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# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture

Sunday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom Guest Lecturer Marc Dollinger will present "1619, 1654, 2020: Jews, Race, and U.S. History"

With protests gripping the nation, so many American Jews are reflecting on systemic racism and ways we may be able to help. Join us for a candid, and probably difficult, journey through American Jewish history as we



explore historical documents about Jews and racism. We will think about what it means to "become American" and the ways that racism has played among and within the Jewish community.

Dr. Marc Dollinger holds the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies and Social Responsibility at San Francisco State University.

Professor Dollinger is author of four scholarly books in American Jewish History, most recently Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s. His next project traces his own experience fighting campus anti-Semitism at both right-wing and left-wing universities. Professor Dollinger has spoken about his research on Don Lemon's CNN podcast "Silence Is Not an Option," as well as the NFL Network and ESPN. Just for fun, Dr. Dollinger helped actress Helen Hunt learn about her Jewish roots on the primetime NBC show, "Who Do You Think You Are?"

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From the Editor - In order to ensure that everyone's articles are published in the Bulletin please limit them to half a page.

Remember, flyers are for the Mid-month email and should be sent to

Suzannah Mercado at admin@emeth.org cc: ehanan@emeth.org

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# Message From the Rabbi

The harvest festival of Sukkot begins on Friday, October 2 at sundown. The celebration of Sukkot has always incorporated two contradictory themes.

On one hand is celebration. The harvest has ended and we have much to be grateful for. A traditional song that represents this come from Deuteronomy 16, "You shall rejoice on your festival...and you shall have nothing but joy." How wonderful it would be if life was really like that, if only for a week.

On the other hand, Sukkot reminds us of the fragility of life. Our entire existence is symbolized by a flimsy structure with no roof and no foundation. Our ancestors knew that if the harvest didn't end well, they might starve before spring arrived.

These themes of gratitude and fragility take on added significance this year. I am grateful for the many ways that our congregation has come together this year, even though we have not actually been able to come together since March. We had mean-

ingful online holiday gatherings such as our Second Night Passover Seder, the Erev Shavuot service in which the Confirmands participated though it was no longer their Confirmation, and Tisha B'Av with five other congregations. We had wonderful Shabbat celebrations, including Teacher Appreciation Shabbat, Pride Shabbat, and a series of speakers marking the centenary of the Nineteenth Amendment. Our teens gathered in person to participate in an outdoor mitzvah project. And on September 12, we had our first Bat Mitzvah in the Sanctuary since last November.

While countless Temple members have stepped up to support our congregation in these past six months, I am especially grateful to our Technology Task Force. They worked tirelessly to re-imagine what High Holy Day and Shabbat services could be while we were unable to bring our entire congregation into the building. Their work elevated our worship in ways we couldn't have imagined only a few months ago. I am so grateful!

And yet...

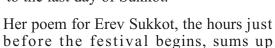
The other theme of Sukkot is uncertainty. Until a coronavirus vaccine is widely available, we will not be able to engage with the world in a normal way. Even when movie theaters have reopened and restaurants resume indoor dining, many will not consider these activities worth the risk. The pandemic with its soaring unem-

ployment has brought economic catastrophe to some and economic fear to all.

And the rest of the world's problems have not gone away. As I write this, fires are devastating California and Oregon, no doubt intensified by a climate change problem that too many in power refuse to acknowledge. Systemic racism and political polarization continue to fray the fabric of our society. In short, we can relate to the feeling our ancestors had when they

looked at their yield of crops and wondered how long it would last them.

Ultimately, Sukkot is about hope. The structure symbolizes the way God protects all of us. Rabbi Debra J. Robbins, in her book "Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27," has written 50 poems all inspired by the same Psalm and assigned one to each of the fifty days from the first day of Elul to the last day of Sukkot.



the way I hope to feel as the holiday begins:



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Tiny gestures of goodness creativity, learning, kindness, barely noticeable, brought together at the Festival of Gathering.

A festival to gather what I did accomplish, how I was successful, whatever I managed to do,

and celebrate the work of my hands, and my heart.

Of course there is one more name, given by the book of our lives:

Z'man Simchateinu, Season of our Rejoicing.

I give thanks with joy.

