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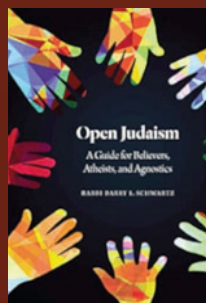
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Temple Emeth invites you to the annual

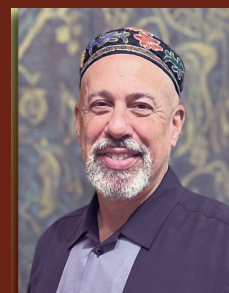
Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture



Friday, October 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Rabbi Barry Schwartz,

Congregation Adas Emuno, Leonia
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of the Jewish
Publication Society



Will Speak On

**"The Blessing of Doubt – Jewish
Agnosticism"**

In an age of renewed culture wars, is there a way to bridge the gap? Based on his provocative new book ***Open Judaism: A Guide for Believers, Atheists and Agnostics***, Rabbi Barry Schwartz makes the case for an inclusive middle ground. Embracing the blessing of doubt, he argues that a little agnosticism can go a long way toward a humble and pluralistic worldview. Open Judaism is about finding our place in the "Jewniverse" of modern Jewish thought - Jewish theology like you haven't heard it before!

We are pleased to welcome the clergy and members of Congregation Adas Emuno in Leonia to this service. A festive Shabbat dinner will precede the service at 6:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$40 and reservations can be made on the Temple website by clicking here <https://www.emeth.org/event/trachtenbergdinner>.

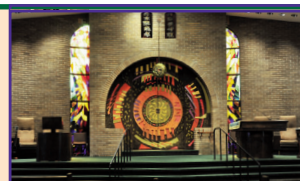
The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 11. If you have dietary restrictions contact Elaine Pollack at ecpollack33@gmail.com.

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Message From the Rabbi

The High Holy Days were an uplifting time for our congregation. I appreciate many warm words expressed to me over the course of the holidays.

In the spirit of *hakarat hatov*—acknowledging the good—I would like to express words of gratitude (modified from my remarks on Yom Kippur morning) to the following people who helped make our worship and programming so meaningful.

The heart of our textual experience during services is the reading of the Torah. Our volunteer Torah readers brought the words of the texts alive. Yasher Koach to (in alphabetical order) **Marc Chelemer, Max Deninzon, Rachel Eastman, Stephen Friedman, Morris Sobel, Marion Wolf, and Zander Zaretsky**. (Idajean Fisher also prepared a Torah reading but was not feeling well on Yom Kippur.)

As we do every year, we relied on the talent of our young people to give our services and programming vibrance. **Amanda Eastman** shared her beautiful voice on the bimah. **Adam Kohane** played guitar and blew shofar, with an amazing *t'kiah g'dolah*. Amanda also coordinated the Junior Congregation, and **Michael Brestin** led the teen activity on Rosh Hashanah.

Food is an important part of our holiday observance. Our young people tasted the sweetness of the new year with goodie bags prepared by our Temple office. The juice and sponge cake in the hallway were assembled by **Pam and Jeffrey Etzin**. The break fast in the Youth Lounge was coordinated by **Judy Distler** and the Marketing Committee.

Our livestream technology continues to bring our prayers to people all over the country. **Amanda Eastman** is the chair of the Technology Committee, and **Matthew Weiner** worked with us to improve the sound. And we are grateful to each and every volunteer who took time to be trained and operate the equipment. **Barbara Balkin**, our Temple photographer, captures every significant moment in the life of our congregation and posts it to Facebook within an hour.

Music is, of course, a big part of these holidays. Especially notable was the wonderful concert at Selichot performed by **Josh Kohane** and several other musicians. **Wendy Kosakoff** played guitar at the Shofar Healing Service. Thank you to the amazing Kol Emet, under the direction of **Carol Shansky**, and the sweet singers of **Etz Chayim**, our junior choir. And of course, we owe a debt of gratitude to our amazing accompanist **Tom Mustachio** whose immense talent was evident at every service.

With an increase in antisemitic incidents, we had to re-evaluate and modify our security protocols. Thank you to our Security Committee, chaired by **Jay Salzman**. I also want to acknowledge our Ushering Committee, chaired by **David Wolinsky**, for their role in welcoming us and keeping us safe. And I appreciate having **David Diuguid, Ken Hoffman, and Dan Firshein** taking turns as house physician during our services. (Ron Primas also volunteered for a shift, but was not feeling well on Yom Kippur.)

