the Rolfe Lounge.

Put November 18 on your calendar now for our Fall Town Hall Meeting. I am still developing the agenda, but I'm sure it will include an update on our financial status in this second year of voluntary commitment. Bring your questions and opinions (as if any of us ever left those home!), and we'll have some time for open discussion.

And don't forget to vote!

Amy Abrams

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

5779

L'SHANA TOVAH
FROM YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY

June and Victor Cohen & Family
Wendy and Dan Dessanti
Elaine Nissen and Linda Kochenburger



ETC built the Sukkah on Sunday, September 16th
under the direction of Ed Pierce



Teaneck International Film Festival

NOVEMBER 1 - 4 2018

[www.teaneckfilmfestival](http://www.teaneckfilmfestival.com)
for complete details

TIFF and Emeth, Together Again

The thirteenth annual Teaneck International Film Festival will be held November 1-4, and once again, Temple Emeth will host the Saturday night Centerpiece event – with food and drink, and a feature film followed by a Q and A – plus a full day of films and talkbacks on Sunday. Executive Director Jeremy Lentz, now a member of Temple Emeth, invites you all to mark your calendars and come to the movies.

On Saturday, November 3, the program will begin at 7:30 p.m., with wine and a plentiful selection of hors d'oeuvres. A donation to TIFF in advance of \$25 or more (\$35 at the door) will get you an invitation to Teaneck's most exciting social, cultural, and delicious happening of the year. Thanks to the association of our own Eva Tobias with The Vine, there will be "souvenirs" for all – this year, the company's wonderful salsas. Emeth's Ed Pierce and Jason Kooistra will again create a beautiful venue, and with a number of new chairs, seating should be more comfortable! The film that night, *An Act of Defiance*, sponsored by The Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County and the Martin Luther King Birthday Committee, Inc., is a riveting feature - a historical drama about ten political activists (including Nelson Mandela and his inner circle of Black and Jewish supporters) who face a possible death sentence for conspiracy to commit sabotage after their arrest by the apartheid South African government in 1963.

One of this year's WOW honorees is Temple member Janice Preschel, who will receive an award before the presentation of the closing film on Sunday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Check the TIFF website www.teaneckfilmfestival.org for details about all the films, including many of Jewish interest, and venues, tickets, schedule, etc.

Make a contribution, volunteer (contact Teri Binder at twbinder@aol.com to sign on to help).

Save the dates!

Social Action in Action

The Trek to the Turbines, sponsored by GreenFaith

Five members of the Social Action Committee took a day-long excursion boat ride to visit the nation's only offshore wind turbine facility located off the coast of Block Island, Rhode Island. The purpose of the trip was to acquaint people with the value of wind-produced energy, with the goal of pressuring our legislators to pass legislation encouraging sustainable energy production while we move away from fossil fuels. Participants were: Elaine Bergman, Paul Kaufman, Eva Sandrof, Elaine Pollack, and Janice Preschel. All were enthusiastic about the quality of the trip and the value of offshore wind energy.



Chicken, chicken, we need chicken! That would be for the walk-in dinner for the homeless in Hackensack. Event is Tuesday October 23. More info to come, but save the date and make your shopping list now!

Eyeglass Recycling

Do you have old eyeglasses you want to get rid of? We're collecting them for the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Trenton. The Lions recycle everything except the cases. Broken parts, etc., should be included. The Lions fill mission orders to third world countries. This center is the only Lions Recycling Center in the U.S. that has no payroll because of people like Temple member Rick Chittum, who sorts and cleans several thousand pairs of glasses each year.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Have you moved lately? Are you a new voter (or is your child or grandchild)? You'll find registration materials and Vote by Mail applications with the brochures in the front of the building. Members of the Social Action Committee and of the National Council of Jewish Women Let's Vote 2018 initiative will be around at the Temple on select Sunday mornings to answer questions.

