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## RABBI JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE

**This year's Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture will take place on Zoom on Sunday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Our lecturer will be Dr. Nancy Sinkoff,  
Academic Director of the Allen and Joan Bildner Center  
for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University**



Her topic will be **How Enlightened was Enlightenment Berlin?** Imagined as the most enlightened metropole in late eighteenth-century Europe, Berlin was home to both Christians and Jews. Famous among the "Court Jewish" families were the Itzigs who took full advantage of the "tolerant" and effervescent culture supported by the Emperor Frederick the Great. Sara (Itzig) Levy, an accomplished harpsichordist and musical collector who enjoyed a particularly close relationship with the Bach family, was a salon hostess who created spaces for Christian-Jewish relations through music. This lecture will explore Sara Levy's life, the historical complexities of Christian-Jewish relations, and the legacy of Bach's anti-Judaism for musical and German history. These themes are at the center of Lauren Belfer's award-winning book, "And After the Fire."

Nancy Sinkoff is Professor of Jewish Studies and History and the Academic Director of the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University. She is author, most recently, of *From Left to Right: Lucy S. Dawidowicz, the New York Intellectuals, and the Politics of Jewish History* (2020), winner of the fall 2020 Natan Notable Book award and the 2020 National Jewish Book Award in the category of biography; the co-edited volume (with Rebecca Cypess), *Sara Levy's World: Gender, Judaism, and the Bach Tradition in Enlightenment Berlin* (2018), winner of the outstanding book prize from the Jewish Studies and Music Study Group of the American Musicological Society. Her first book, *Out of the Shtetl: Making Jews Modern in the Polish Borderlands*, was reissued digitally with a new preface (Brown Judaic Studies, 2020). Its protagonist, Mendel Lefin of Satanów, is part of the core exhibit, "Encounters with Modernity," in *Polin: Museum of the History of Polish Jews* in Warsaw, on which Professor Sinkoff consulted.

Professor Sinkoff is a recipient of numerous fellowships, including those from the Mellon Foundation, the IIE Fulbright Association, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University's Beinecke Library, the Frankel Center at the University of Michigan, the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, and the USC Shoah Foundation. In 2016-2017, she was the Elizabeth J. Dilworth Fellow in Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.

*Check your email for the Zoom link.*

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# Message From the Rabbi

Working for racial justice has long been a goal of the Reform movement and of our congregation. It was a focus of the Religious Action Center-NJ's recent campaign to "ban the box" in housing applications. And now I would like to invite you to participate in an event that seeks to redress an omission from history.

On Yom Kippur morning, I spoke about historical truth, and the ways in which history is too often told to minimize the oppression of African Americans and other minorities. When this history is not known or adequately taught, we are at a disadvantage in addressing systemic inequality and racism. And sometimes this history is deliberately hidden from us.

In the sermon, I mentioned Samuel "Mingo Jack" Johnson, who was lynched in Eatontown, New Jersey, in 1886, the only documented lynching in our state during the period of racial terror lynchings that spanned from 1877 to 1950. Johnson was lynched after a young white woman accused him of sexual assault. Despite conflicting evidence, a white mob gathered, stormed the lockup where he was being held, and murdered him. While there is a small plaque in a municipal park near the lynching site, far too few of us know that a racial terror lynching took place in our state.

You may recall that in 2019, about 40 Temple members traveled with me to Alabama for a tour that highlighted Jewish heritage and civil rights. One of the most moving displays we encountered at the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery (both run by the Equal Justice Initiative) were the rows of soil, placed in jars, that had been collected from lynching sites across the country. This is a recognition not only of this painful history, but that these sites are holy ground, sanctified by the death of a

lynching victim.

For the last year or so, I have been a member of the New Jersey Social Justice Remembrance Coalition (NJSJRC), which is partnering with the EJI to create a more prominent memorial to this tragic story.

