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Congratulations to the Officers installed on June 21, 2019

*Front row: Cantor Tilem, Jill Kantor, Michael Robinson, Nickie Falk,
Michael Goldberg, Emily Hadjis, Rabbi Sirbu*

Back row: Alan Winters, Robert Kahn, Gary Richards



HAPPY NEW YEAR

High Holidays Worship Calendar

Selichot—Saturday, September 21

7:30 Dessert and Speaker

9:30 Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah Eve—Sunday, September 29

8:00 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah First Day—Monday, September 30

10:00 Morning Service

(Junior Congregation at the same time)

11:15 Teen Activity

3:00 Family service

4:00 Tashlich

Rosh Hashanah Second Day—Tuesday, October 1

**10:00 Morning Service with Shofar Healing
Service**

Yom Kippur Eve—Tuesday, October 8

8:00 Kol Nidrei

Yom Kippur Day—Wednesday, October 9

10:00 Morning Service

(Junior Congregation at the same time)

11:15 Teen Activity

1:00 Discussion

2:30 Family and Tot Service

3:45 Afternoon Service

5:30 (approx.) Yizkor

6:00 (approx.) Neilah Concluding Service

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Message From the Rabbi

During the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King, Jr. preached non-violence in order to pursue justice for African Americans. In the final years of his life, staying true to the message of non-violence, Dr. King devoted significant time to opposing the Vietnam War. In April 1967 Dr. King gave a sermon at the Riverside Church preaching against the war. At that time he said, “Here is the true meaning and value of compassion and nonviolence, when it helps us to see the enemy’s point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For from his view we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition.”

I was reminded of this quote when President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu conspired to deny entry to Israel by Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar. All four have ideologies that I reject. Trump and Netanyahu are nationalists who are undermining the democratic institutions of their respective countries. Tlaib and Omar are left-wing ideologues whose support of the Boycott, Sanctions, Divestment (BDS) movement unfairly demonizes Israel and releases Palestinians from any accountability in the conflict. In addition, Omar has used anti-Semitic references in some of her statements.

Having no real affection for any of the figures in this standoff, I was nonetheless troubled by three things. The first was that the norms of our government—those unwritten rules that protect us from extremism and tyranny—were again eroded. It was unprecedented for a President to ask (some would say “to bully”) a foreign leader to refuse entry to two sitting members of Congress. Moreover, it was clear that the move was a manufactured international incident, a blatant attempt to punish two members of the President’s opposition party. When a leader uses his power in this way, though not illegal, it generally leads to greater authoritarianism.

Secondly, I am concerned that historians may one day look back at this incident and see the end of the historic bi-partisan American support that made Israel—its security and its success—possible. The Israeli Prime Minister has essentially chosen one American political party over the other, and American politicians are now discussing Israel as if it is another political wedge issue. If Israel has only one party it can depend on, then its future is at risk with every election. It was with this dynamic in mind that even AIPAC, which usually defends the Israeli government’s policies, expressed disappointment at the turn of events.

The final aspect that bothered me was that, though none of the players in this drama carries Dr. King’s mantle, it was another missed opportunity in the Middle East. It’s true that Reps. Tlaib and Omar could have used their trip to condemn, embarrass, and undermine Israel. Even so, it would have enabled Israel and her supporters to know their assessment of us. More importantly, the Congresswomen might have seen something or met someone who would have changed their minds. Instead, by shutting them out Israel implicitly says that it does

not seek dialogue when dialogue is painful, that it cannot learn anything from its opponents, that it has something to hide. None of these speak well of a nation that, according to its Declaration of Independence, “will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel.”

Israel is strengthened by the debates that take place both in the Knesset and around the Shabbat dinner table. Israel has, through patient diplomacy and honest negotiation, forged peace with Egypt and Jordan. It was this tradition I had hoped would prevail when Reps. Omar and Tlaib arrived in Israel. In other words, my hope was that all involved would have been, to paraphrase Dr. King, able to learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers and sisters who are called the opposition. If an opportunity like this is missed, how can peace and understanding be achieved?