The Talmud teaches:
**"A ruler is not to be appointed
 unless the community is first
 consulted."**

Brakhot 55a

**REFORM
 JEWS VOTE.**

rac.org/civicengagement



Deadline to register to vote: Tuesday, October 16th.

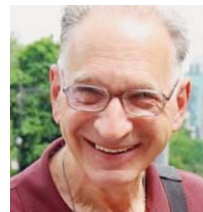
The next meeting of the Social Action Committee is on **Sunday, October 14th at 9:45 a.m.**



**Join us for our Sunday
 morning Breakfast and
 Discussion on October 14th
 at 10:30 a.m.**

MARTY SCHNEIT will discuss the HISTORY of THE BORSCHT BELT and what caused its decline

Marty wants to bring back to life a remarkable time, place, and people. What survives of the Borscht Belt is the memory. Marty details the history of the Borscht Belt hotels, sites, and comedians. Just about all comedians back then got their start in Grossingers, the Concord, or Kutsher's. Marty will talk about Red Buttons, George Burns, Rodney Dangerfield, Sid Caesar, Henny Youngman, and Milton Berle. Some of the sites that Marty will discuss are Old Route 17, the Red Apple Rest Stop, and the Bungalow Colonies. Marty Schneit, is a born and bred New Yorker and historian. Marty has lectured at the New York Public Library, National Council of Jewish Women, JCC, The 92nd Street Y, The Health Outreach Program of New York Presbyterian Hospital, Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, and the Ziegfeld Society of New York.



This RSVP form must be filled out and returned with the \$6 fee per person by **October 7, 2018** for the breakfast. If you RSVP after that date, the charge is \$8 per person.

If you do not RSVP, you are welcome to attend the discussion, but not the breakfast.

Please return this form to the Temple office.

RSVP for the October 14th B'yachad Breakfast

Name(s): _____

Number Attending: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Amount Enclosed (\$6 per person): _____

Michael
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 stopped by to
 register to
 vote.



Services and S'machot

22rd of Tishri 5779
Monday, October 1

Simchat Torah Morning Service
with Yizkor at 10:30 a.m.

27th of Tishri 5779
Friday, October 5

Shabbat B'reishit
Camp Harlam Shabbat
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

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

Torah Portion - B'reishit: Genesis 1:1-6:8

Haftarah - Isaiah 42:5-43:10

4th of Heshvan 5779
Friday, October 12

Shabbat Noach
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.
Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture
with Rabbi Stanley Davids

Saturday, October 13

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

Torah Portion - Noach: Genesis 6:9-11:32

Haftarah - Isaiah 54:1-55:5

11th of Heshvan 5779
Friday, October 19th

Shabbat Lech L'cha
HIAS Refugee Shabbat
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

*The Oneg is being sponsored by Michele and Steven Nagin
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Danielle*

Saturday, October 20th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Nagin

Torah Portion - Lech L'cha: Genesis 12:1-17:27

Haftarah - Isaiah 40:27-41:16

18th of Heshvan 5779
Friday, October 26th

Shabbat Vayeira
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 27th

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Holy Roller Service at 10:30 a.m.

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

Haftarah - II Kings 4:1-37

ADULTED **2018-2019**

Our Adult Education Committee is continuing its tradition of putting together a wonderful program, one that is both rich and diverse in its many opportunities for learning. The committee is offering new, exciting, and thought-provoking classes as well as ongoing programs, all chosen to appeal to a variety of interests.

There is no charge for Temple Emeth members for most of our programs (except those that mention a fee, provide meals, books or trips).

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

Saturdays, from 9:00 to 10:15 am in the Youth Lounge.

Join us whenever you can for a lively discussion of the Torah. Coffee, tea, bagels and shmeers are served.

LUNCH AND LEARN with Rabbi Steven Sirbu **Wednesdays, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm beginning on October 3.**

Join us weekly for stimulating discussion. Our study text this year will be "Seven Days, Many Voices," edited by Rabbi Benjamin David. This book, published by CCAR Press, offers several chapters on each day in the Biblical story of creation, each written from a modern perspective. Every six weeks or so, we set our books aside and discuss a topic of current events.

