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**PLEASE JOIN US
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11
AT 6:30 PM**

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

Past Presidents: Marc Chelemer and Amy Abrams
Devotion Awards: Barbara Balkin and Carlene Fleishman
Temple Emeth's 75th Anniversary

RSVP by May 23
\$125/person
Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction

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Message From the Rabbi

One of the profound liturgical readings that appears in both “Gates of Prayer” and “Mishkan T’filah” emphasizes the unifying nature of Jewish theology, ethics, and peoplehood. It reads, in part, “We are Israel: our Torah forbids the worship of race or nation, possessions or power.”

Having witnessed two Olympic Games in the last year (2021 in Tokyo and 2022 in Beijing) we understand that while each country has its colors and anthems and logos, the primary identification of a nation is its flag.

The Hebrew word for “flag” is *degel*, and it appears frequently in Numbers Chapters 2 and 10. The context in both chapters is a military assembly. English translations of these sections usually render *degel* as “standard,” which is essentially the same thing as a flag but with a military connotation. In this case it is apt. In Numbers 2, the community has just concluded a census that determines the number of men available for military service, and in Chapter 10 these men begin to march out troop by troop.

In the Torah, then, the flag was a symbol of military allegiance and ancestral identity. There is no evidence that it stood for a given set of values or principles. And there seems to be no flag for all of ancient Israel in the Torah, only for tribes or groupings of tribes. What stands out to me is that the encampment of these tribes is assigned so that they all face the Tabernacle, the center of worship and the place where the Ark was stored.

While flags were necessary to sort and rally the troops in defense of the community, the true focus was the Sanctuary, where God’s presence dwelled and where the tablets of the Ten Commandments resided. This, to me, is the enduring message of these chapters: flags have a role in rallying various groups of people, but the unity of the Jewish people is found by orienting

ourselves toward the Ark and its contents.

Today, of course, there is not one Ark for the Jewish people, but rather one for each congregation. And inside the Ark is not the Ten Commandments, but the Torah scroll. The enduring message, however, remains the same: The Torah is the flag of the Jewish people.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

It is for this reason that we do not permanently display flags on our bimah at Temple Emeth, and only very rarely on a temporary basis. Our purpose is to create and sustain a caring and supportive Jewish community. My goal in inviting people into the Sanctuary is to promote unity. Depending on the flag, the composition of the congregation and the state of world

affairs, a flag on the bimah could easily sow division. Different flags promote different messages to different people. We do not worship race or nation. This would distract from the unity we seek in congregating to worship God.

Flags are not necessary for pursuing our values. We can and should promote LGBTQ rights, even if we don’t display a Pride flag. We can and should support Ukraine against the unjust aggression of Russia, even if we do not display the Ukrainian flag. We can and should appreciate our rights under the Constitution and work for the rights of others without displaying the Stars and Stripes.

Flags, of course, have an important role in promoting the unity of our country. I would expect to see the American flag atop the White House, at a national memorial such as Arlington Cemetery or Gettysburg, and—harkening back to Numbers 2 and 10—in a military parade. There is a time and place for everything.

When we gather as a Jewish congregation, the Torah is our flag.

From the Religious School

“Find yourself a teacher, make yourself a friend”

Pirkei Avot - Ethics of the Fathers

If you visit our Religious School any Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon, you will come upon a wonderful sight: engaged and involved students and teachers participating in learning Torah, Hebrew, Jewish history, Israel, blessings, and songs.

Take a tour of our awesome school...

Mora Marla guides her K-1 class in chanting the *Brachot* - blessings for challah, grape juice, and candle lighting. The students recite the “Sh’ma” and sing the “Tzedakah song” as they offer tzedakah that’s used to purchase food for Temple Emeth’s donation box.

Mora Allyson’s 3rd and 4th grade class goes on “The Great Israeli Scavenger Hunt.” They learn about Israel’s geography, its major cities and extraordinary sights, as well as the diversity of its people and cultures. They explore both modern and biblical aspects of our Jewish homeland.