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Join us for Selichot, the service that introduces the High Holy Days, on Saturday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Lian Najami, Israel’s first Arab Rhodes Scholar. Dr. Najami will speak on: “Minority Groups in Israel & Arab-Israeli Relations”

Growing up as part of four different minority groups in Israel - a woman, an Arab, a Muslim, and a person with a disability - proved to be a catalyst, triggering a drive to pursue social justice and create a more inclusive society, fueling an ambition to promote minority rights, and motivating Lian to develop impactful initiatives for minority populations, both at home and abroad. By introducing the audience to the multiple minority groups that co-exist in Israel, she hopes to raise awareness to the importance of inclusivity policies and explore the shifting currents that underpin Arab-Israeli relations. Lian does not present a perfect image of Israel, but rather explores the nuances, addressing both the opportunities and the challenges facing minority communities in Israel. By celebrating the diversity while simultaneously addressing the issues that exist, her exploration of a modern Israel is what makes her an engaging speaker.



From the Religious School

"Each person makes a spiritual journey in his or her lifetime"

Welcome to our school year 5779 - 5780. A new school year at Temple Emeth is always an exciting and challenging journey.

As we begin another year, we invite all parents to join us on our first day of school. We ask that at least one parent plan to stay for the entire time 9:00 – 11:30 to hear grade specific information and take part in our annual "Environmental Day" park clean up.

Our school wide focus this year will be on "Live a Mitzvah - Be a Mensch." Our teachers will teach and model the concept that Mitzvot and Midot (values) are opportunities for all of us to get closer to God and to each other. Our students will learn the values of Midot such as welcoming guests, feeding the hungry, taking care of the sick, and pursuing peace. We will also emphasize the connection between Jewish holiday celebrations, Torah, and Tikkun Olam – Fixing the World.

Our overall goal this year is for all of our students to discover and strengthen their personal ties to Torah, and acts of loving-kindness as pathways for living a good and just life.



Dora Geld Friedman

"Bruchim Habaim" (Welcome Back)

All Grades Schedule for Parents and Students

September 8, 2019 – 8th Day of Elul 5779

9:00 - 9:30

Students and parents assemble in the Sanctuary for Welcome Back Service with Mora Dora. Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, and faculty. Class assignments will be given at the conclusion of the service.

9:30

Students go to class. All parents go to the lounge for a "Meet & Greet" with Mora Dora and Religious School co-chairs Danielle Feuer & Tammy Hecht.

10:15

All students & parents join together in the lobby for park cleanup.

On behalf of our faculty and staff and from my family to yours, may the coming year be a time of inspiration and renewal, of discovery and learning, of good health and joy!

B'y'racha,
Dora Geld Friedman



At the Nachamu music service on August 16th, Cantor Tilem, Wendy Kosakoff, and David Kohane were joined by Dan and Josh Kohane. Dan Kohane made a speech entitled, "There are Jews in Jakarta?" describing what he experienced with Jewish life in Bali and at the APJ summit.

Temple Emeth invites you to **THE RABBI JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE** **Friday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.**

Guest Lecturer is **Rabbi Mary Zamore** who will speak about
"Creating a Just World: Tzedaka and Judaism's Giving Mindset"

Rabbi Mary L. Zamore is the Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network. As part of her work supporting and advocating for Reform women rabbis, Rabbi Zamore is co-leading the Reform Pay Equity Initiative to narrow the wage gap for all female employees of the Reform Movement, creating a replicable model to address all employment interactions.

Judaism has much to teach concerning our spiritual understanding of money, including the financial imperative to help others. Tzedaka starts with a giving mindset, in which even the poor are instructed to give to others and wealth is defined by "being content with our lot," and yet we also appreciate financial security and prosperity. Living in a modern culture that promotes acquisition over giving, how do we return to our Jewish values to create a just world through giving.



A kosher Shabbat dinner will precede the service at 6:00 p.m. Reservations for the dinner must be sent to the Temple office by October 15.

For additional information, please contact:
Elaine Pollack
elaine335@verizon.net

RSVP for Shabbat dinner on October 25th

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending at \$30 per person _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

____ I/we will help set-up on Friday morning, Oct. 25th.

Message from President Nickie Falk

I was honored and humbled to be installed as Temple Emeth's president this past June. For those of you who don't know me, I grew up in a Reform household. My parents joined the newly formed Temple B'nai Israel in Elmont three months after it was established. It was, I believe, the first Reform congregation on Long Island. Elmont was the home of a large Jewish community where first-generation Americans like my parents, bought their first homes and opened temples freely, without concern for the discrimination that they faced in neighboring communities. At the time, it was well known that Jews were not welcome in certain communities on Long Island.