SPEAK, LAUGH AND ENJOY YIDDISH

Mondays, at 10:30 am beginning on Oct. 15.

Mameloshen: The Temple Emeth Yiddish Class is a unique opportunity to cultivate your knowledge of Yiddish. The class will focus on conversation utilizing multimedia, gezang (songs), written as well as oral stories and a variety of other materials. Be a part of a worldwide resurgence to make certain Yiddish continues to be alive and well! There is a small fee for all students.

KOL EMET CHOIR:

AN ADULT JEWISH LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Rehearsals most Wednesdays at 7:45 pm.

Do you like to sing? Are you looking to sing in a supportive, fun environment? Would you like to become comfortable with the order of the service, pick up some Hebrew, learn about Jewish music and music in general? Join Kol Emet, Temple Emeth's adult volunteer choir. All are welcome!

We sing at Erev Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur and about 5 Shabbat services during the year. Contact Carol Shansky, at carolshansky@gmail.com.

FALL 2018

B'YACHAD BREAKFAST. Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 am Historian Marty Schneit's presentation on the Catskills and the Borscht Belt

B'YACHAD BREAKFAST. Sunday, November 18 at 11:00 am (following the Town Hall Meeting).

Sandi Klein will discuss her career in radio broadcasting and podcasting with a Jewish angle.



VIEWPOINTS

The Viewpoints Committee celebrates the diversity of the Jewish community. We present programs to highlight different kinds of Jewish families, especially from the Interfaith, LGBTQ, and interracial families.

Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 10:30 am. Viewpoints will cosponsor the B'yachad breakfast. The speaker is Chani Getter, an ordained interfaith minister raised in the Jewish tradition. She is a counselor and spiritual teacher who is known for her work with people leaving the Hasidic community. She will speak about "The Process of Change" and her personal story of change.

In addition Viewpoints 2018-19 schedule includes a December 8 Shabbaton; we will screen "Trans" - the movie. On February 10, Jane Larkin will talk about her book on intermarriage and Jewish Continuity. On March 3, Sarah Aroeste will present "Sing and Tell" a program of Ladino music. And on June 14 Viewpoints will celebrate a "Pride" Shabbat.

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MINI UNIVERSITY 1

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13
(Make-Up Class November 20)
from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

"Stories from a Jewish Perspective"

This popular course is taught by participants on a rotating basis, giving us an array of authors and genres and a variety of teaching styles. Yet each class has something in common -- a group of people who love the written word and Jewish ideas. Come join the conversation. (Teaching a class is not a requirement of attendance.) Among the authors that will be studied are Saul Bellow, Philip Roth and Bernard Malamud.

8:40 pm to 9:40 pm - "The Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu. Following the format of a recent book by the same name, Rabbi Sirbu will choose one prophet per class session. We will learn more about the prophet's back-story and public message, and determine how his or her message can be applied today.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sundays, September 30, from 9:00 to 10:00 am, October 28 and December 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. "The Three Books of the Bible You've Never Heard Of (and Why They Matter)" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu.

Most of us have heard of the five books of the Torah, and probably the Psalms too. But what are we missing if we don't know the other books? Over the course of three Sundays, Rabbi Sirbu will select three of the Bible's more obscure books and lead a discussion on their influence today.

Saturday, January 12

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY SHABBATON
Exploring the themes of "Among the Living," a novel by Jonathan Rabb.

9:00 am. Text study. 10:30 am. Shabbat Service incorporating the Themes of the Book. 12:15 pm. Festive Luncheon. 1:00 pm. Program and Discussion.

MINI UNIVERSITY 2

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22
(Make-Up Class January 29)
from 8:00 to 9:30 pm. "The Jews and FDR: A Complex History", with Irwin Yellowitz.

