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25 YEARS
OF INSPIRATION



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

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Rochelle Rudnick at rrudnick@emeth.org cc: ehanan@emeth.org

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Message From the Rabbi

Many of you attended the Trachtenberg Lecture in October when Rabbi Stanley Davids, co-editor of the CCAR's book, "The Fragile Dialogue," spoke to us about the imperative for American Jews to stay engaged with Israel, even when it is difficult. Israel can challenge us and disappoint us, but it is still the culmination of our hopes of two millennia, and if American Jews and Israelis become isolated from each other, the results would be disastrous.

Rabbi Davids' comments are an underlying premise of "The Fragile Dialogue," which also seeks to widen the parameters of what support of Israel looks like.

On February 2, the annual Sweet Tastes of Torah event will pick up where the Trachtenberg Lecture left off. That evening, which will be at Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff, will feature one of the contributing authors of the book, Rabbi Josh Weinberg, the URJ Vice President for Israel and Reform Zionism. The topic of his keynote address, "Is Love of Israel Conditional?" is presented as part of an evening devoted to "Conversations on Israel Today."

When Rabbi Davids addressed us, he told us that the Reform Movement wasn't exactly sure it wanted to publish "The Fragile Dialogue," that the ideas con-

tained therein may spark too much controversy. The planning committee for Sweet Tastes of Torah had a similar deliberation. Ultimately, we decided that it was our responsibility as rabbis to initiate difficult discussions for the sake of a better understanding of Israel and each other. We also felt that the members of

Temple Emeth and the many other synagogues that co-sponsor this event are prepared to hear ideas they disagree with and will welcome the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue.

Is this courageous? If inviting controversy when one can avoid it is courageous, then yes. But Rabbi Davids would say the greater danger would be in avoiding the controversy, in continuing to falsely believe that the other side is not there or is not passionate or is not legitimate. It is less courageous to do something when your survival depends on it.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

So in keeping with our theme, this year's Sweet Tastes of Torah will, I hope, place you in a conversation that inspires you to listen as much as you speak. It will present a variety of ways of supporting Israel and loving Israel. It will show that our Jewish community is diverse, but united in believing that Israel holds a special place in our lives. I look forward to seeing you there.

SAVE THE DATE



A Shabbat together...
with food for the body,
mind & spirit
Shabbat Yitro
January 26, 2019

New Jersey & Friends
Shabbaton

Temple Ner Tamid * Bloomfield,
New Jersey

Watch for registration announcement



Emeth
Teen
Community
at Jewish
Federation
Mitzvah
Day,
November
18, 2018



Emeth Teen
Community
went to
Hebrew Union
College &
Washington
Square Park in
NYC on
December 9,
2018

From the Religious School

**“Here on Earth, too, God lives, not in Heaven alone.
A beautiful tree, a newly plowed field, in them you will find God’s likeness.”**

(Saul Tchernikovsky)

On Tu B’Shevat, (the 15th of the Hebrew month Shevat), we celebrate the rebirth of nature, the rebirth of Israel, and the beauty of everything God has created. We affirm and recognize our responsibility towards each living thing. We express in song and story our love for the bounty of the world and for the land of Israel – “the good land.”



Dora Geld Friedman

Our students will celebrate the bounties of Tu B’Shevat by participating in a Tu B’Shevat seder, Hebrew songs, and Israeli dancing. In our Religious School, students learn that our Jewish tradition includes “Blessings of Appreciation” that can be said any time we notice the special world around us. “Blessings of Appreciation” – “Brachot Hanehenin” – have been written for smelling delicious fruit, for meeting someone wise, for seeing a rainbow, and more. All of the above reminds us of God’s presence in the world of nature.

On Sunday, January 13th the students and families of grades 3 & 4 will gather together for a family education program and Tu B’Shevat seder led by Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, Religious School teachers, and Adam Kohane. Our Religious School Community appreciates that our tradition gives us many paths to connect to nature, each other, and to God.

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, January 2 – classes resume.

Sunday, January 6 – Welcome Back Service
at 9:00 a.m. for all students & parents.

Sunday, January 20 – Parent/Teacher
Conferences – no classes for students.

B’vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



On December 5th Religious School students celebrated Chanukah in the Hall with candlelighting and songs, then travelled to Holy Name Medical Center to perform Chanukah songs for patients and staff.



Message from President Amy Abrams

Happy New Year! Personally, I can't believe we're already in 2019. In my head, it's around April of 2018. I just don't know where that year went. Busy, busy, busy!