Thank you to all who participated in the High Holy Day Food Drive to benefit the Center for Food Action, chaired by **Gail Turner** with the support of the Social Action Committee, chaired by **Lynn Chaiken**. This call to action was made possible by the teens of ETC who assembled 350 bags with shopping lists and Mazon envelopes. **Sam Gronner** inspired us to give to the IMPJ/IRAC Emergency Campaign to support democracy in Israel.

Thank you to **Marc Chelemer** for coordinating the Book of Remembrance, and to **Micaela Brody**, for her design expertise. It will bring meaning and comfort to our Yizkor service this afternoon.

I wish to thank **Stephen Friedman**, the chair of the Ritual Committee, for his hard work distributing dozens of bimah honors. It is a lot of work! He got an assist from **Marion Wolf**, the incoming chair. We had a wonderful group polish our silver before Selichot, and though she insists she's not a committee chair, the undisputed group leader is **Carlene Fleishman**.

Thank you so much to Temple President **Michael Goldberg**, our Officers, and the Board of Trustees for their endless dedication to the Temple. I would also like to thank **Rabbi Rebecca Schorr** for the roles she played during these holidays, lightening my load and enriching our experience in many ways.

Suzannah Mercado, our Temple Administrator, and the front office staff **Alison Reiser** and **Maryanne Tursi** for working tirelessly over the last month to make sure that every administrative detail was taken care of. Suzannah also worked closely with our terrific custodial staff, especially **Marisol Plaza, Sergio and Gloria Giraldo** and **Amanda Barrero** for ensuring that our building was ready for this important season.

And finally, I wish to thank my clergy partner and friend, **Cantor Ellen Tilem**. She inspired and uplifted us at these holidays with her voice, especially the song "Ashira" that she introduced to us on Yom Kippur. Her talent is a blessing to this congregation.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Sirbu Wednesdays, beginning October 11 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Message from the Cantor

I am often asked about the unique role of being the cantor of a Reform synagogue. Many times, the question comes from those who have not attended a Jewish service before. Sometimes, the question comes from Jews of other denominations or Jews who worship in other synagogues. This is because the role of the cantor — or in Hebrew, Chazan (from the Talmudic word for “overseer of the synagogue”) — is quite different among various congregations and even more so among the different movements of Judaism. People are often interested to learn that most Reform cantors are ordained clergy or that I spend many hours a week with congregants in need of pastoral counseling.



Cantor Ellen Tilem

The main role of the cantor, throughout history, has been to serve as the Shaliach Tzibbur, the messenger of the congregation to God and the one who guides the community through prayer. Therefore, the cantor’s personal understanding and interpretation of the prayers are vital to the spiritual well-being of the congregation.

As Shaliach Tzibbur, when I chant the music and deliver the melodies of the liturgy, I keep in mind that those prayers must come from a place of deep belief in the text and in the meaning and intention of the prayers. This true belief and connection with God through music is what has drawn me toward the cantorate and cantorial music since early childhood. Through many, many years of hearing, studying, and singing cantorial music I have developed and composed counter melodies which have become part of the musical soul of our congregation. I improvise these melodies, commit them to memory, and we sing them year after year.

Most of our members believe that the counter melodies I sing during prayers such as Avinu Malkenu, B’rosh Hashana, and Zochrenu are commonly sung. However, these are original counter melodies that I have developed as an experienced cantor. They are not melodies one will hear at any other synagogue. This is where the artistry and creativity of my own interpretation of cantorial music comes in.

The singing that a cantor does needs to come from a place of spiritual depth, or she will not be able to move the congregation. While singing, I strive to evoke elements of joy, sorrow, and reverence while leading you spiritually. I have had the honor of setting the tone for communal worship and acting as a bridge between our congregation and the Divine for three decades. I have done this through singing selections which the congregation can listen to with quiet introspection. Even more so, I have done this through inspiring the congregational singing that had always been at the forefront of my cantorate. This became much more difficult to do when the Temple had just reopened after Covid and some were still concerned about singing near others. I needed to completely start over after all of those years and get the congregation singing again.

Whether on Shabbat or the High Holy Days, I feel truly blessed to inspire, uplift, and connect our community to our faith and heritage through song. I continue to pray that each of you will find spiritual wholeness through raising your own voices in prayer.