Mora Wendy teaches Torah and brings the Torah cycle to life for our 3rd and 4th graders. In each *Parashah* (Torah portion) the students are encouraged to express their thoughts and comments and relate to Torah in a personal way.

Mora Amanda teaches “L’Chaim Hebrew - Language and Culture” to our 3rd, 4th, and 6th graders. She coordinates the Tfilah V’Shirah services that all our students lead and share. Mora Amanda’s knowledge of Hebrew and Tfilah has inspired our students to develop

a greater fluency, deeper connection, and love of Hebrew language and song.

In Mora Nancy’s 6th grade class “Israel – The Innovation Nation”, the students discover and learn about Israel’s pioneering inventions and discoveries. *Green-eye Technology, Drip Irrigation* and “*The Israel Bandage*” are just a few of the topics covered in this unique class developed by Mora Nancy.

Moreh Josh teaches “Immigration - A History of Jews in the US” to our 6th and 7th grade students on Sunday mornings. In second period our 7th grade students are guided in learning about the Holocaust using primary sources and personal records. At the heart of this curriculum are acts of courage and resistance that kept the Jewish spirit alive.

Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem lead the “7th grade Seminar” taught on Wednesday afternoons. Students spend time with Rabbi Sirbu learning Torah, discussing Jewish current events and getting answers to their many questions about Judaism. Cantor Tilem focuses on the why’s and how’s of Jewish practices and Jewish living. She brings the richness of Jewish traditions alive.

Today to all our teachers, Rabbi, and Cantor for creating a nurturing and spiritual learning environment. KOL HAKAVOD!

B’vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



Dora Friedman



Marla Levine’s K-1st grade students and their class projects for Passover: Karpas and salt water bowl/plate, Afikomen bags and Elijah’s Cup and Miriam’s cups.



Nancy Scher’s 6th grade class studied “Israel: Innovation Nation.” Each week, students learn about a different invention or innovation which has come from Israel. Topics span many aspects of society, from medicine, technology, transportation, and agriculture, to name a few. One of the lessons centered on the idea of “drip irrigation” which is credited as coming from Israel. To help bring the idea “home” students spent the class planting a few different seeds (pole beans, cucumbers, and marigolds) and were each given eye droppers to take home and use to water their plants.



The Confirmation class viewed the virtual Teaneck Holocaust Yom Hashoah commemoration program on April 27.

Message from President Michael Robinson

Good morning, fellow congregants. As I sit here, it's a beautiful day outside; however, it's much too cold for this time of year. Summer is coming, and there are signs of life all over. Before you know it, we'll be wearing shorts and sandals and complaining about the heat. I can't wait.

As of this writing, we are in the middle of Passover, my favorite holiday on the calendar. There are so many exciting things that are happening at Temple. First, we just had the second night seder for the first time in two years. YAY! Special thanks go to Rachel Eastman for making it happen.



Michael Robinson

Another great tradition is back after a couple of years' hiatus. I'm talking, of course, about our annual bazaar, being done as a garage sale. Thanks go to co-chairs Marc Chelemer and Laaren Hort and their dedicated crew for putting it all together. It's always a fun event that brings our entire community together, and we make needed income to boot. A double bonus!

Our Gala is back! Coming soon we will be able to "Celebrate Emeth." Thanks to Maddy Eichen and Jill Kantor and their Gala team for putting on an event that lets us feel that we are truly coming to the other side of the pandemic. I'm personally looking forward to June 11th!

I want to share with you what's happening with our Strategic Planning process. As the Strategic Planning Steering Committee dives into the numbers, it becomes clearer and clearer that Temple Emeth has some important challenges we need to address in the coming year

to ensure our sustainability.

Some of the questions we need to find answers to include: How do we make sure we collect/raise enough money to keep our programs vibrant? How do we respond to high maintenance costs and increasing repairs as our building ages? How do we respond to decreasing numbers of students in our Religious School? How do we respond to changes in demographics and in how people, especially younger people, connect to religion?