There is much controversy over the role of

President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning Jewish immigration from Germany in the 1930s, and actions the United States could have taken during World War II to mitigate the horrific effects of the Holocaust. We will examine these issues in historical context, and also consider why American Jews who lived through the 1930s and 1940s were such strong supporters of FDR. As usual, there will be ample time for questions and discussion.



February 12, 19 and 26 (make-up date March 5) from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. "From Bimah to Broadway: Understanding the Jewish Influence in American Musical Theatre" taught by Cantor Ellen Tilem. This class will combine Jewish cultural history with illuminating perspectives on the origins and meanings of some of Broadway's most beloved songs, stories, and shows. We will examine the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. Looking at specific examples of the most well known Broadway luminaries, we will provide insight into how their Jewish upbringing influenced their art.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Saturday, January 26
URJ NEW JERSEY AND FRIENDS SHABBATON.
 A day of prayer, study and fellowship at Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield, NJ. This event will require separate registration and payment through the URJ Shabbaton Committee.

Saturday, February 2 at 6:30 pm "SWEET TASTES OF TORAH". At Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff, NJ. This annual program, sponsored by the North Jersey Board of Rabbis, and co-sponsored by Temple Emeth, offers the chance to study with rabbis from across the Northern New Jersey region. This year's keynote speaker is Rabbi Josh Weinberg, President of ARZA and a contributing author to "The Fragile Dialogue."

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY
YEAR-END PROGRAM. Time and Place TBD

MINI UNIVERSITY 3

April 9, 16, 30, May 7 and 14
(make-up date May 21)
from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

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From 8:40 pm to 9:40 pm

"The Challenges of Liberal Zionism"

with Rabbi Steven Sirbu.

Zionism's beginnings as a movement to create a liberal, secular state for the Jews has evolved over the last century.

Now, with a right-wing government in place and increased power in the hands of the rabbinate, those who still believe in Israel's founding values struggle to maintain their support. This class, drawing on chapters in "The Fragile Dialogue," will identify the challenges and set a course forward for our continued engagement with Israel.

MOVIES THAT MATTERED

A Film Series Follow-Up to Dr. Eric Goldman's "The Jewish Experience Through Cinema"

The Adult Ed Committee has been overwhelmed by the great success of our film series program! The series is based on the film list distributed by Dr. Eric Goldman, the presenter at the 2017 Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Program. Refreshments are served.

Crossfire (1947)	Tuesday, September 25
The Stranger (1946)	Thursday, October 18
Cast a Giant Shadow (1966)	Tuesday, November 27
Avalon (1990)	Tuesday, December 18
The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1974)	Saturday, January 19
White Palace (1990)	Tuesday, February 5
Liberty Heights (1990)	Tuesday, March 12
Keeping Up With The Steins (2006)	Tuesday, April 23
Defiance (2008)	Tuesday, May 28
Private Benjamin (1980)	Tuesday, June 18

**RABBI LOUIS J. SIGEL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND, April 12 to 14, 2019
With Rabbi David Saperstein**

Celebrate the legacy of learning bequeathed to us by Temple Emeth's beloved rabbi of 32 years (1960-1992). This biennial weekend combines scholarship, prayer and festive meals so that we may have a deeper sense of our texts and tradition.



We are pleased to announce that Rabbi David Saperstein will be our Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence on the weekend of April 12-14, 2019.

Rabbi Saperstein is the Director Emeritus of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, where he was the voice of the Reform Movement for 40 years in our nation's capital. He is now a Senior Advisor to the URJ for Policy and Strategy. From 2015 to 2017, Rabbi Saperstein served in the Obama Administration as the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom

Friday Night, April 12 -- Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm. Evening Service at 8:00 pm followed by Lecture.

Saturday Morning, April 13 -- Torah Study at 9:00 am.

Shabbat Morning Services at 10:30 am including D'Var Torah Parashat Shemini.