The next public event of the NJSJRC will be a soil collection event, so that the ground sanctified by Mingo Jack's lynching can be acknowledged and sent to Montgomery to be put on display by the EJI. As chair of the committee planning the event, I hope you will plan to attend.

**The soil collection event in memory of Samuel Johnson will be on Sunday, October 24 at 3:00 p.m. in Eatontown,**

about an hour's drive from the Temple. Lynn Chaiken, the chair of our Social Action Committee, is researching transportation options to Eatontown, and we will be sending an email in the near future to elicit your interest.

History is not always pleasant. Indeed, sometimes it is painful or even shameful. But we learn from our history and build toward a better future only when we are not afraid to be honest about the past. It is my hope that our participation in the soil collection ceremony will be part of that healing.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu





## From the Religious School

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

Our students, parents, and staff began the Religious School year with lots of excitement and enthusiasm. Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem led a beautiful Tfilah and Shirah (prayer and song) service that was an inspiring beginning for our new year. The time of our fall festivals coinciding with the start of Religious School allowed our students to experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of this joyous holiday season. We celebrated Sukkot with “Pizza in the Hut” with lots of blessings, waving the lulav and etrog, and of course pizza.

Following our meal in the sukkah, Rabbi Sirbu welcomed five new students to their consecration ceremony. Our 6th and 7th grade students were also called to the bima to receive the new non-transliterated copy of

Mishkan T’filah which will be used in our school as part of the L’Chaim Hebrew for Life program.

We thank our returning faculty: Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, Amanda Eastman, Wendy Filowitz, Allyson Gur-Aryeh, Nancy Lederman-Scher, and Marla Levine and our new faculty member Joshua Rubin for their continued hard work, inspiration, and commitment to our school.



Dora Friedman

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



Pizza in the Hut, Consecration of new students, students receiving the new siddurim, and Etz Chayim singing.

## Message from President Michael Robinson

Hello, fellow congregants. Allow me to set the scene. I'm sitting at my kitchen island a few hours prior to the start of the Erev Rosh Hashanah. By the time you read this both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be over. I'll be able to give a review of Rosh Hashanah before the deadline for this article but right now I'm pondering what I hope will be a successful and meaningful holiday. The intense preparation has been done by a dedicated group of Temple members and staff, and I'm sure we will see dividends in the next couple of hours as we move into the services themselves.

I want to give a special thank you to just a few of the people who have helped to make this holiday special. First to Nickie Falk and her dedicated painters for revitalizing the interior space of our synagogue with a fresh look for the holiday. Also, thanks go to Robert Kravitz and his son Jeremy along with their crew of Boy Scouts who helped to repaint the youth lounge.

Appreciation also goes to Amy Abrams and Steve Chaiken for ensuring that we will have a safe and secure holiday at Temple as well as for the rest of the year. Thanks go to David Wolinsky for organizing the ushering duties. This was harder this year, because not only do the ushers have to help people to their seats, check tickets, and perform the usual ushering duties, they also have the unenviable job of seeing that our Covid policy was enforced.

I don't want to miss a chance to thank my fellow board members who helped the ushering volunteers with their added duties. It's one thing to approve a policy, it's quite another to "put your money where your

mouth is" and help enforce that policy. I also want to give a shout out to our First Vice President Michael Goldberg. By giving him the job of helping with the opening logistics, I knew he would take it on with relish and see to the details that left to me, might have slipped through my fingers.

Many thanks to Ellen Monane and Marc Chelemer for working on the Book of Remembrance, an important part of Yom Kippur. Finally I must acknowledge and thank our office staff of Maryanne Tursi, Alison Reiser, and Suzannah Mercado for fielding the constant stream of questions, phone calls, and endless details that needed to be addressed to have a successful holiday season. I am grateful to all these great members and, of course, our Rabbi and Cantor who always come through big time.



Michael Robinson

Many members had an opportunity to take part in a wonderful Selichot service that was both beautiful and moving. I want to give a Yasher Koach and a thank you to Josh, Danny, and Adam Kohane for sharing their musical talent. We are lucky to have them as part of our Temple Emeth family.