Cantor Ellen Tilem

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

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

The first unit will meet Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.: October 4, 11, 18. The second unit will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.: October 24, 31, and November 7, 14, 21, 28.

cantoret@yahoo.com

Message from President Michael Goldberg

I hope that the new year is starting off well for all of you with good health, happiness, and peace.

Thank you to those who read my first Bulletin Article. I truly appreciate your feedback and comments.

Thank you, Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem. Welcome and thank you to Rabbi Schorr, for leading us in prayer during the High Holy Day services. Yasher Koach to everyone who participated and helped to enhance our services.

I would like to wish our Religious School students and their families an excellent school year as we start our Religious School collaboration.

Yasher Koach to Max Deninson and Zander Zaretsky for chanting so beautifully from the Torah on Rosh Hashanah. I am sure our congregants will agree with me: it feels good to see our youth staying connected to Temple Emeth and the Jewish religion.

Special thank you to Sue Keusch for all her dedication, support, and hard work at Temple Emeth for so many years. Sue, we wish you well in California and hope to see you at our Zoom classes and events.

Healing/Unity

Rabbi Sirbu has convened a Healing Committee to help us to overcome the difficulties that we faced these past few months and to help reunite our congregation.

The committee consists of congregants Stacey Butler, Stephen Friedman, Greg Janoff, Yaron Prywes, and Susan Schwartz. I will keep you informed of future developments.

Trachtenberg Dinner and Lecture

I hope to see you at the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Dinner, Service, and Lecture on Friday, October 13.

Rabbi Barry Schwartz of Congregation Adas Emuno will speak on "The Blessing of Doubt – Jewish Agnosticism," which is based on his new book *Open Judaism: A Guide for Believers, Atheists and Agnostics*. He is a most dynamic speaker.

Rabbi Schwartz is the author of *Path of the Prophets*, a book that we used in Rabbi Sirbu's Adult Ed class a few years ago.

A festive Shabbat dinner will precede the service; registration for dinner is required. Thank you to Elaine Pollack for coordinating, once again.

Meet Past President, Larry Silver, aka "Cowboy Larry" or the "Hineini Kid"

Larry and Carla have been Temple members since 1976. Larry served as our Treasurer for three two-year terms over a twenty-year period and was our President from 2003 to 2005. In addition, he was a Membership

Committee Chair for one year and ran the Membership Recognition Shabbat for five years. He currently serves on the Board as one of the Past Presidents.

Larry received his BBA in Accounting and MBA in Taxation, both from Baruch College; he was a partner with KPMG Peat Marwick specializing in retirement planning, pension, and executive compensation issues.

Carla and Larry have been happily married for 52 years. They have three adult children and three grandchildren.

Some of Larry's accomplishments at Temple Emeth include:

- As Chair of the Finance Committee, he helped raise \$100,000 to match an anonymous gift to help reduce the debt incurred from the building expansion.
- As President, Larry joined Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem, in their first ever Purim Service together in 2004, as his self-created character, "Cowboy Larry" aka the "Hineini Kid".

Carla and Larry have visited all 63 of our country's National Parks, beginning with California's Yosemite in 1974 and ending last September with West Virginia's New River Gorge.

A most memorable experience for me was sharing a terrifying camel ride (along the outside edge of an extremely narrow mountain ledge) with Larry during our last congregational trip to Israel.

Thank you, Larry, for all your service to Temple Emeth and for making us laugh!

Enrich Your Jewish Identity

I would like to repeat the below paragraph which was written by Rabbi Sirbu in "This Week at Temple Emeth, September 15-16." I found this so inspiring. Thank you, Rabbi.

"Let me offer a perspective as we begin 5784. Look for something new to enrich your Jewish identity. Perhaps it is a new text or idea from our tradition. Perhaps it is a new social connection or a new activity at the Temple. Or, in the words of the prayer book, you may find a new way to incorporate *t'shuvah*, *t'filah*, and *tzedakah*—return to the right path, prayer, and righteous giving—into your personal practice. In this way, the blessing of this season can endure long into the future."

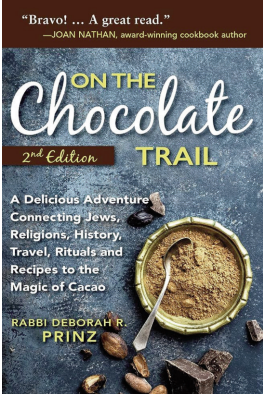
Please reach out to me with your questions and concerns.