# From the Religious School

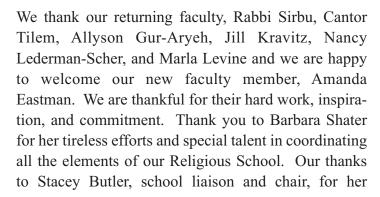
"Spread over us the canopy of peace"

From the Siddur

The opening day of Religious School was a glorious encouragement, creative ideas, and willingness to

communal gathering - a *Kehilla* - of students and their families, faculty and staff joining together in prayer, learning, and song. Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem led a beautiful Tfila and Shira – prayer and song – service that was an inspiring beginning for our new year. The time of our fall festivals, coinciding with the beginning of the school year, has a special intensity that engages our hearts and souls.

The holiday of Sukkot provides our Religious School community with a special opportunity to show appreciation and thankfulness for all our blessings.





Dora Geld Friedman

assist whenever needed. Temple Emeth Religious School is committed to provide a Jewish education that engages the heart and mind. Our students experience Jewish traditions through learning Torah, Jewish history, and values. They learn the sweetness of Torah by tasting apples and honey (at home for now). We will celebrate Sukkot on Sunday, October 4 during our class welcome

at 9:30 a.m. when Rabbi Sirbu will Zoom from his home sukkah!

What wonderful Jewish adventures await us in the coming year!

#### Looking Ahead:

Join us for a Zoom Sukkot Family Service and Consecration: Friday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday October 4 at 9:30 a.m., Rabbi Sirbu welcomes our Religious School classes to his sukkah! We wish you a year filled with blessings and peace!

B'vracha, Dora Geld Friedman







Rosh Hashanah Family Service September 19







# Message from President Nickie Falk

Thank Our Stream Team by Volunteering

The High Holy Days have always been a time of our congregation. renewal, connection, hope, and as I mentioned in my Rosh Hashanah speech, change. This year was, perhaps, more so, as we observed Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur from our homes while the Rabbi and Cantor were in the Sanctuary. Surreal, to be sure. But how lucky are we that we live in an age of technology,

where we are able to stay connected with our traditions and with each other during a pandemic.

Temple Emeth has invested considerable time and money to install equipment that allows us into your living rooms, family rooms, and dining rooms each week. Not only will we be able to connect with you as long as our Sanctuary is closed, but we will be able to

offer hybrid services and other programs once we are open. This will allow those who may not be able to drive or are even away on vacation to continue worshipping and participating with us.

Again, a huge Yasher Koach to Rabbi Sirbu and our Technology Task Force for putting together an innovative and creative worship experience.

For the last month, Ed Pierce, who headed up our task force, along with his son Isaac, have been coordinating our streaming services from our new control room in the former Youth Office. While it's been our good fortune to have Ed donate so much of his time to us, we need to find others help take on this new vital role in

We are looking for volunteers to learn how to run our streaming equipment during our Shabbat Friday evening and Saturday morning services. While this may sound complicated, I'm told by Ed and Isaac that it's not. It means following our services "script" and

> pushing the right buttons at the right times. So if you like pushing buttons, always wanted to direct a movie, or just want to help out, please email me at president@emeth.org and let me know that you're interested. We'll work out a time to train you that's easy for you. Bring a friend and learn together; Doug and I have already signed up!



Nickie Falk

Speaking of streaming, we've established a Streaming Fund to help support our new endeavors. In addition to receiving incredible positive feedback about our High Holy Days services, we've already received some contributions to this fund, including from some non-members who were tuned in! If you want to thank our Technology Task Force (Ed Pierce, Marc Chelemer, Vic Anesini, Ace Zaken, Damary Zaken, Max Sturm, and Rabbi Sirbu) for all they've done to make our High Holy Day experience richly rewarding and spiritual, consider making a donation in their honor to our Streaming Fund.

Again, wishing you all a sweet, healthy, and joyous 5781.

Virtual hugs...Nickie







Services and S'machot

15th of Tishrei 5781 Shabbat and First Day of Sukkot Friday, October 2nd Erev Sukkot - Bereshit Beginnings and

Consecration Service at 6:30 p.m.