Fast forward a week. The Rosh Hashanah service was all that we expected it to be. All the preparation paid off and members had a meaningful experience no matter what form of attendance they chose to use.

Thanks for reading. See you in November. If you think the High Holy Days were early, wait until you see when Chanukah falls this year!

Mike



The Kohane Kosakoff family playing guitar and blowing the shofar at the outdoor service, and Tashlich.

Photo by Carla Silver

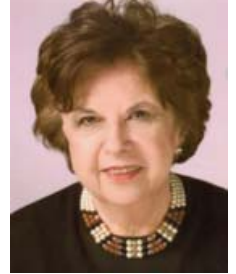




## Viewpoints

Please join the Viewpoints committee in our upcoming presentation about The Vilna Project. We will present the film “The World was Ours” followed by a discussion with the film maker Mira J. Van Doren. This will be shown on **October 31 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Social Hall. It will also be available through Zoom. To attend in person you must have proof of vaccination registered with the Temple. Masks are required to attend in person. The Zoom link will be posted at a later date.

Mira Jedwabnik Van Doren, founder of The Vilna Project, was born in the city of Vilna, Poland (now Vilnius, Lithuania) in 1929. Her father, Dr. David Jedwabnik, was an eminent physician and leader of Vilna’s Jewish community. Her mother, Lydia Baruchson Jedwabnik, was a painter.



In 1939, (at ten years of age), Mira embarked upon a trip from Gdynia on the S.S. Batory with her family to visit the New York World’s Fair. By the time the ship docked in New York, war had broken out in Poland and she and her family were unable to return home. Mira attended the High School of Music and Art, the Art Student’s League, the Cranbrook Art Academy in Cranbrook, Michigan and Columbia University where she was introduced to her husband, John Van Doren – son of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Mark Van Doren.

Throughout her career as an award-winning painter and a pioneer in the art of vitreous enamel on steel, Van Doren has created murals, doors, elevator panels, furniture, and decorations for ships, banks, hotels, synagogues, and churches. In the midst of a fulfilling art career, Van Doren’s interest in her hometown of Vilna, its history and its people, began to flourish.

Driven to create a film to honor the legacy of Vilna’s lost Jewish community, Van Doren amassed a library and made several trips to Vilna searching for remnants of the centuries-old culture that had vanished almost overnight half a century before. In 1989 she formed a non-profit organization, The Vilna Project, Inc., dedicated to preserving, documenting, and disseminating material evoking the richness and diversity of pre-war Vilna. In the years that followed, Van Doren conducted extensive research on Jewish life in the city, assembling over 200 hours of interviews with survivors and scholars in the United States and abroad, and collecting thousands of photographs and other historic material.

In 1993 Van Doren assembled a film crew to film the 50th Anniversary commemoration of the liquidation of the Vilna ghetto. From that visit, Van Doren produced a 16-minute documentary short, “Hidden Treasures,” relating the discovery of a large collection of books and records that had been hidden from the Nazis in a former monastery in Vilna during the Holocaust.

Van Doren is the creator and the Executive Producer of the 58-minute documentary *The World Was Ours*, depicting the remarkable Jewish community of Vilna before its destruction in World War II. It has been shown internationally at film festivals in the U.S, Canada, Europe, and Australia and broadcast nationally for three years on American Public Television and WNET Channel 13. It continues to be screened at other venues around the world. In 2006 YIVO Institute awarded Van Doren the first Vilna Award for Distinguished Achievement. Van Doren was also the recipient of the Kent, Connecticut Film Festival’s Outstanding Achievement Award, and she was honored by the Folksbiene Yiddish Theatre for her work on the documentary film in 2006.