All the Best,
Michael Goldberg, President



Michael Goldberg





Books will be available for sale at \$20 each

Join us for a B'yachad breakfast on
Sunday, October 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

"Jews on the Chocolate Trail"

a presentation by Rabbi Deborah Prinz,
author of *On the Chocolate Trail*

Rabbi Prinz will unwrap the role of Judaism and other religions in the trade, manufacture, and sale of chocolate since it was first introduced to Europeans. We will learn the surprising Jewish connections to chocolate in this gastronomic adventure.



Temple members and non-members are welcome - Invite your friends!

Please RSVP for the B'yachad breakfast by October 7th and pay \$8 per person
Use this link to pre-register: <https://www.emeth.org/event/jewsonthechocolatetrail>
Or email byachad@emeth.org or return this form to Temple Emeth.

Name(s) _____ Number attending _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Amount enclosed _____ (\$8 per person by 10/7, \$10 after 10/7 or at the door)



SAVE the DATE for the **Chanukah Dinner**

(first one in four years)

December 8th

Watch for upcoming details.



Game Day is Coming to Emeth

Game Day comes to Temple Emeth beginning
Wednesday, October 11th
from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

(and continuing on the second Wednesday
of every month).



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

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

Call the office at (201) 833-1322 to register for October 11th. Any questions?
Contact caryndiuguid@gmail.com.



TEMPLE EMETH HEALING COMMITTEE

Hello to our entire Temple Emeth family! During the High Holidays, our Temple President, Michael Goldberg, spoke about the newly formed Healing Committee. These past few months have been marked by challenges that have touched many of us in different ways. Now that we have come together and shared the warmth of our community and the spiritual embrace of the High Holidays, we wish to clarify our purpose and outline the path forward. Simply put, our goal is to heal as a congregation and offer various avenues for achieving that healing.

Almost 100 people attended the Temple **Break Fast** created and hosted by Steve Clark, Judy Distler, and the Marketing Committee. This event served as a beautiful example of our community's spirit, and we anticipate more such opportunities for us to gather, share experiences, and grow stronger as a congregation. Temple Emeth holds a unique place in each of our hearts, as a welcoming and kind community that thrives on togetherness. Some of our fondest memories are simply those moments spent in each other's company. As we embark on this healing journey, your input and feedback are invaluable to us. The Healing Committee is here, eager to listen, address your concerns, and engage in meaningful conversations with anyone who wishes to share their thoughts. To reach out to us, please email us at:

healingcommittee@emeth.org. Additionally, please mention if you would like to be contacted by a specific committee member; their names are listed below for your reference:

Stacey Butler
Stephen Friedman
Greg Janoff (Chair)

Yaron Prywes
Susan Schwartz

Every family, including our Temple Emeth family, encounters challenges on the winding road of life. We welcome the opportunity to listen to your feelings and passions, and share experiences with you all, continuing to strengthen the bonds that make us a resilient and caring family, just as we've always been.

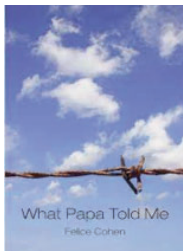
*Thank you for being an essential part of our Temple Emeth community.
Only together may we heal, grow, and flourish.*



Temple Emeth Viewpoints Committee presents

Felice Cohen

Sunday, October 29th at 11:00 a.m.



Meet Felice, the granddaughter of a Holocaust Survivor who will talk about her book, *What Papa Told Me*. The story is of Murray, a young Jewish boy from Poland whose courage and sheer will to live helped him survive eight different labor and concentration camps, start a new life in America, and keep his family together after his wife's suicide. Though filled with loss and despair, the book also focuses on hope and survival. Felice has spoken to students and adults across the United States about her grandfather and the process of writing his story. She is the author of other bestselling and award-winning books and has been featured on radio, television shows, and in newspapers.



Come to listen, learn, question!

Light refreshments will be served.

Sign up by October 25th by contacting Viewpoints at viewpoints@emeth.org

Adult Ed Mini University: Stories from a Jewish Perspective
Resumes **Tuesday, October 10 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Library and on Zoom.