Ultimately, the Board of Trustees can only make decisions answering these questions if we have substantial feedback from all the members of the congregation. As I mentioned in this column before, the Strategic

Planning Steering Committee is designing a survey that will be distributed to each of you. Keep your eyes open; it should be distributed by email in the next few weeks. Additionally, we will be reaching out to you to join focus groups that will explore these questions and others in even greater depth.

Please start thinking about Temple Emeth's future. Imagine what you want Temple Emeth to look like five years from now, ten years from now. What are your ideas to make that happen? What will you be willing to do—timewise and financially—to make that happen? The Strategic Planning Steering Committee will be providing you with regular updates, and I will continue to highlight important progress here as well.

I welcome your questions and comments.

B'Shalom,
Mike

Milestone Membership Shabbat

Friday, May 13th at 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 13th at 8:00 p.m. for our Milestone Membership Shabbat. We will honor those who mark a milestone membership in a multiple of 5 years. This year, we will celebrate the occasion in the Sanctuary for the first time in three years. Covid-19 protocols apply.





Celebrate Emeth!

The Ad Journal Has Gone Digital



- It will be available on the Temple Emeth website for one year
- It can be downloaded so you can print out selected pages or the entire journal



Celebrate Emeth Temple Emeth Spring Gala Saturday, June 11, 2022



Past President Honorees **Marc Chelemer** and **Amy Abrams**
Devotion Award Honorees: **Barbara Balkin** and **Carlene Fleishman**

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QUESTIONS:

Please contact Gayle and Michael Goldberg, Ad Journal Chairs at adjournal@emeth.org



**Celebrate Emeth
Temple Emeth Spring Gala
Silent Auction
Saturday, June 11, 2022**



Dear Temple members, friends, and supporters of our honorees,

We hope you will join us on Saturday evening, June 11, 2022 as we celebrate our Past Presidents, Marc Chelemer and Amy Abrams, and Devotion Honorees, Barbara Balkin and Carlene Fleishman.

This event includes a Silent Auction of items donated or solicited by Temple members and friends. Gifts and services that have done well at previous Silent Auctions include:

- Foreign language lessons, academic tutoring, or a computer tune-up
- A week at a timeshare or vacation home
- A meal in your home prepared by a Temple “chef”
- A wine/cheese/gourmet food basket
- Tickets to a Broadway show, sporting event, or concert
- A car service to an airport
- A massage, make-over, or day at a spa
- Spring clean-up or de-cluttering services



You can be creative and think “outside the box”:

- What talents or skills do you have that might benefit other Temple members?
- What experiences (entertaining, athletic, educational) do you have access to that others might enjoy?
- What businesses do you patronize that might make a donation?

Your contribution, with a “value” attached to it, can be dropped off at Temple Emeth. You may also contact us for pick up. Please feel free to call, e-mail, or text us with any questions.

The deadline for donations is Friday, May 13th.

Thank you,
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

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*All donors will be recognized in the auction catalog
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See the gift donation form on page 9.

Temple Emeth Spring Gala / Silent Auction – June 11, 2022

**YES, I will be happy to contribute goods and/or services valued at _____ to the Silent Auction.
I may be reached to discuss drop-off or pick-up of goods at**

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Please join us as the
Confirmation Class of
5782**

Allegra Alvaro

Rebecca Gomez

Vanessa Kramer

Jeremy Kravitz

Brooke Snyder

**leads our Congregation in
Shavuot Evening Service
Saturday, June 4
7:45 p.m.**



Adult Education, the Yiddish Class, and B'yachad
are joining forces to present a Special Event dedicated to the memory of
longtime Temple Emeth member, Joe Pollack.

Please join us on **Sunday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m.**, in the Social Hall.
The event will also be shown on Zoom.