Saturday Afternoon, April 13 -- Kiddush Lunch at 12:15 pm followed by Presentation at 1:00 pm.

Sunday Morning, April 14 -- Bagel Breakfast at 10:00 am.

The Adult Education Committee would like to hear from you, the members of our congregation, about any ideas or suggestions for classes, programs, Shabbaton topics, Sunday trips, etc. Please contact Linda Poskanzer, Chair of the Adult Education Committee by dropping a note in the Adult Ed mailbox, or e-mailing your suggestions to adulteducation@emeth.org, and mentioning "Adult Ed" in the subject line. Your input will be very much appreciated. And remember, new members for the Adult Education Committee are always welcome!

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All at 7:45 pm: Tuesdays, February 7, April 4 and June 6, 2019

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Community, Spirituality, Education

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 22nd of Tishri, Simchat Torah 10:30am - 12:00pm Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor @ Sanctuary	2 23rd of Tishri 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Sirbu @ Library	3 24th of Tishri 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	4 25th of Tishri 5779 7:45pm - 8:45pm Officers' Meeting @ Lounge	5 26th of Tishri 5779 6:12pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service - Camp Harlam Shabbat with guest speaker Lori Zlotoff @ Sanctuary 8:30pm - 9:30pm Camp Harlam Presentation During Oneg @ Youth Lounge	6 27th of Tishri 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
7 28th of Tishri 5779 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 11:00am - 4:00pm ETC on the Road	8 29th of Tishri 5779 Columbus Day	9 30th of Tishri 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Sirbu @ Library	10 1st of Heshvan 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	11 2nd of Heshvan 5779 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ Youth Lounge	12 3rd of Heshvan 5779 6:00pm - 7:30pm Trachtenberg Dinner @ Social Hall 6:01pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - Trachtenberg Lecture with Rabbi Stanley Davids @ Sanctuary	13 4th of Heshvan 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
14 5th of Heshvan 5779 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting @ Library 10:30am - 12:00pm B'yachad Breakfast with Historian Marty Schneit @ Youth Lounge	15 6th of Heshvan 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	16 7th of Heshvan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Sirbu @ Library	17 8th of Heshvan 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 @ Upper Conference Room 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ Library 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	18 9th of Heshvan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Movies that Mattered: "The Stranger" @ Youth Lounge	19 10th of Heshvan 5779 5:50pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Music Service - HIAS Refugee Shabbat @ Sanctuary	20 11th of Heshvan 5779 Taste of Camp Harlam Weekend @ Out of building 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Nagin @ Sanctuary
21 12th of Heshvan 5779 Taste of Camp Harlam Weekend @ Out of building 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 11:00am - 1:00pm ETC Mitzvah @ Lounge	22 13th of Heshvan 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	23 14th of Heshvan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Sirbu @ Library	24 15th of Heshvan 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	25 16th of Heshvan 5779 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "Less" @ Out of building 7:30pm - 9:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge	26 17th of Heshvan 5779 5:41pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	27 18th of Heshvan 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
28 19th of Heshvan 5779 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 10:00am - 11:00am Adult Ed: "The Three Books of the Bible You've Never Heard Of" @ Lounge	29 20th of Heshvan 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	30 21st of Heshvan 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Path of the Prophets" with Rabbi Sirbu @ Library	31 22nd of Heshvan 5779 No Religious School 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary			

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...

Steven Nagin on the loss of his mother,

Priscilla Nagin.

Trevor Inglis, on the loss of his father,

George Inglis.

Ben Cripps on the loss of his father, *Tom Cripps.*

Mazel tov to...

Nickie and Doug Falk on the engagement of their son, *Russell to Lauren Malinowski.*

Get well wishes to...

David Kohane

Jeal Sugarman

Ruth Adler

Jamey Feuer

Richard Koffler

Eric Loeb

Welcome new members...