## Movies That Mattered

### “The Boys From Brazil”

**October 5 at 9:30 p.m. in the Social Hall**

**Seating will be socially distanced and no refreshments will be served.**



Barry Kohler, a young Nazi hunter, tracks down a group of former SS officers meeting in Paraguay in the late 1970s. The Nazis, led by Dr Mengele, are planning something. Old Nazi hunter, Ezra Lieberman, is at first uninterested in Kohler's findings. But when he is told something of their plan, he is eager to find out more. Lieberman visits several homes in Europe and the U.S. in order to uncover the Nazi plot. It is at one of these houses he notices something strange, which turns out to be a horrible discovery. Starring Gregory Peck, Lawrence Olivier, and James Mason.

## Services and S'machot

**26 Tishrei 5782**

**Friday, October 1**

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

**Saturday, October 2**

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

*Torah Portion – Bereshit  
Genesis 1:1-6:8*

*Haftarah – Isaiah 42:5-43:10*

**3 Cheshvan 5782**

**Friday, October 8**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 9**

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

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

*Haftarah – Isaiah 54:1-55:5*

**10 Cheshvan 5782**

**Friday, October 15**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 16**

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

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

*Haftarah – Isaiah 40:27-41:16*

**17 Cheshvan 5782**

**Friday, October 22**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 23**

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

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

*Haftarah – II Kings 4:1-4:37*

**24 Cheshvan 5782**

**Friday, October 29**

**Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 30**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom  
Shabbat Morning Service and  
Bat Mitzvah of Cameron Alvaro at 10:30 a.m.**

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

*Haftarah – I Kings 1:1-1:31*

# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 25th of Tishri 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	<b>2</b> 26th of Tishri 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
<b>3</b> 27th of Tishri 5782 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 9:45am Social Action Committee Meeting 10:30am - 2:30pm ETC Mevo Farm @ Out of building 10:30am - 11:00am RS Memorial Service for Marc Klausner @ Sanctuary	<b>4</b> 28th of Tishri 5782	<b>5</b> 29th of Tishri 5782 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered @ Social Hall	<b>6</b> 30th of Tishri 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	<b>7</b> 1st of Heshvan 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Officers Meeting @ ZOOM	<b>8</b> 2nd of Heshvan 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>9</b> 3rd of Heshvan 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
<b>10</b> 4th of Heshvan 5782 9:00am - 11:00am B'nai Mitzvah Orientation I - 6th students & parents @ Sanctuary 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 11:00am - 12:00pm Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture @ ZOOM	<b>11</b> 5th of Heshvan 5782	<b>12</b> 6th of Heshvan 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ Library 8:40pm - 9:40pm "Cover Story" with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	<b>13</b> 7th of Heshvan 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	<b>14</b> 8th of Heshvan 5782 7:30pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>15</b> 9th of Heshvan 5782 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>16</b> 10th of Heshvan 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
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 A version of the calendar is online at <http://www.emeth.org/monthly-calendar>



## **Good & Welfare**

*The congregation mourns the loss of member  
Marc Klausner and sends condolences to his  
daughter Sarah and cousin Susan.*

**Mazel Tov to...**

**Caryn and David Diuguid and Peggy and David  
Gerber on the birth of their grandson,  
Lev Myles Benjamin Diuguid-Gerber. Parents  
are Jillian Diuguid-Gerber and Ryan Gerber.**

## **Social Action in Action**

Oy Vey, it's an election year!

And we want you to vote!

New Jersey is one of only two states (Virginia is the other) that conducts odd-year gubernatorial elections each November after a U.S. Presidential Election. November 2, 2021 is not only a gubernatorial election, but all 120 seats in our state legislature (40 New Jersey State Senate Seats and 80 New Jersey General Assembly Seats) will be on the ballot as well. In 2017, New Jersey's most recent gubernatorial election, **only 39% of registered New Jersey voters cast a ballot (turnout was even lower in 2019, when only the legislature was up for election –and only 27% of registered voters actually voted**

### **We Can Do Better! We Can Double Our Impact!**

As the Reform Movement works to fulfill the sacred mandate of tikkun olam, world repair, voter engagement is essential. As Jews and as Americans, we have an obligation to participate in elections to ensure that policies at the local, state, and national levels bring us closer to achieving our vision of a world where all people experience wholeness, justice, and compassion. Rabbi Yitzhak taught, "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Talmud, Brakhot 55a). To ensure that our voices and commitment to social justice are heard in the public sphere, we must educate ourselves on the voting process, register, and show up at the polls. We also have a responsibility to engage across lines of difference and ensure that access to voting is a reality for all.