But Elmont was different, and my parents quickly became active and involved members—from serving on the Board of Trustees, as editor of the Temple Bulletin, and a member of the Board of Education (my father) and as a teacher, dance director at all the plays, and chair and advocate of the first Interfaith Committee (my mother). By osmosis, my brother and I became involved as well.

I was one of those kids who loved Hebrew and Sunday school, not because I was a great student, but because I could spend time with my friends in a nurturing environment. I went to Jewish sleepaway camps. I became a Bat Mitzvah and Confirmand. I went on LIFTY Retreats, was an officer in a local Jewish youth group, and marched and danced every year in the Israeli day parade. I traveled to Israel on a NYFTY trip. I was a counselor at a Jewish sleepaway camp. I took off time during college to volunteer on a kibbutz right after the Yom Kippur War. I participated in Hillel. I danced every week at the 92nd Street Y.

My love of Judaism spilled over to my professional life. I have worked in the Jewish community, both at the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey as a consultant to their Synagogue Leadership Initiative program, and as the coordinator of Sweet Tastes of Torah for the North Jersey Board of Rabbis, a yearly community evening of education, co-chaired by Rabbi Sirbu for the last several years, and also again in 2020.

My love of Judaism also motivated me to become involved in Temple Emeth. I have served as chair or co-chair of several committees, member of others, a Board member, third vice president, and this past year, first vice president.



Nickie Falk

What's ahead?

Under the direction of Amy Abrams, this past year we held two Town Hall meetings that focused on member perceptions and needs. Members were asked what are our biggest challenges, our greatest strengths, and changes that they would like to see happen in the next five years—assuming money were no object, which of course, it always is!

The Board did not want members' feedback to go unanswered. To that end, we have formed three Task Forces to tackle the top priorities that emerged from the Town Hall meetings. The first Task Force will look at the Religious School. We have a great program and wonderful teachers. But what can we do better? How do we ensure that we are filled to capacity so others in the community-at-large can take advantage of what we have to offer?

The second Task Force will look at Membership issues. How do we recruit members? How do we engage members and integrate them into the life of our congregation? How do we retain members as their needs change? What are we doing well? What should we be doing better?

The third Task Force will look at Fundraising. In the nonprofit association world that I come from, we refer to it as "non-dues income." In Temple Emeth language: How can we support ourselves beyond our Voluntary Commitment Program, particularly as it relates to building a capital fund? Anyone who walks into Temple Emeth during a severe rainstorm cannot miss the buckets outside the office, the sanctuary, and in the classroom wing. Unfortunately, our 20 plus-year-old roof has been patched as much as it can. This is but one of several repairs that need to be made in our beautiful, but aging, building.

These Task Forces are charged to think outside the proverbial box. If you are interested making an impact on Temple Emeth's future, please let me know which Task Force you'd like to join! We welcome your input.

This promises to be an exciting year, and I am looking forward to working with you. Feel free to contact me (nickiefalk.templeemeth@gmail.com) with your concerns and your ideas.

My family and I wish you and your family a sweet, healthy, and wonderful 5780.

Temple
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B'yachad

**SOCIAL
ACTION
COMMITTEE**

Join us for Breakfast and Discussion on Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m. when Professor Marc Dollinger, an expert on the role of Jews in the Civil Rights Movement, will discuss "Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing The Alliance in the 1960s"



Professor Dollinger's most recent book, "Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing The Alliance in the 1960s" takes a new and different look at Jewish involvement in the civil rights movement, showing how American Jews leveraged the Black Power movement to increase Jewish ethnic and religious identity in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Join us as we explore never before seen historical documents that reveal a story that's been hidden from view for over half a century. With so much contemporary interest in Black Lives Matter and larger questions of race and justice, we'll explore a fascinating and surprising Jewish past.

This RSVP form must be filled out and returned with the \$6 fee per person by September 8, 2019 for the breakfast. If you RSVP after that date, the charge is \$8 per person. If you do not RSVP, you are welcome to attend the discussion but not the breakfast.

RSVP form for B'yachad Breakfast on Sept. 15th

Name _____

Number attending _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Amount enclosed _____

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



The next MOVIE THAT MATTERED:
A Walk on the Moon at 7:30 p.m.

During the summer of 1969 man is about to walk on the moon, the Vietnam War is breaking out, and there is the great concert in Woodstock. Taking place in a holiday camp for Jewish families not far from Woodstock, this is a touching look at life, human weaknesses, missed dreams, and opportunities. Starring Diane Lane, Viggo Mortensen, Liev Schreiber, Anna Paquin, and Tovah Feldshuh.