Barbara Savetsky

Sandra Ebinger

Judith Glick

Jay Zelezny & Hope Mainzer

Steven & Holly Clark

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

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

Here is our 2018-19 Movie schedule:

The Stranger (1946) - Thursday, October 18

Cast a Giant Shadow (1966) - Tuesday, November 27

Avalon (1990) - Tuesday, December 18

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

White Palace (1990) - Tuesday, February 5

Liberty Heights (1990) - Tuesday, March 12

Keeping Up With The Steins (2006) - Tuesday, April 23

Defiance (2008) - Tuesday, May 28

Private Benjamin (1980) - Tuesday, June 18



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The Paul S. Lazar Caring Community committee packed Remembrance Baskets to distribute to congregants who lost loved ones during the past year.



Food program: Food for Friends

Cooking for your family? Make a little extra, and help The Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee launch a new program called "Food for Friends," which will provide meals for Temple members who are ill, in mourning, or not able to prepare or get out to buy nutritious meals. Volunteers will be asked to provide a meal which can be homemade or bought. Please contact Karen Wertheimer or the Temple office at 201.833.1322, to make a request (give a few days' notice, please) or to volunteer to help with this new service. Contact Karen at kwertheimer@verizon.net.



CONTRIBUTIONS

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Carlene Fleishman sending Ruth Adler get well wishes
wishing Merri Adler-Ross and Jon Ross Mazel
Tov on Samantha's engagement to
William Rajwan

Rachel, Mike, and Amanda Eastman in memory of
Jerome T. Helfgott, Marian Kurtz, and
Adele Tropp
in memory of Priscilla Nagin, mother of
Steven Nagin
in memory of George Inglis, father of
Trevor Inglis
in honor of Carla and Larry Silver's daughter
Deborah Silver's marriage to Andrew Beck

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gayle and Michael Goldberg sending Happy and
Healthy New Year wishes to Cantor Tilem and
her family

ILANA HED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Judy and David Fox in honor of Morah Dora and
Rabbi Yussel Friedman's granddaughter,
Mikayla, becoming Bat Mitzvah
Mora Dora and Yussel Friedman in loving memory
of Frank Arams, father of Ron Arams
sending a Refuah Shleima to Jamie Feuer
in loving memory of Robert Jaggi,
brother-in-law of Idajean Fisher
in loving memory of George Inglis, father of
Trevor Inglis

LIBRARY FUND

Nancy Mednick in memory of her husband, Edward

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Barbara and Rick Chittum in memory of
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Micki and Mike Grunstein in loving memory of
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their aunt, Bevlyn Simson
Wendy and Dan Dessanti with sympathy in memory
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Barbara Balkin in gratitude to the Caring
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Leslee and Gerald Fetner

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Lee Rothenberg in memory of her father, David
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Sharon and Art Vatsky in honor of their son Daniel's
marriage to Juliet Strong
Gayle and Michael Goldberg sending Happy and
Healthy New Year wishes to Rabbi Sirbu and
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SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Carla and Larry Silver in memory of Frank Arams,
father of Ron Arams
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Sabrina and Art Lerman in honor of Ethan Suede
on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah
Carla and Larry Silver in memory of George Inglis,
father of Trevor Inglis
Teri Binder wishing Jacqueline Guttman a speedy
recovery
wishing Barbara and Stan Blumenfeld a
speedy recovery
wishing David Kohane a speedy recovery
in memory of her beloved brother, Jay Weinberger
in appreciation of Eva Sandrof and Elaine
Bergman for all of their hard work for
Social Action

TEMPLE EMETH FUND

Sharon Friedson in honor of her grandsons'
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VIEWPOINTS FUND

Nickie and Douglas Falk in thanks and appreciation
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Mona and Michael Rubin in memory of Mona's
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Sabrina and Art Lerman in memory of Idajean's
brother, Richard Fisher, and her brother-in-law,
Robert Jaggi, as well as her other recent losses
Barbara and Irwin Yellowitz in memory of
Barbara's mother, Rose Kromberg