**Here's some general information that might help answer any questions you might have:  
(information and text from RAC-NJ and League of Women Voters)**

**Voter Registration Deadline: October 12, 2021.**

Voter registration form must be postmarked by this date.

**Early Voting Period: Tuesday, October 23 - Sunday, October 31, 2021.** This is New Jersey's first time implementing early voting. Early voting locations will be open from Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registered voters can vote at **any** designated early voting site in their county.

**General Election: November 2, 2021**

**Helpful links: [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org)** (League of Women Voters)

**[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)** (also League of Women Voters)

**All of the links below are on the NJ Department of State, Division of Elections website.**

• **Online Registration Application –**

<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

• **Online Application to Vote-by-Mail –**

<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml#applications>; applications are county specific; you can use links to the specific county applications.

• **Secure Dropbox Locations –**

<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-secure-drop-boxes.shtml>

• **Polling Locations –**

<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-polling-location.shtml>

• **Access Your Voter Record/Track My Ballot –**

<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-track-my-ballot.shtml>

**Who is in charge of voting in Bergen County?**

The County Clerk's office is at 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601. The phone number is 201-336-7020. You can call them with questions - they have been very helpful in the past.

**Next Social Action Meeting:**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

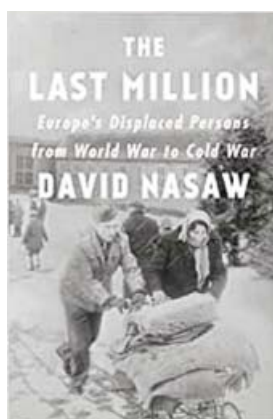
Monthly News Update: *The Displaced and Their Descendants*  
By Marion Wolf

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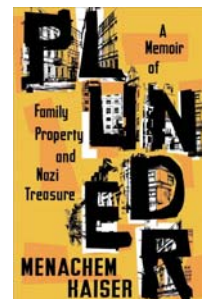
Although World War II ended in May of 1945, its after-effects linger to this day. Immediately after the war, there were more than a million people who refused to go home or had no home to return to. Now generations later, descendants of refugees wonder about their heritage. We have two new books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library that delve into the experiences of the displaced and their descendants. The first is a history, and the second is a memoir.

The Last Million: Europe's Displaced Persons from World War to Cold War is the work of David Nassaw, an emeritus professor of history at the CUNY Graduate Center. Nassaw's previous books include prize-winning biographies of Andrew Carnegie, William Randolph Hearst, and Joseph Kennedy. In The Last Million, Nassaw examines the plight of homeless Eastern Europeans confined in refugee camps for up to five years after the war ended. Their numbers included not just concentration camp survivors, but also POWs, slave laborers, political prisoners, and even Nazi collaborators of different nationalities. The DP (displaced persons) camps were meant to be temporary facilities. The people in those camps converted them "into island communities, divided by nationality, with their own police forces, administrative committees, churches, schools, theaters, newspapers, and medical services." Meanwhile the rest of the world struggled with the problem of resettling these refugees. In some cases, recruiters saw the displaced as the solution to labor shortages. But no one wanted to take the Jews. Politicians in the U.S. saw them as Communist sympathizers. It took several years of acrimonious debate in America before our doors were opened, and the newly-established state of Israel also welcomed the refugees. The Last Million has profound



contemporary resonance, as the world faces continuing refugee crises today.