Social Action in Action

THE FAMILY PROMISE WALK-IN DINNER
On May 28, 2019 we served dinner to 110 people at the Hackensack Homeless Shelter. Special thanks to Karyle Goldstein and her family who organize, shop, cook, assemble, and in general, make this project work seamlessly.



Thank you to all the volunteers:

Amy Abrams, David Goldstein, Merri Adler-Ross, Andy Benesch, Phylis Burman, Sheldon Burnston, Lynn Chaiken, Holly Clark, Caryn Diuguid, Jodee Fink, Karyle Goldstein, Harry Krigsman and friend Liz, Nancy Mednick, David Moore (works for the Goldsteins), Debbie Rutz, Nancy Scher, Ina Silverstein, Rachael Sugarman, Gail Turner, Brenda Weiss, Karen Wertheimer, Henry Goldstein.

Temple Emeth's participation in the Walk-In Dinner is a wonderful collaboration with Family Promise. From Margo Heller, Director of Volunteers at Family Promise:

"On behalf of everyone at Family Promise, thank you to all who participated in the Walk-In Dinner Program in May. We want to once again let all of our groups know how valuable you are as we all work together to address the issue of hunger in our community; March 1st marked the 28th anniversary of the Walk-In!

This is an interfaith initiative. The first meal was served in 1991. The Walk-In Dinner in Hackensack thrives today, running 365 days per year, thanks to the many diverse groups that support our promise to the community, that anyone hungry will have a good, free, nutritious meal every night, no questions asked. Over 1.2 million meals have been served to date. Last year alone we served almost 40,000 meals! Our heartfelt thanks to all who are a part of this mission and who continue to be there for our homeless and hungry neighbors."

Next Walk-In Dinner: Tuesday November 12th.

Next Social Action Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:15 p.m. in the Temple Emeth Library. All are welcome! Join us.

**Annual
Park cleanup
September 8th
10:15 a.m.**





SUMMER IN THE GARDEN

A wet, cloudy May led to a slow start for the Temple Emeth Intergenerational Community Garden. However, a hot, sunny June has more than made up for that by now. We have donated fresh green produce to the Helping Hands Food pantry every single week since May 28. We gave them greens, such as collard, kale, and spinach from late May through July. Then we contributed peas from mid-June through July. Now we have tomatoes and cucumbers, which we'll probably produce past Labor Day. Beets and lettuce planted in late June for a fall crop are now well up, and if we can keep the critters out, we may be able to have the vegetables available at our Sukkot service. Stay tuned to the general Temple announcements for word of the Harvest celebration in early September. Also, look for our table in the front hall before and after Sukkot services, when our veggies and herbs will be available to

Temple members.

Thanks to volunteer gardeners: Nancy Miller, Paul Kaufman, Paul Rubock, Jaime Rubin, Howard Lieberman, Elaine Bergman, and Julie Weisman for tending the garden with loving care, often in rain and/or heat. And a great thanks to Ann Levenstein for accepting our bounty every week and getting it over to the Helping Hands Food pantry.

We will continue to garden on Sunday mornings after Labor Day. Please do come visit from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. There is something for everyone!

For more information contact Julie Weisman – julie@flavorganics.com

**Rabbi Uri Regev
will speak at
Shabbat services
on Friday,
September 13
at 8:00 p.m.**

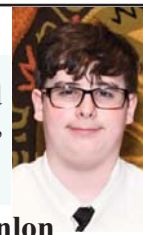


His topic for the evening will be
**This Week's Elections: Their
Crucial Implications for
Israelis, Israel, and World
Jewry**

Religion and State issues have come to the fore in the coming elections. These issues have serious implications for Israelis, the governmental arms of the State, especially the judiciary, and for Diaspora Jewry. Rabbi Regev will focus on what is at stake in these elections and what his past and present experiences suggest will occur depending on the elections' outcomes.

Wilfred Weill Memorial Essay Contest

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on August 17, 1905, Wilfred Weill worked in the textile industry in Manhattan while diligently pursuing his true passion as a writer of short stories, novels and light verse. The Wilfred Weill Memorial Essay Contest was created by his widow, Ethel. It is now supported by his son, Donald, and his grandchildren - Wendi, Steve, Jeff and Kenny - whom he never knew, having passed away at the age of 50 on April 14, 1956. Until his death, Wilfred Weill was a devoted member of Temple Emeth.