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

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

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

Meeting ID 899 3126 1252

Password 217707 For audio only, dial 929 205 6099



Temple Emeth Journey in Israel

Mar 11, 2024 - Mar 21, 2024

2024 TRIP to ISRAEL



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

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

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

Feel free to email questions to Rabbi Misha Zinkow of Makor at misha@makorjourneys.com or to Rabbi Sirbu at ssirbu@emeth.org.



**Our next informational meeting about the trip
will be at the Oneg Shabbat
following services on Friday, October 20th.**



Yiddish Class Resumes

Monday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library and on Zoom.

Come join our Yiddish class with instructor
David Braun on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Click [here](#) to join on Zoom

Meeting ID 895 7326 8791

Passcode 559981

For audio only, dial 929 205 6099

Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Committee

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- ___ Driving a congregant to services or a Temple Emeth event
- ___ Lending medical equipment (please specify)

- ___ Assisting at a house of mourning by:
 - ___ Helping at a Minyan ___ Set up before
 - ___ Attending a Minyan ___ Clean up after
 - ___ 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's community outreach:
When the Temple becomes a family homeless shelter (specify)

___ Cook for ___ Shop for ___ Sleep over

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

___ Serve on a Temple committee (please specify)
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Please place your completed card in the Caring Committee
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Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666
Attn: Caring Committee

Questions? Email caring@emeth.org

Services and S'machot

22 Tishri 5784
Friday, October 6

Shemini Atzeret – Simchat Torah
Erev Simchat Torah Service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Simchat Torah Morning Service
and Yizkor at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion
Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12 and
Genesis 1:1-2:3

Haftarah
Joshua 1:1-18

29 Tishri 5784
Friday, October 13

Shabbat Breishit
Collaborative Shabbat Service
With Congregation Adas Emuno at 8:00 p.m.
Trachtenberg Lecture with Rabbi Barry Schwartz

Saturday, October 14

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

Torah Portion
Genesis 1:1-6:8

Haftarah
Isaiah 42:5-43:11

6 Cheshvan 5784
Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

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

Torah Portion
Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

Haftarah – Isaiah 58:1-14
Isaiah 54:1-55:5

13 Cheshvan 5784
Friday, October 27

Shabbat Lech-Lecha
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28

Scholar-in-Residence Program with Dr. Azzan Yadin
Israel at Temple Sinai at 9:00 a.m.
Collaborative Shabbat Morning Service
At Temple Sinai at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion
Genesis 12:1-17:27

Haftarah
Isaiah 40:27-41:16

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 16th of Tishri, Sukkot 9:00am - 11:30am First Day of Religious School @ Temple Sinai 9:00am - 11:00am HHD Food Packing @ Youth Lounge	2 17th of Tishri, Sukkot	3 18th of Tishri, Sukkot 4:00pm - 5:30pm Religious School @ Temple Sinai 7:30pm - 9:00pm Movies That Mattered @ Social Hall	4 19th of Tishri, Sukkot 5:00pm - 5:45pm Growing Through Grief @ Museum 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	5 20th of Tishri, Sukkot 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officers Meeting @ ZOOM	6 21st of Tishri, Sukkot 6:15pm - 7:00pm Emeth Keshet Potluck Dinner @ Youth Lounge 7:00pm - 8:00pm Erev Simchat Torah Service @ Sanctuary	7 22nd of Tishri 5784 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study (Hybrid Learning in Youth Lounge and on Zoom) 10:30am - 12:00pm Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor @ Sanctuary
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Good & Welfare

*The congregation mourns the loss of members
Barbara Chittum and sends condolences to her
husband, Richard, and their family.
Gilda Mintz and sends condolences to her family.*

Condolences to...

*Caryn Diuguid on the loss of J. Caleb Hoffman-Torres.
The Sirbu Family on the loss of Rachel Gordon
Smolow.
Sharon Friedson on the loss of her brother-in-law,
John Scelfo.
Ellen Schwartz and David Feldman on the loss of
Ellen's mother, Marilyn Schwartz.*

Mazel Tov to...

*Steve and Lynn Chaiken on their 40th wedding
anniversary.*

Welcome new members...

Sandra Fink

Steven Nowick and Martha Helfer

Deborah Singer Pires

Michael Smith and Roberta Taxerman Smith

Social Action in Action

Preliminary Plans for 2023-2024

Food Insecurity is an issue that is not going away. We will work on this all year long with renewed energy. The High Holiday Food Drive has happened, but we ask you to bring food every time you come to the Temple. And, join us on October 1 to help pack the groceries for delivery to the Center for Food Action.