Menachem Kaiser is the Toronto-born author of Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure. Kaiser's grandfather Maier was a Holocaust survivor, who died before Menachem Kaiser was born. The grandfather Kaiser never knew had tried unsuccessfully for some 30 years to reclaim an apartment building in Sosnowiec, Poland that he owned before the war. Kaiser decides to hire a lawyer ("The Killer") and take up his grandfather's quest. Perhaps this could bring him closer to his Zaidy, help him understand his legacy. Kaiser goes to Sosnowiec; he sees the building and interviews the inhabitants. But Kaiser hardly achieves a triumphant repossession of his grandfather's property. For one thing, he's looked at the wrong building (there was a typo on the house number in the documents he viewed). And there is Kafkaesque bureaucracy in trying to prove that the original owner—who now would be 140 years old—are legally dead. Along the way Kaiser encounters a "subculture of Polish treasure hunters, whose fascination with the Nazis is a mirror image of his own effort to make sense of a haunted history." The Silesian treasure hunters use as their guidebook a memoir written by someone who was a slave laborer in a vast, secret Nazi tunnel complex. The writer of that memoir just happens to be the first cousin of Kaiser's grandfather! Kaiser learns almost nothing about his grandfather, but a great deal about his grandfather's cousin, whose story is really poignant. There is no neat and tidy conclusion to Kaiser's own hunt for treasure, although the book does have a very exciting ending.



Come find these tales of the displaced and their descendants in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library!

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

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**Sue Keusch** in memory of Arlene Hirschfelder,  
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**Joan Knauer** in memory of Arlene Hirschfelder,  
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**Nancy Mednick** in memory of her husband,  
Edward V. Mednick

**Mike Robinson and Marcia Shapiro** in memory of  
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Hirschfelder

**Janet and Howard Rosen**

## LIBRARY FUND

**Judy Distler** in celebration of the birth of David and  
Caryn Diuguid's grandson

## PAUL S. LAZAR CARING COMMUNITY FUND

**Susan Berlinrood** with gratitude

**Wendy and Dan Dessanti** in memory of all those we  
lost in the pandemic

**Hildy Dillon and Matthew Weiner** in memory of  
Hildy's mother, Renee "Honey" Dillon

**The Ritzer Family** in memory of Bernice "Bunny"  
Ritzer

## MUSIC FUND

**Wendy and Dan Dessanti** in appreciation of the  
Kohane-Kosakoff family  
in appreciation of Amanda Eastman

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Anonymous** "Hallelujah, 21 years cancer-free"

**Gary and Jamie Adler**

**Hildy Dillon and Matthew Weiner** in memory of  
Hildy's mother, Renee "Honey" Dillon

**Harold and Sara Halman** thank Rabbi Sirbu for all  
he does

**Michael and Deborah Newman** in celebration of  
their 57th anniversary

## RABBI LOUIS J. SIGEL ENDOWMENT FUND

**Wendy and Dan Dessanti** wish Mimi Sigel a Mazel  
Tov on the birth of her great-grandson, Teddy

## REPLACE THE ROOF

**Barbara and Rick Chittum** for the honor of reciting  
Kiddush at the September 3 evening service

## RITUAL COMMITTEE FUND

**Susan Berlinrood** with gratitude

## STREAMING FUND

**Wendy and Dan Dessanti** in appreciation of Ed Pierce,  
Meredith Alvaro, and the streaming team

**Judith Eichinger** wishes congratulations to Carlene  
Fleishman on the marriage of her grandson,  
Bryan, to Allison

**Karen Rappaport** thanks all the people who work to  
provide this service for the congregation



# CONTRIBUTIONS *(continued)*

## TEMPLE EMETH FUND

**Pam and Jeff Etzin** wish a Mazel Tov to Mike Robinson and Marcia Shapiro on the marriage of their son Daniel to Sam Berger

**Janet and Howard Rosen** in memory of Janet's parents, Evelyn and Morris Feffer; and in memory of Jack and Edythe Rosen