“My Jewish Identity: How It Has Changed” by Confirmation Contest winner Michael Conlon

If you were to ask me about what I thought of Judaism before my Bar Mitzvah, I probably would have just made a silly comment and just continued on. Now after my Bar Mitzvah, I would say I am proud to be Jewish and that even though I may not follow everything to the T. I try my best to ensure I follow the principals to the best of my knowledge. I give it my all when I am needed in such programs as ETC on the Road, ETC Mitzvah, and Confirmation class. These programs have actually helped tremendously in forming my Jewish identity. Confirmation Class was the program that helped me learn more about Judaism. ETC on the Road helped me learn more about Judaism by going on field trips to the Museum at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, the National Constitution Center to view the Bill of Rights exhibit, etcetera. ETC Mitzvah helped me gain a better understanding of Judaism by helping others, visiting the elderly and talking to them. This allowed me to grow more as an individual within the Jewish community as having this greater understanding of the religion, gave me a greater appreciation of the religion and molded me into the Jewish individual, I am today. My Jewish identity has changed dramatically from how I treated Judaism in the past. Because in the past I didn't take Judaism seriously. But now 3 years after my bar mitzvah I now have a better appreciation of the religion and take it more serious than I have in the past and always will. This greater appreciation helped me understand the customs, the difference between different parts of the world, as well as the similarities. As well as taught me to be more patient when it came to going to services.

In the past, my younger self would stay for a couple of

minutes and then run off, to play in the halls. Now I would stay for the whole service, and recite a lot of the prayers in the services. My years following my Bar Mitzvah also helped mold my relationship with G_d and helped me realize the role he plays. Like for example, I realized that G_d is a sense of security and that G_d shows up in your most dire moments to guide you in the right direction. As well as a sense of hope as when you feel like nothing is going right for you G_d can give you a sign that there will be better things coming. Which is a great feeling as when you receive this you would want to keep pushing on. So G_d is a source of purpose and hope for the future to come. The Torah is the book in which the stories of our survival and the model every Jewish individual wants to be. As well as teaches you how helpful G_d was to the survival of the Jewish people. Being Jewish has helped me learn to lead an honorable and righteous life, to value education and have a deeper understanding of the importance Israel plays in our heritage. On top of this Israel is the beginnings of where our Torah began and should be the place of where it continues. As it is the only country in the world that is the true homeland for Jewish people, and so it should remain as if this country is taken away from us we will lose that security. Being Jewish has molded me into the person I am today, it helped identify my beliefs in G_d and how he helps others, it showed how helping others can help you better understand the religion of Judaism as it was built on the helping of others, Jewish values, and morals transcended into my thinking and my way of life. As well as will push me to continue the religion later on in life. So when I have my own family, I will teach these morals to the next generation and will ensure it continues like that.

Services and S'machot

7th of Elul 5779
Friday, September 6th

Saturday, September 7th

Torah Portion - Shof'tim: Deut. 16:18-21:9

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

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

Haftarah - Isa. 51:12-52:12

14th of Elul 5779
Friday, September 13th

Saturday, September 14th

Torah Portion - Ki Teitzei: Deut. 21:10-25:19

Shabbat Ki Teitzei
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

*The oneg is sponsored by Jaimie Schoeffer-Reynolds & Mark Reynolds
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Olivia Reynolds*

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

Haftarah - Isa. 54:1-10

21st of Elul 5779
Friday, September 20th

Saturday, September 21st

Torah Portion - Ki Tavo: Deut. 26:1-29:8

Shabbat Ki Tavo
Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

*The oneg is sponsored by Kendall Seidenari
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Rihanna Hernandez*

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Rihanna Hernandez
Selichot Speaker Dr. Lian Najani at 7:30 p.m.
& Service at 9:30 p.m.

Haftarah - Isa. 60:1-22

28th of Elul 5779
Friday, September 27th

Saturday, September 28th

Torah Portion - Nitzavim: Deut. 29:9-30:20

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

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

Haftarah - Isa. 61:10-63:9

1st of Tishri 5779
Sunday, September 29th

Monday, September 30th

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at 8:00 p.m.

First day - Rosh Hashanah Service at 10:00 a.m.
K-7 Junior Congregation at 10:00 a.m.
Teen Activity at 11:15 am.
Family and Tot Service at 3:00 p.m.
Tashlich at 4:00 p.m.