This program includes:

- Screening of the Yiddish Book Center's documentary film **BEYLE: The Artist and Her Legacy**. **BEYLE** is a forty-minute documentary film about beloved Yiddish poet, artist, and activist **Beyle Schaechter-Gottesman, z"l**
- Discussion of the film, led by our Yiddish Class teacher, **Dovid (David) Braun**
- Klezmer music led by our very own **Richard Buchbinder**
- And of course, breakfast will be served
- mit vareme grusn - with warm regards. kumt un hot hanoel! – Come and Enjoy!

Breakfast will graciously be provided by the Adult Ed committee, your **RSVP** is required.
All attendees must show **Proof of Vaccination** and follow Temple Emeth's Covid policies in place at the time of the event.

Any questions, please contact Michael and Gayle Goldberg at Byachad@emeth.org





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Jodee Fink – jodeefink@yahoo.com

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Services and S'machot

5 Iyar 5782
Friday, May 6

Shabbat Kedoshim
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Teacher Appreciation Shabbat
3rd and 4th Grade Religious School
Students Participate

Saturday, May 7

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

Torah Portion – Kedoshim
Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Haftarah – Amos 9:7-15

12 Iyar 5782
Friday, May 13

Shabbat Emor
Shabbat Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.
Milestone Member Appreciation Night

Saturday, May 14

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

Torah Portion – Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24: 23

Haftarah – Ezekiel 44:15-31

19 Iyar 5782
Friday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 21

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

Torah Portion – Behar
Leviticus 25:1-26:2

Haftarah – Jeremiah 32:5-27

26 Iyar 5782
Friday, May 27

Shabbat Bechukotai
Shabbat Duets Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 28

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

Torah Portion – Bechukotai
Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Haftarah – Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 30th of Nisan 5782 9:00am - 12:00pm Auction Donation Drop-off 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School @ Upper Conference Room 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Yom Hashoah Service @ Sanctuary	2 1st of Iyyar 5782 10:30am - 12:30pm Yiddish Class @ ZOOM	3 2nd of Iyyar 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Stories from a Jewish Perspective @ ZOOM 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed: "Israel's National Security and Civil Liberties," with Rabbi Sirbu @ ZOOM	4 3rd of Iyyar 5782 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ ZOOM 4:00pm - 6:00pm Celebrate Israel Religious School @ Youth Lounge 6:00pm - 6:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal @ Youth Lounge 7:45pm - 9:00pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	5 4th of Iyyar, Yom Ha'Atzmaut 7:30pm - 9:00pm Officers Meeting	6 5th of Iyyar 5782 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat RS students participate @ Sanctuary	7 6th of Iyyar 5782 9:00am - 10:00am Torah Study @ ZOOM 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Sanctuary
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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

Condolences to...

Carlene Fleishman on the loss of her brother,
Frederick Marx.

Daniel and Laura Kirsch on the loss of Daniel's
brother, George Kirsch.

Mazel Tov to...

Mollie Dillon and Kaedyi Chen on the birth of their
son, Elliott Chen, and to grandparents **Paula
and Michael Dillon**, and great-grandmother,
Geri Kaufman.

Michael and Mona Rubin on the marriage of their
daughter, Sara Rubin, to Brian Thayer.

Get well wishes to...

Larry Silver

Richard Buchbinder

Welcome new members...

Claire and Al Eig

Karen Kramer

Rachel Kugelmass and David Levin

Michal Towber and Yaron Prywes

Rebecca and Matthew Roseff

Marsha and Morris Sobel

Social Action in Action

Regarding Ukraine and what we can do, here are organizations that are working to help.

First, from Rabbi Sirbu, as mentioned in *This Week at Temple Emeth*. The Jewish community of Ukraine is at great risk. If you would like to donate to help them, emergency relief funds have been established by the [Jewish Federation of Northern NJ](#) and by the [World Union for Progressive Judaism](#). The Jewish voice for refugees is HIAS. You can donate to HIAS on their website: <https://act.hias.org/page/6048/donate/1>

Temple Emeth is a Welcome Congregation for HIAS; which means that we do education and advocacy in partnership with them. HIAS is now dedicated to providing welcome, safety, and freedom to all faiths and ethnicities all over the world." Their website also says they are the only global Jewish organization whose mission is to assist refugees wherever they are.