## YAHREZEIT FUND

**Andrew Arroyo** in memory of his father, Jack Sheiner

**Barbara and Michael Bias** in memory of Barbara's father, Harold Pasvoll, and in memory of Barbara's grandmother, Bessie Goodman

**Doug and Nickie Falk** in memory of Doug's father, Frank Falk

**Henry and Karyle Goldstein** in memory of Karyle's mother, Lillian Podolsky

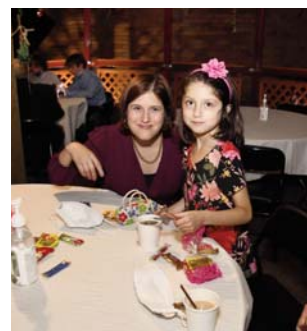
**Jane Kalfus** in memory of her mother, Helen Nosowitz

**Mona Rubin** in memory of her father, Julian Hyman

**Rachael Sugarman** in memory of her father, William Price



Sorting and packing the food collected during the high holidays, preparing caring baskets, building the sukkah, celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah.





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- ☐ Visiting a congregant at home, at a hospital or rehab center
- ☐ Providing and delivering a meal (homemade or store bought) to a congregant
- ☐ Driving a congregant to services or a Temple Emeth event
- ☐ Lending medical equipment to a congregant in need (specify type):
- ☐ Assisting at a house of mourning:
  - ☐ Helping at a Minyan ☐ Set up before ☐ Clean up after
  - ☐ Attending a Minyan
  - ☐ Baking or buying a cake for Shiva

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- ☐ I would like to join the Social Action Committee
- ☐ I would like to participate in Temple Emeth's community outreach:
  - When the Temple becomes a family homeless shelter (specify)
  - ☐ Cook for ☐ Shop for ☐ Sleep over

### I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN TEMPLE EMETH'S OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Serve on a Temple committee
- Help with a Temple event: Bazaar ☐ Shalach Manot ☐ Gala: ☐
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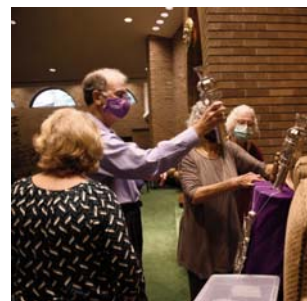
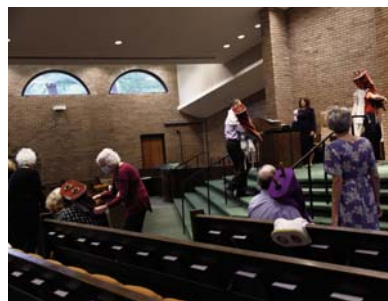
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Simchat Torah morning - changing the Torah covers



## Book Group Calendar 2021-2022

November 18th: Hamnet  
by Maggie O'Farrel

December 16th: The Library Book  
by Susan Orlean

January 20th: The Third Daughter  
by Talia Carner

February 17: The Tunnel  
by A.B.Yehoshua

March 17th: The Rent Collector  
by Camron Wright

April 21st: Summer Water  
by Sarah Moss

May 19th: The Mayor of Casterbridge  
by Thomas Hardy

June 16th : Planning Meeting



## CONTRIBUTION FORM

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed (\$10 minimum) Fund Name \_\_\_\_\_

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| • Adult Education Fund                           | • Adult Kallah Fund                    | • Albert & Mildred Otten Institute for Living Arts |
| • Beautification Fund                            | • Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Fund  | • Children's Worship Fund                          |
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### Our building is now open.

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If you have not provided your proof of vaccination, you can do the following:

- Come to the office and show your vaccination card to any office staff member.
- Email a picture of the vaccination card to Suzannah at [smercado@emeth.org](mailto:smercado@emeth.org)
- Show your vaccination card to the greeter at services.

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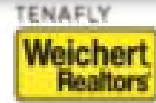
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Museum opening of the  
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Project exhibit.





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