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st of Elul 5779	2 2nd of Elul 5779 Building Closed Labor Day	3 3rd of Elul 5779	4 4th of Elul 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	5 5th of Elul 5779	6 6th of Elul 5779 7:01pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service	7 7th of Elul 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
8 8th of Elul 5779 9:00am - 11:00am First Day of Religious School 9:30am - 10:00am RS Parents Meet and Greet 10:15am - 11:30am Park Clean-Up	9 9th of Elul 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	10 10th of Elul 5779 7:15pm - 8:45pm Social Action Committee Meeting	11 11th of Elul 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	12 12th of Elul 5779 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting	13 13th of Elul 5779 6:50pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service with guest speaker Rabbi Uri Regev	14 14th of Elul 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Reynolds
15 15th of Elul 5779 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:00am - 10:00am Seventh Grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation 10:00am - 11:00am Seventh Grade Family Ed 10:30am - 12:00pm B'yachad and Social Action Breakfast with guest speaker Marc Dollinger on "Black Power, Jewish Politics"	16 16th of Elul 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	17 17th of Elul 5779 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered	18 18th of Elul 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes 7:00pm - 8:30pm Caring Committee Meeting 7:30pm - 8:15pm High Holy Day Torah Rehearsals 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	19 19th of Elul 5779 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "Inheritance"	20 20th of Elul 5779 6:38pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Music Service	21 21st of Elul, Selichot 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bat Mitzvah of Rihanna Hernandez 7:30pm - 9:00pm Selichot Program with Guest Speaker Lian Najami on "Minority Groups in Israel & Arab-Israeli Relations" 9:30pm - 10:30pm Selichot Service
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29 29th of Elul, Erev Rosh HaShanah No Religious School 8:00pm - 9:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	30 1st of Tishri, Rosh HaShanah 10:00am - 12:00pm K-7 Junior Congregation 10:00am - 12:30pm Rosh Hashanah Service 11:15am - 12:15pm Teen Activity 3:00pm - 4:00pm Family and Tot Service 4:00pm - 5:00pm Tashlich					

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...

Linda Dorf on the loss of her mother, Anne Dorf Hills.

Pauline Hecht on the loss of her cousin, Steven Leo.

Paula Dillon on the loss of her stepmother, Barbara Blumberg Krumholz.

Rob Staffin on the loss of his mother, Lois Staffin.

Patricia Dunham on the loss of her father, Robert Kiraly.

Eva Sandrof on the loss of her sister, Barbara Wertheimer.

Eva Tobias on the loss of her sister, Judith Garcia.

Fran Butensky on the loss of her sister, Joyce Himmelman.

Flip Bernard on the loss of her aunt, Trudi Shippenberg.

Adina Hirschmann on the loss of her mother, Betty Hirschmann.

Abby Schlectman on the loss of her brother, Jeffrey Relles.

Sharon and Art Vatsky on the loss of their friend, Svetlana Walters.

Cynthia Massarsky on the loss of her father, Ronald Wilson.

David Rubin on the loss of his mother, Julia Rubin.

Nickie Falk on the loss of her aunt, Miriam Ilowite.

Mazel Tov to...

Debbie and Ken Rutz on the birth of their first grandchild, Lucas Joel Rutz, on May 23, 2019, named in memory of Debbie's dad, Rabbi Louis Joel Sigel z'l. The proud parents are Rob and Jenna Rutz who live in East Falls, PA. The proud uncle and soon-to-be aunt are Jeffrey Rutz and Kyra Pullen who also live in PA. The proud great uncle and aunt are **David and Judy Fox**. And, of course, last but not least is the proud great-grandmother, **Mimi Sigel**.

Johanna and George Sturm on the marriage of their son, Max to Gabrielle Gasbarro.

Laaren and Leonard Hort on the marriage of their daughter Irene Hort to Ryan Koven.

Merri Adler-Ross and Jonathan Ross on the marriage of their daughter Samantha to William Rajwan.

Amanda Eastman on graduating summa cum laude from the University of Hartford with a BS in Elementary and Special Education as well as winning a special award from the Department of Education.

Cantor Ellen and Peter Tilem on the engagement of their daughter Eve Tilem to Jared Fuller, son of Lisa Lebowitz and Michael Fuller of Great Neck.

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

Get Well Wishes to...