In addition to the High Holiday Food Drive, we will be adding

Education Sessions

Family Promise Walk-Up Dinners (feeding the homeless) – Nov 14th
A look at on-campus/student food insecurity
In the neighborhood/local issues

Watch for Mitzvah of the Month. You know that September was about food. We will announce October shortly.

Other programs include:

Refugee Shabbat – February 2, 2024
Repro (Reproductive Rights) Shabbat, February 9, 2024
Earth Day Shabbat tbd – April 2024 – we always stay current on environmental issues
Dove Lounge – Sundays, (October 15, November 19, December 17) — monthly programs for LGBTQIAA Teens

Social Justice/RAC NJ Priorities

RAC-NJ's Learning Together Campaign, addressing equity in our New Jersey schools;
RAC-NJ's 2023 Civic Engagement work; and
RAC-NJ's participation in Power for Purpose, our national campaign addressing climate justice.

Calendar

Sunday Oct 1 food packing day, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Tuesday October 17, 7:00 p.m, via Zoom
Family Promise Walk-Up Dinner, Tuesday,
November 14 – 3:30 p.m.

JOIN US!

Join our mailing list and you'll learn what you can do or how you can participate.

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Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Questions of Jewish Identity

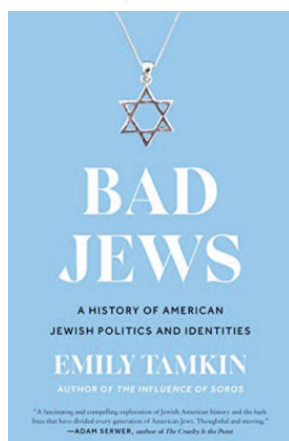
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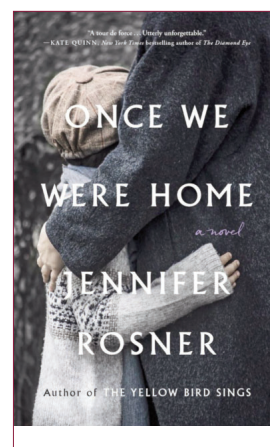
There are many different ways to be Jewish. Three new additions to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, one work of non-fiction and two novels, examine questions of Jewish identity.

Bad Jews: A History of American Jewish Politics and Identities is the latest book by journalist Emily Tamkin, who is also the author of The Influence of Soros. There are several million of us who consider ourselves American Jews, though we don't all identify with one another (even right here in Teaneck!). We don't agree about who is Jewish, how to be Jewish, and what it means to be Jewish. Tamkin reviews the last hundred years of American Jewish politics and culture. She explores "evolving and conflicting Jewish positions on assimilation; race; Zionism and Israel; affluence and poverty, philanthropy, finance, politics; and social justice." In this thoroughly researched volume, Tamkin reveals the truth of the matter—American Jewish identity is always changing. Abe Riesman says of this book: "Whether you're Jew or Gentile, radical or conservative, kosher or lobster-loving, Bad Jews is sure to enthrall and educate you."

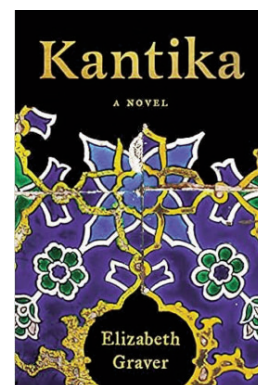


Our Jewish identity is complicated enough for those of us who have grown up in Jewish homes. But what about Jewish children hidden by Christians during WW II—how did those children grapple with who they were exactly? Once We Were Home by Jennifer Rosner movingly addresses this question. Rosner shares the stories of four individuals. Ana is old enough to remember her Jewish parents back in the Polish ghetto, but her brother Oskar—just a baby when they were rescued by a Christian family—knows only the Dabrowskis as family. When a Jewish reclamation organization seizes the youngsters and takes them to Palestine, the siblings react differently. Ana welcomes the chance to reconnect with her roots, while Oskar mourns the loss of the home he has loved. Meanwhile in France a Jewish orphan named Roger has been raised in a monastery.