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

Collaborative Sukkot Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Yom Rishon, Sukkot Leviticus 23:33-44 Haftarah - Zechariah 14:6-9,16-21

22nd of Tishrei 5781 Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah

Friday, October 9th Erev Simchat Torah Service at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Simchat Torah Morning Service** 

with Yizkor at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Deuteronomy 33:1–34:12, Genesis 1:1–2:3 Haftarah - Joshua 1:1-18

29th of Tishrei 5781 Shabbat Bereshit

Friday, October 16th Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday October 17th Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 a.m.

Torah Portion -Bereishit: Genesis 1:1-6:8 Haftarah - Isaiah 42:5-43:10

6th of Heshvan 5781 Shabbat Noach

Friday, October 23rd Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.

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

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

**Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Hart** 

Torah Portion - Noach: Genesis 6:9–11:32 Haftarah - Isaiah 54:1-55:5

13th of Heshvan 5781 Shabbat Lech-Lecha

Friday, October 30th Shabbat Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 31st Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Kiddush at 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Newman

Torah Portion - Lech-Lecha: Genesis 12:1–17:27 Haftarah - Isaiah 40:27-41:16

# October 2020

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4 16th of Tishri, Sukkot 9:30am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 3:00pm - 4:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	5 17th of Tishri, Sukkot 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	6 18th of Tishri, Sukkot	7 19th of Tishri, Sukkot 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ ZOOM 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Short Film Series: "Through the Window" and "The Love Letter" @ ZOOM	8 20th of Tishri, Sukkot 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ ZOOM	9 21st of Tishri, Erev Simchat Torah Sukkot 6:30pm - 7:30pm Erev Simchat Torah Service @ Live Stream	10 22nd of Tishri, Simchat Torah 9:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:30pm Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor @ Live Stream
9:30am - 11:00am Religious School @ ZOOM 9:45am - 11:45am Social Action Committee Meeting @ ZOOM 3:00pm - 4:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Parking Lot	12 24th of Tishri 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	13 25th of Tishri 5781	14 26th of Tishri 5781 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch & Learn @ ZOOM 4:30pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ ZOOM	15 27th of Tishri 5781 7:00pm - 9:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting @ ZOOM	16 28th of Tishri 5781 6:30pm Shabbat Evening Service @ Live Stream	9:00am Torah Study  @ ZOOM 11:00am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Live Stream
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For up-to-the-minute event information, additions, cancellations, or make-up classes go to www.emeth.org

A version of the calendar is online at http://www.emeth.org/monthly-calendar

#### Good & Welfare

The congregation mourns the loss of member...

**Dana Salzman** and sends condolences to her husband, Jay Salzman.

Condolences to...

**Seidenari-Delavina** family on the loss of Elba Galarza.

Marion Wolf on the loss of her cousin, Carol Morris.

Welcome new member... Elvse Balzer

Welcome back... David and Katherine Zatz Eileen Carpenter Mazel Tov to...

**Danielle and Jamey Feuer** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Emma Feuer**.

Jeanette and Michael Goodman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Emma Feuer.

Barbara and David Persky on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Rose Dzadick, daughter of Anna and Justin.

Barbara Balkin on the engagement of her son, Jonathan to Heather Bisson.

Marcia Shapiro and Michael Robinson on the engagement of their son, Daniel to Sam Berger.

Karen Rappaport and Phylis Burman on their 50th Anniversary.

Get well wishes to...

Art Vatsky

### **Social Action in Action**

These issues are important to The Social Action Committee. We hope they are to you, too.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST IMPORTANT
ELECTION OF OUR LIFETIME!
YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE
AND YOUR POWER!

RAC-NJ is working with Reform temples across the state to encourage 100% voting participation. They are asking each of us, individually, to make a plan to vote: Here is our very own Temple Emeth pledge to vote. We hope you fill it out and submit it: <a href="https://urj.tfaforms.net/388">https://urj.tfaforms.net/388</a> And then **VOTE!** as soon as you receive your ballot.

Many congregants participated in a postcard project through RAC and with other organizations. We sent postcards to voters in other states who haven't voted for a few years, or who have been dropped from the voter rolls. We encouraged them to register and to vote.

The last day to register to vote in NJ is October 13, 2020; you can register online here: https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

#### About the environment...

The New Jersey legislature passed, and the governor signed, an environmental justice bill which will protect public health for our most vulnerable citizens. It will assure that the burden of pollution in the state will be shared equally by all communities, rather than disproportionately targeting communities which are low-income or composed primarily of residents of color.