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Monthly News Update: Focus on History

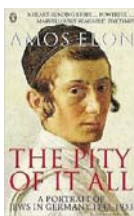
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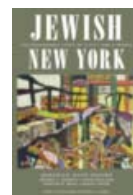
How many reasons are there to study history? The more we know about history, the better we understand the world as it is today and how it came to be this way. If we focus our attentions on Jewish history, we learn more about our own identity. Sometimes history books satisfy our curiosity or simply tell rollicking good stories. Whatever your reason for reading about history, please come to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, where we have several books that might interest you.

Perhaps your family came from Germany, as mine did. Then you'll want to have a look at The Pity of It All: A Portrait of the German-Jewish Epoch 1743-1933 by Amos Elon. This classic was first published in 2003. It opens with the arrival in Berlin of a poor, sickly 14-year-old Moses Mendelssohn. He becomes fluent in German and several other languages; always an observant Jew, he gains fame as a philosopher of the Enlightenment, promoting reason and tolerance. The Enlightenment allows Jews to live middle-class lives and become prominent in art, science, and literature. German Jews feel a love for their country that is not returned. There is a constant current of anti-Semitism, and this often leads to assimilation via intermarriage and conversion. Indeed, within a few generations, the Mendelssohn family has completely abandoned Judaism. Amos Elon also sketches portraits of Heinrich Heine, Karl Marx, Hannah Arendt, and many others. He describes the changing fortunes of Germany's Jews that culminate in the horrors of the Holocaust.



Some of those who escape that fate find refuge in New York City, which already has a well-established Jewish community that dates back to 1654. This

community is the subject of Jewish New York: The Remarkable Story of a City and a People written by Deborah Dash Moore, Jeffrey S. Gurock, Annie Pollard, Howard B. Rock, and Daniel Soyer. This book also includes a visual essay by Diana L. Linden. Jewish New York describes the many waves of immigrants over three centuries, the people who have built the clothing industry, made the city a center of publishing, and shaped popular culture. According to Robert W. Snyder, this book "defly combines crisp writing, sharp analysis, and sophisticated discussions...to explore the evolving relationship between a city and its Jews." It "delves into topics as varied as religion, politics, popular culture, and gender. Essential for understanding both Jewish experiences and the broad contours of New York's history."



If you want to concentrate on just the contributions of Jewish women, then check out America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today by Pamela S. Nadell. Samuel G. Freedman says that "...three centuries' worth of American Jewish women come to vibrant, edifying life" in this book, which is more than a collection biographies. It's "rather a seamlessly arranged narrative of the intersection of gender, religion, identity, immigration, and assimilation." Emma Lazarus, Henrietta Szold, Bella Abzug, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and the many other Jewish women found here have shared a commitment to making the world a better place, and their activism has an impact we feel today.



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Confirmation Class of 5779 conducted Shavuot services on June 8th.



High School graduates were honored June 7th.



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Gayle and Michael Goldberg send Mazel Tov to our Confirmation Class: Jenna, Michael, Emma Alexander, Evelyn
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Dora and Yossi Friedman send a Mazel Tov to proud grandparents, Debbie and Ken Rutz on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Joel Rutz
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Summary of Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2019

Administrator's Report –

- The office staff is working on the year end, leading up to High Holy Days.
- Voluntary commitment letters are being mailed next week.
- In the summer, Temple activity slows down, so work will be done on the lighting in the sanctuary and sound system.
- Shul Cloud for everyone - including calendar, email blasts, online access to financials - all being scheduled for roll-out by early next year. Once in use further needs will become apparent.
- The calendar is being filled in with the Rabbi.
- Hineini is no longer available and information has disappeared. This function is not available on Shul Cloud. Rabbi suggests using Googledocs until and if some other software is available.
- The Bazaar closet will be available for donations June 20th. The Summer/Back to School Sale to be scheduled.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports were given at the Annual Meeting.

President's Report – Amy reported the Alabama trip overage is closer to \$10,000 (not \$12,000). Discussion ensued as to what to do with the excess funds. Options were offered. Discussion to continue at Board summer meeting.

Policy Manual – Nickie, Howard, and Jill presented proposed updates and changes to the Policy Manual. Discussions ensued and changes were approved. It was noted that the Amazon link on the website is being fixed. Robert Kahn and Nickie Falk reminded everyone that each trustee needs to sign up for 3-4 each Bimah and Greeters slots. It was noted that any past president may also sit on the Bimah, and Committee chairs may greet.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kantor
Assistant Secretary

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