Ukraine Resources

Located in our own backyard; you can donate items, money, time. You may have an idea for our group to fulfill.

Baranova27, Ukrainian Humanitarian Aid.

<https://baranova27.org/>

<https://baranova27.org/media/>

also on FB and Instagram

2060 Hudson Street,

Ft Lee NJ 07024

Founded by Aleksandr "Sasha" Chmerkovskly, father of "Dancing with the Stars" Maksim and Valentin.

Needed items attached plus "Gift" registry via Amazon, (mainly medical

items <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1LS3L0IYVJTWV/guest-view>

Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey

60 North Jefferson Road

Whippany NJ 07981

973-585-7175

<https://uaccnj.org/> <https://m.facebook.com/UACCNJ/>

Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition

<https://www.njssanctuary.org/>

Temple Emeth is a founding member of this organization, which works with asylum seekers and most recently has been working with Afghani and Ukrainian refugees.

If you want to dig deeper, the following is a compendium of organizations, Jewish and not, working on the ground in Europe. You've heard of many of them and others will be new to you: [Project Keshet](#), [Come Back Alive](#), [NATAN](#), [Ukrainian American Coordinating Council](#), [Razom](#), [UJA](#), [UNICEF](#), [Joint Distribution Committee](#), [ORT America](#), [IsraAID](#), [Come Back Alive](#), [AFYA](#), [World Central Kitchen](#)

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Preserving Memories

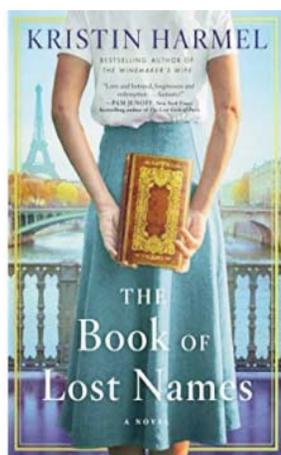
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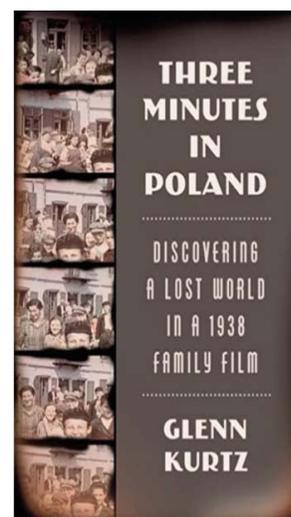
In wartime we see struggles to survive, families destroyed, and lives lost. Some choose to bear witness to the innocents caught up in war. We have recently added two books, one fiction one non-fiction, to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library. In these books you find people striving to preserve memories that otherwise would be lost.

First we have The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel, the internationally bestselling author of a dozen novels. Harmel's main character is Eva Traube Abrams. As a young woman in 1942, Eva sees her father, a Polish Jew, arrested and taken away, but she and her mother manage to escape Paris and find refuge in a mountain village. Eva discovers that she has a talent for forging identity documents. She works in the Resistance providing such documents for young children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But Eva worries that after the war, these children may not remember their true identities. Together with another forger named Remy, Eva keeps an encoded record of the children's real names in a "Book of Lost Names" that gives this novel its title. Harmel's novel jumps between 1942 and 2005, when the Book of Lost Names—long thought stolen by Nazis—turns up again. Inspired by real-life forgers, The Book of Lost Names is suspenseful—you may devour it as I did. It unfolded like a movie in



my mind.