Environmental organizations are still fighting against the proposed fossil-fuel operated power plant part in the western Meadowlands. There are non-polluting alternatives to this plant, which is intended to provide back-up power to New Jersey Transit trains in the event of a loss of power due to a storm or other significant natural event. There have been rallies (we have cosponsored some of them), petition drives, and testimony before legislative and supervisory commissions by advocates opposed to the power plant. We are putting pressure on Governor Murphy to veto plans for this power plant because it is in direct contradiction to his stated policy of stopping reliance on fossil fuels. More information will follow.

#### **Center for Food Action**

It's not too late to donate to the Center for Food Action, 192 West Demarest Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631. Please note on the "memo" line that your donation is coming from Temple Emeth.

# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

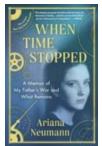
Monthly News Update: Delving into the Past By Marion Wolf



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A woman launches a quest to uncover the secrets of her father's life. A historian sifts through thousands of letters to learn a Sephardic family's story. A writer examines the anxieties and accomplishments of Jewish visionaries between 1847 and 1947. These deep dives into the past are chronicled in three fascinating new books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

Ariana Neumann is the author of When Time Stopped: A Memoir of My Father's War and What Remains. As a child growing up in Venezuela, Ariana Neumann knew nothing about her father's past, not even that he was Jewish. Upon his death, he leaves her a box full of



letters, diary entries, and memorabilia. She finds an identification card from 1943—it has Nazi symbols and a photo of her father as a young man, but with an unfamiliar name. Neumann, who always wanted to be a detective, then begins her years-long research to find out what had happened to her father and his family in Czechoslovakia. She describes the relatives she never knew, she learns their tragic fate, and she pieces together how her father survived—how he escaped Nazi-occupied Prague, assumed a false identity, and found refuge in Berlin, of all places. This is a beautifully-written memoir, and as Stephen D. Smith says, "an investigation driven by true love."

Another meticulous researcher is Sarah Abrevaya Stein, the Chair of Sephardic Studies at UCLA. She is the winner of tow National Jewish Book Awards, as well as the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature. In <u>Family Papers: A Sephardic Journey Through the Twentieth Century</u>, she tells about the Levy family,

residents for centuries in the port of Salonica. But world wars redraw the borders around them, turning Salonica into Thessaloniki and transforming the Levys from Ottomans to Greeks. Many members of the clan perish in the Holocaust, while others flee to all the ends of the earth. They correspond with one another "to share grief and to reveal secrets, to pro-

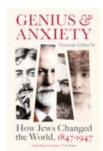
pose marriage and to plan for divorce, to maintain connection." The author pores through "handwritten and typed letters, telegrams, photographs, legal and medical documents...address books, expired passports, and more." The Levy family letters are an



invaluable resource for those interested in the history of Sephardic Jews in the 20th century.

Norman Lebrecht steps a little further back in time in Genius & Anxiety: How Jews Changed the World,

1847-1947. The author says that a few people with Jewish origins have had a profound impact on the world. Whether you've heard of them (Einstein, Freud, Marx, and Proust) or not (Paul Ehrlich, Siegfried Marcus, and Rosalind Franklin, for example), they have influenced our thinking. Lebrecht wonders what



these individuals and others with Jewish roots have in common, why they could see things others could not. He explores their attitudes towards Judaism, how anti-Semitism affected their lives, and what impact they have had on our culture. Lebrecht provides rich biographical details, tells wonderful anecdotes, and helps us see how these people were connected to one another.

#### **TEMPLE EMETH BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS 2020-2021**

The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton
Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende
The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
Fleishman is in Trouble by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
Disappearing Earth by Julia Philips
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
An Odyssey: A Father, A Son, and an Epic by Daniel Mendelsohn
The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl by Marra B.Gad

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# B'yachad presents a special Zoom presentation on Sunday, October 25th at 10:30 a.m. Back by popular demand, Marty Schneit (Borscht Belt) will present "The Lower East Side"



From the comfort of your own home, take a trip to New York's Lower East Side and visit Yonah Schimmel's Knishes, Katz's Deli, Ansche Chesed, The Romaniotes, Daily Forward, Eldridge Street Synagogue and the First Roumanian-American Congregation. Marty will talk about Rabbi Eisenberg, one of the few remaining Torah scribes living on the Lower East Side. Listen to a number of stories and tidbits about some of the great people who lived on the Lower East Side: Irving Berlin, Eddie Cantor, and George Burns. Once again, Marty Schneit will take us on a wonderful adventure back in time.