Word comes after the war that an aunt in Jerusalem wants to retrieve the sensitive boy. People in the Church are not willing to relinquish Roger, whom they have already baptized. There is a tug of war over his soul, you could say. Finally, there is Renata, a postgraduate student in archaeology. She has spent her life unearthing secrets from the ancient past, but her own history is unknown to her. Her mother's recent death means details of her wartime childhood will remain a mystery. "Based on the true stories of children stolen during wartime, this heart-wrenching novel raises questions of complicity and responsibility, belonging and identity, good intentions and unforeseen consequences, as it confronts what it really means to find a home."



In Kantika, a novel by Elizabeth Graver, a Sephardic family is repeatedly uprooted and searching for a home. Rebecca Cohen's childhood is spent in idyllic early-twentieth-century Istanbul (Constantinople back then). With the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the family flees to Barcelona. Rebecca marries and has two sons there, but then that city is on the brink of war. Rebecca heads to Havana and eventually New York. The feisty Rebecca deals with whatever challenges she faces in each new home. "Exploring identity, place, and exile, Kantika recovers a vanishing history and animates a rich range of characters... An inspiring meditation on the tenacity of women, this lush, lyrical novel celebrates the insistence on seizing beauty and grabbing hold of one's one and only life."



These three wonderful books—and many others—await you in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

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

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Movies That Mattered

The next movie is "Biloxi Blues"
on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m.



Last year, we were introduced to Eugene Morris Jerome and his close-knit Brooklyn Jewish Family when we screened "Brighton Beach Memoirs." We will be screening the second part of Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical trilogy, "Biloxi Blues" which follows Eugene as he is sent to army training camp in Biloxi,

Refreshments will be served.

Temple Emeth Book Group Selections 2023-24

October 18th
November 15th
December 20th
January 17th
February 21st
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th

Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson
Master Slave Husband Wife by Llyon Woo
Sadness is a White Bird by Moriel Rothnam-Zecher
Horse by Geraldine Brooks
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
More Than I Love My Life by David Grossman
Go As A River by Shelley Read
The Postcard by Anne Berest

June 15

Planning Meeting



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We hope to hear from you!

Sara Halman led Lunch and Learn poetry sessions, Cantor Tilem and Rabbi Sirbu at High Holiday services, gift presentation to Suzanne Keusch.



Family service with honey and apples distributed, Kol Emet sang, ETC prepared high holiday food drive bags, Etz Chayim with Tom Mustachio, ETC Sukkah building, Yom Kippur Break the Fast meal.



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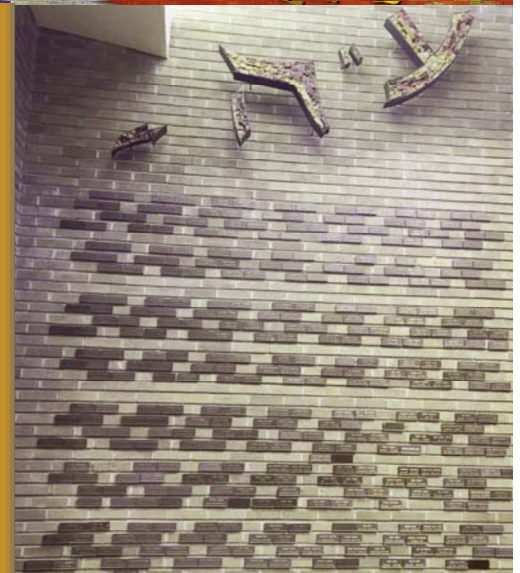
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Summary of Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on June 8, 2023

President Michael Robinson announced that a congregant and his spouse, who wish to remain anonymous, have volunteered to pay the cost of restriping the Temple parking lot. He then introduced the newly elected members of the Board in attendance at the meeting. The new Trustees' terms commence July 1.

Marc Chelemer, chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee's Building Subcommittee, presented his group's preliminary report. He described in detail the Subcommittee's review of the conditions of the Temple's building and grounds and considerations of potential strategies. The Subcommittee also includes Sue Keusch and Wendy

Dessanti and has been advised by David Brown.

Rabbi Sirbu will shortly be soliciting "summer substitutes" to assume the clergy's functions during their anticipated summer absences for affected Shabbat services. The Cantor reported participation in her weekly Bereavement Discussion Group is growing.

Rabbi Sirbu stated that the Temple Emeth and Temple Sinai have, as of the day of the meeting, finalized a framework for combining their religious schools, subject to approval by their respective Boards and appropriate interest holders such as religious school parents. The new school plan would be effective for the 2023-24 school year.



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