Our second book is actually about a movie, a home movie taken by the grandparents of author Glenn Kurtz. His book is called Three Minutes in Poland: Discovering a Lost World in a 1938 Family Film. Kurtz's grandparents took a European vacation just as that continent was on the verge of war. Among the places they visited was the small Polish village where Kurtz's grandmother had been born. Included—in color!—in their home movie are three minutes shot in that shtetl, Nasielsk. Kurtz has the film, which he finds in an attic, professionally restored. It turns out that these are the only known moving images of the community, a town destroyed by Nazis just a year later. Over the course of four years, Kurtz travels all over the world to learn more about the people captured on film. Kurtz delves into archives and basements; he visits cemeteries. He finds seven survivors. From their stories, Kurtz creates a history of the little town and honors its memory.



We can all be grateful both to wartime heroes like the fictional Eva and to those like Glenn Kurtz whose efforts keep memories alive. These books await you 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 or Marion Wolf at marionewolf@yahoo.com.

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Michael and Gayle Goldberg in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman
Elaine Pollack in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman

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Mindy Greenberg thanks Rabbi Sirbu for all he does
Joy Herman thanks everyone who sent her Shalach Manot for Purim
Michael and Mona Rubin thank everyone who sent them Shalach Manot
David Wank
Marion Wolf with thanks to Rabbi Sirbu

REPLACE THE ROOF

Judy Distler wishes Larry Silver a speedy recovery in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman
Michael and Mona Rubin in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Sara, to Brian Thayer

JANICE PRESCHER SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Michael and Gayle Goldberg wish Paula and Michael Dillon Mazel Tov on the birth of their grandson, Elliot Chen
Linda Poskanzer in memory of her dear friend, Janice Preschel, on her second yearzeit
Larry and Eva Tobias in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman

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Susan and Marty Breznick in memory of George Kirsch, beloved brother of Daniel Kirsch
Judy Distler wishes Richard Buchbinder a speedy and full recovery
Doug and Nickie Falk in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman
Michael and Gayle Goldberg in memory of George Kirsch, beloved brother of Daniel Kirsch
Micki and Mike Grunstein in memory of George Kirsch, beloved brother of Daniel Kirsch

Vera Horowytz in recognition of the honorees at this year's Celebrate Emeth Spring Gala

Sandi Klein in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman

Fran LaBarbera in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman in recognition of Carlene's honor at this year's Celebrate Emeth Spring Gala

Robbie Liblit thanks the Temple Emeth families and committees for the Shalach Manot gift she received

Janice Lipsitz in memory of her beloved brother, Edward Shapiro

Elaine Pollack in memory of George Kirsch, beloved brother of Daniel Kirsch

Carla and Larry Silver in memory of George Kirsch, beloved brother of Daniel Kirsch in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman

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Phylis Burman and Karen Rappaport in memory of Frederick Marx, beloved brother of Carlene Fleishman

Michael and Paula Dillon in memory of Alan Krumholz in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Dillon, to Gage Bates

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Elyse Balzer

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Joy Herman in memory of her beloved father, Cantor Benjamin Goldfarb; and uncle, Rabbi Israel Goldfarb

Elaine Pollack in memory of her beloved husband, Joe Pollack; and Joe's parents, Lillian and Max Pollack

Harvey and Barbara Rosenfeld in memory of Barbara's beloved parents, Irmgard and Walter Hann; and in memory of Harvey's beloved parents, Minnie and Sidney Rosenfeld

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Rosh Chodesh service participants on April 2, 2022.

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What is your family story?
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Book Group Calendar 2022



May 19th: The Mayor of Casterbridge
by Thomas Hardy

June 16th : Planning Meeting

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Our building is now open.

Everyone entering the Temple for adult services must be fully vaccinated.

Proof of vaccination is required.

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
- Show your vaccination card to the greeter at services.

Unvaccinated adults and children are invited to attend Family Services where masks and social distancing will be required.



Memorial Plaques

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

Baskets of Joy



How do you fill hundreds of baskets and gifts bags with Purim goodies?