Please note: The Zoom link and password will be distributed the week before the B'yachad presentation.

There is no charge for this event, but if you wish to help offset the cost of our speaker, please send a donation in the amount of your choice, payable to Temple Emeth, and note that it is for the Lower East Side B'yachad Breakfast.



# **Viewpoints Short Film Series**

Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 pm Via Zoom

Join us as the Viewpoints Committee presents two short films: *Through the Window*, and *The Love Letter*.

#### Through the Window

This film, written and directed by Chen Shumowitz, tells the story of a mother who learns of her daughter's relationship with another woman through her kitchen window.

#### The Love Letter

This film tells the story about Noa, a soldier who receives a passionate love letter in her locker from one of her female soldiers. Is the letter a hoax or an honest expression of affection? The film was produced by the Tel Aviv University Short film program and won an audience award at the Tribeca Film Festival.

There will be a discussion after each film.

The Zoom link and password will be distributed in an email the week before the films are presented.





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Elinor Buchbinder in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Calvin Taubin, grandson of Robert and Stephanie Kwait

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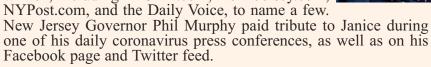
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#### **Social Action Committee Fund Renamed** in Honor of Janice Preschel

In honor of Janice Preschel's many years of social action work and her devotion to Temple Emeth, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved changing the name of the Social Action Committee Fund to the Janice Preschel Social Action Committee Fund. Janice died March 30, a victim of the coronavirus.

Following her death, many articles of tribute were written, including in CNN.com, NorthJersey.com,



Brenda Sutcliff, her sister, wrote, "Janice loved Temple Emeth. She got great pleasure and comfort from services, the Social Action Committee, and from all of the wonderful friendships she made with other members."

Janice was the founding director of the Teaneck Helping Hands Food Pantry, even running the pantry from her hospital bed, arranging with pantry volunteers to give extra food to families in need during the pandemic and asking local restaurants to donate gift certificates to the ICU nurses at Holy Name Hospital. She was a three-term president of the Teaneck Rotary and a volunteer on Teaneck's Social Services Advisory Board.

In addition to being an active member of Temple Emeth's Social Action Committee, Janice served on our Adult Education and Ritual Committees. She was also chair of the Oneg Committee.

Temple Emeth will recognize Janice and her many contributions at a special Shabbat service.



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#### Ancestry@Emeth

What is your family story?
If you would like to participate in the next Ancestry@Emeth exhibit, please contact
Barbara Balkin at dkrm505@yahoo.com

#### **Pandemic Porch Portrait Project**

How will you remember this pandemic? During this time of extreme uncertainty that we are going through, Temple Emeth has been there for us. Even though we can't return to activities in the building, we have been able to gather online and support each other.

Barbara Balkin is offering a service to all members that will allow us to give back to our Temple. To memorialize this time in history, anyone who would like to have an individual or family portrait taken at the front entrance of their house will be able to do so. The only request is to make a minimum donation of \$25 to the Temple Emeth Fund. Your portrait can be formal, casual, humorous, or political, and can include signs, props, masks, or pets. Participants will receive digital copies of their pictures. Collectively, these portraits will serve as a record of the Temple Emeth community during the pandemic and will eventually become part of a Museum exhibit and book. The project is winding down, so make your commitment to participate now.

Details, arrangements for appointments, and further information about these unique portraits are available by contacting Barbara Balkin at <a href="mailto:dkrm505@yahoo.com">dkrm505@yahoo.com</a>. Social distancing protocols will be practiced.















Emma Feuer Bat Mitzvah September 12







Shofar blowing by Adam Kohane in the parking lot









Ed and Isaac Pierce livestreaming the Family Service and working in the control room



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