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Books Recently Acquired

By Marion Wolf

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Fiction

Belfer, Lauren **And After the Fire**
 Chabon, Michael **Moonglow**
 Englander, Nathan **Dinner at the Center of the Earth**
 Gliner, Ezra, ed. **Have I Got a Story for You: More than a Century of Fiction from the *Forward***
 Gundar-Goshen, Ayelet **Waking Lions**
 Kadish, Rachel **The Weight of Ink**
 Kerr, Philip **The Winter Horses**
 Lispector, Clarice **The Complete Stories, by Clarice Lispector** (translated from the Portuguese by Katrina Dodson)
 Nevo, Eshkol **Three Floors Up** (translated from the Hebrew by Sondra Silverston)
 Oz, Amos **Judas**
 Schine, Cathleen **They May Not Mean To, But They Do**
 Silva, Daniel **The Black Widow**

Biography/Memoir

Alexy, Trudi **The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot: Oral Histories Exploring Five Hundred Years in the Paradoxical Relationship of Spain and the Jews**
 Bornstein, Michael **Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz**
 Deen, Shulem **All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir**
 Hahn-Beer, Edith **The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust**
 Kirshenblatt, Mayer **They Called Me Mayer July: Painted Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland Before the Holocaust**
 Kurshan, Ilana **If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir**
 Mirvis, Tova **The Book of Separation: A Memoir**
 Rosen, Jeffrey **Louis D. Brandeis: American Prophet**

History

Dalin, David G. **Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court: From Brandeis to Kagan**
 Dollinger, Marc and Zola, Gary P., eds. **American Jewish History: A Primary Source Reader**

Gurock, Jeffrey S. **The Jews of Harlem: The Rise, Decline and Revival of a Jewish Community**
 Rubin, Richard L. **Jewish in America: Living George Washington's Promise**
 Silverman, Stephen M. **The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America**

Religion

Cohen, Norman J. **Masking and Unmasking Ourselves Interpreting Biblical Texts on Clothing and Identity**
 Feiler, Bruce S. **The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us**
 Green, Arthur **Judaism's 10 Best Ideas**
 Kirsch, Adam **The People and the Books: 18 Classics of Jewish Literature**
 Kushner, Aviva **The Grammar of God: A Journey Into the Words and Worlds of the Bible**
 Schwartz, Barry L. **Paths of the Prophets: The Ethics-Driven Life**

Non-Fiction--Miscellaneous

Alter, Robert, ed. **The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai**
 Krasny, Michael **Let There Be Laughter: A Treasury of Great Jewish Humor and What It All Means**
 Kurzweil, Arthur **From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History**
 Segal, Joshua L. **A Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery: A Spiritual Journey to the Past, Present and Future** (4th rev. ed.)
 Solomonov, Michael **Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking**

DVD

The Juggler (originally released 1953)
Lies My Father Told Me (originally released 1975)
A Woman Called Golda: A Compelling Story about the "Mother of Israel" (originally released 1982)

Garden News



The Temple Emeth Intergenerational Community Garden has been offering bounty each and every week since the beginning of July. The harvest is delivered most weeks by Ann Levenstein to Helping Hand Food Pantry in the Teaneck Municipal complex.

In recent weeks donations have included tomatoes, green beans, swiss chard, kale, and this week for the first time, cucumbers! The garden has also provided a steady supply of herbs: basil, mint, oregano, and garlic.

With shorter days we are shifting our weekly visits to Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We are usually there for an hour. Please come visit!!



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Our calendar is quite busy; please be certain to
book your event soon!



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on-line version of the "green form" for room reservations is
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Tree of Life

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Memorial Plaques

This is a wonderful way to honor your departed loved ones by purchasing a permanent plaque in our Sanctuary. It will evoke fond memories to see their names on our Memorial wall. When you purchase these plaques, one is permanently placed on the Memorial wall and the second larger one is displayed on the actual week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375 FOR BOTH PLAQUES. You may also buy and reserve plaques in advance. See Rochelle Rudnick in the office if you would like to make a purchase.