First, you buy baskets, gift bags, and stuffing material. Then you buy hundreds of boxes of tea and varieties of cookies and pray for generous donations of extracts, skin care items, and more cookies.

The final ingredient in this process is...VOLUNTEERS! It takes dozens of volunteers to shop for ingredients and pack and deliver Shalach Manot baskets and bags.

We are grateful for your support and for the drivers who delivered Shalach Manot to our friends in the Temple Community. They were greeted with appreciative smiles and comments about this wonderful part of Temple Emeth. Thank you to Nicole Motz, Marilyn Shapiro, Dan Dessanti, Rick and Barbara Chittum, Pixie and Ed Pierce, Michael and Gayle Goldberg, Susan Adler, Larry Silver, Nickie and Doug Falk, Mindy Greenberg, Jocelyn and Abigail Inglis, Nancy and Ken Scher, Judy Eichinger, Linda Poskanzer and Paul Rosenberg, Barry and Jill Kantor, Jodee, Larry and Regina Fink, Judy and David Fox, Renee Conlon, Indra Suede, Andy Benesch, Robert Kravitz, David Steiner, David Wolinsky, Jaime Rubin and Howard Lieberman, Julie Weisman, Eric and Rhona Herman, Pauline and Tammy Hecht, Cindy Simon, Linda Klempler, Joan Knauer, Gail Turner, Karyle Goldstein, Marion Wolf, Gary Richards, Pam Etzin, Steven Grossman and Oliver Vestal, and Lynn and Steve Chaiken for your help with delivering, as well as for your generous donations of products for our Shalach Manot baskets.

We also had amazing help from our teens. We are so impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of Talia Sirbu, Ryan Zaken, Maya Zaken, Liat Suede, Rebecca Gomez, and Joshua Gomez, who made the distribution of baskets and gift bags go so smoothly. We hope we can count on your help next year!

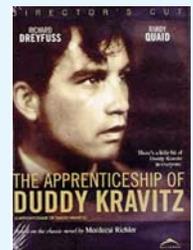
A special thank you goes to Rabbi Sirbu for his help in recruiting teens and adults to help with this community effort.

Our deep gratitude to Suzannah Mercado, Alison Reiser, and Maryanne Tursi for keeping all of the logistics moving forward and helping us implement the Shalach Manot module of ShulCloud. Thanks too to Amanda Barrero and Marisol Plaza for their tremendous help in setting up for our Shalach Manot assembly line and delivery staging in the Museum!

A special salute to Jodee Fink and Nicole Motz, who helped with shopping for Shalach Manot supplies, and to David & Judy Fox, our treasured Shalach Manot advisors. Thank you for everything you did to help with this year's campaign!

Shel & Jeff Grossman
Shalach Manot Co-Chairs

Movies That Mattered June 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" at the Temple



Duddy Kravitz (Richard Dreyfuss) lives in the shadow of his brother, whom his father, Max (Jack Warden), and his Uncle Benjy (Joseph Wiseman) are helping to put through medical school. Seeking to rise above his family's poverty, Duddy aspires to purchase and develop lakefront land near the hotel resort he is working at in Quebec's Laurentian Mountains. But Duddy's quest to make something of himself reveals a harsh determination to do whatever he has to in order to make his dream a reality.

Refreshments will be served.
Temple Covid protocols will be followed.



Congregational Seder April 16





B'yachad and Social Action presentation, both live and via Zoom, on April 3rd was about the Ironbound section of Newark pollution dilemma, with a film, "The Sacrifice Zone," and speaker Samantha "Sam" DiFalco from Food and Water Watch.



Temple Emeth gardeners worked on preparing, weeding, and planting carrots.



Pre-Passover gathering on April 14th with songs, raffle prizes, and storytelling.



Confirmands from the past two classes, as well as the current year's class enjoyed pizza, followed by a night out in New York City. They attended a performance entitled "Just For Us" by Alex Edelman, who posed with them afterwards, and then they were treated to artisanal ice cream.



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