Minutes from the August 2, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

Amy Abrams welcomed the new Trustees and ran through the normal order for meetings. Ms. Abrams also noted that Trustees are expected to act as greeter or to sit on the Bimah for services, and to present a D'var Torah and provide snacks at Board meetings. A sign-up sheet for each of these was circulated.

The Board welcomed Lynn Chaiken, Chair of the Social Action Committee. Ms. Chaiken gave a presentation on the history of the Social Action Committee at Temple Emeth and the current projects that the Social Action Committee is doing in the coming year. She noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2018, at which the agenda for the coming year will be discussed and stated that all Temple members are welcome to attend. Ms. Abrams noted that the Social Action Committee is authorized to undertake any activity endorsed by URJ and that one doesn't have to be a member of the Committee to participate in its activities.

Marc Chelemer gave a report on the on-going project of updating the Temple's database management software for its membership. The working group reviewed multiple packages and received demos. Ultimately, they selected ShulCloud, at a cost of \$2,400 per year, as the best package for the Temple's needs and the most cost effective. Mr. Chelemer noted that Rochelle Rudnick will spearhead the implementation of the new software.

Administrator's Report. Rochelle Rudnick gave the Administrator's Report. She stated that she is looking forward to the change in software and noted that the ShulCloud product will replace existing software that costs \$600 per year, so that the net increase in cost is only \$1,800 per year, while providing a wider range of services. She is working on the timeline and process for transfer of data.

Ms. Rudnick also reported the following:

Teaneck has reviewed and approved the installation of the new HVAC units.

The existing lease of the postage meter has ended, and a new lease was put in place.

The Temple's copier lease is due to end soon; she is putting a new lease in place and expects that the Temple will save \$300-\$500 per month.

Finally, Ms. Rudnick noted that the Temple is looking for a handyman and asked Trustees to send her any suggestions.

Rabbi's Report. Rabbi Sirbu gave his report. He noted that Cantor Tilem and Dora have been working on a

revised schedule for music instruction, whereby music instruction (including the music to be performed by Etz Chayim) will be taught as part of the regular Religious School curriculum, instead of a separate program Wednesday evening. Students who want to solo will have to sign up for Etz Chayim, but all students who attend the family service will be welcomed to sing with Etz Chayim. There was discussion of the reduced opportunity for Etz Chayim members to socialize.

Rabbi Sirbu reported that the High Holidays Appeal will be dedicated to HIAS, with all donations done on-line.

Treasurer's Report. Gary Richards reported on the financial condition of the Temple. He noted that he was working on cleaning up relics of past transactions in the balance sheet.

Financial Secretary's Report. Michael Robinson gave a report on membership. He noted that there are 344 members. Of that number, slightly over 50% have made payment. He noted that pledges have on average increased by 1%. Reminders will be sent out later in August.

President's Report. Amy Abrams gave her report. She noted that the URJ's website www.urj.org is a useful resource, particularly the chatroom "The Tent."

Ms. Abrams reported that that a Marketing Committee is being established with Laaren Brown Hort as Chair and Nickie Falk as Board Liaison, the purpose of which is to coordinate the Temple's various advertising and marketing initiatives.

Ms. Abrams also noted that a recent walk around the Temple's property revealed that a neighbor's backyard was encroaching on the Temple's property. A letter requesting that the neighbor cease the encroachment and remove the encroaching lawn and materials was being prepared and would be sent out.

Ms. Abrams asked for volunteers to chair the Shalach Manot Committee.

Finally, Ms. Abrams reminded the Board of the continuing need to consider leadership development: suggestions of people who might be both able and interested in serving as a committee chair or on the Board in the future.

Respectfully submitted.
Risa Rosenberg
Secretary

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