I was very sorry to be too sick to attend the Viewpoints Shabbaton on December 12 featuring the documentary "Trans." From what I've heard, it was a meaningful film with a thoughtful and emotional discussion. I did make it to the Chanukah Dinner, though, where we welcomed many of our new members and lit the lights of Chanukah together on the stage.

I thought I would start out the calendar year with a review of the results from small group sessions at the Town Hall Meeting back in November. This was a process to help us identify where the membership would like to see us focus on in the coming years. The Board did the same analysis at our November Board meeting, then helped lead the small group discussions at the Town Hall Meeting.

For the first segment of the exercise, each of our small groups was asked to think about what they see as the biggest challenges Temple Emeth faces over the next three years.

Board groups identified three primary areas as major challenges. Coming in equally, they are: increasing membership, financial stability, and leadership development. Religious School enrollment through adding younger families ran a close fourth.

In the larger group of the Town Hall meeting, membership again led the pack, and finances ranked second. Religious School took third place in this group. The fourth largest issue was maintenance of and capital improvements to our physical plant.

The next step was a two-parter. Each group created their own ideal list of what they would like to see us accomplish in the next five years, assuming that anything was possible. Then all of the suggestions were posted, and each person identified their top choices from the entire group. Because this was such an open-ended question, the answers ranged widely.

Predictably, increasing membership and increasing the size of the Religious School were the top two vote getters in this category among the Town Hall participants. Increased member engagement and a wider volunteer base were mentioned frequently. Finding more young members who want to be active in leadership was a priority for the Board, while the Town Hall suggestions trended more towards expanded programming and social activities, including more family activities. A larger social media presence was also a popular choice. An accessible bimah or entire sanctuary redesign was mentioned by both groups.

This listing only summarizes the major points raised. There were some intriguing individual suggestions, such as more intergenerational programming, hiring a paid program director, a regular concert program, and updating the kitchen.

Over the next few months, we will be reviewing these suggestions to see where we can follow up. I am happy to say that some are items we are already working on. Membership is of course always a critical factor, and Caryn Diuguid has been doing a fantastic and highly successful job with new member inquiries. We've been researching leadership development programs all this year, and are narrowing in on a few we may be able to offer to a selected group soon. The accessible bimah has been a topic of concern for a couple of years now, and we are still trying to determine how that might be accomplished. We have also been working on drawing more young families through several Holiday Family Fun programs run by Judy Fox, and Laaren Brown has been diligently and creatively increasing our targeted advertising.

The purpose of the entire exercise is of course to start us all thinking about what and how we may want to achieve together in the future. The Town Hall meeting was only the beginning; as you think of other ideas or goals, please let me know about them. I truly appreciate the time and effort you members of the congregation have given to helping me and the Board continually reevaluate the direction in which we should be leading you.

As for January, it looks like a pretty exciting month...January 12 we will be hosting a One Book One Community Shabbaton, in conjunction with the Federation. Torah Study and Services will both consider the Jewish response to Jim Crow laws and the Civil Rights movement. After services, we will enjoy a volunteer-cooked lunch of Southern Jewish food and an address by Mr. Joseph J. Levin, Jr., co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, speaking on "Hate in America; Then and Now." Please RSVP for the lunch and the speech.

Adult Ed classes recommence on January 8 with Irving Yellowitz teaching about "The Jews and FDR." Book Group will be discussing The Plot Against America in the Library on January 17.

The next weekend, Kol Emet will sing a selection of beautiful music in honor of Shabbat Shirah at Friday night services on January 18. Movies that Mattered moves to a Saturday night on January 19 to show "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz." Sunday, January 20 brings Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Religious School and a B'Yachad Breakfast with Chani Getter. Co-sponsored by Viewpoints, Ms. Getter will speak on how to navigate change in our lives while discovering and remaining our authentic selves. January 21 we will be hosting the community observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day; please come and welcome our guests.

As always, I hope to see a lot of you at one event or another – or all of them! After all, it'll be cold outside. Come and bask in the warmth of your friends at Temple Emeth!

Amy Abrams

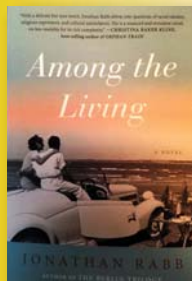


Amy Abrams

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

Shabbaton at Temple Emeth

Saturday, January 12, 2019



**Saturday,
January
12th**

Schedule
of events



9:00 a.m. Torah Study. The Jewish community's response to Jim Crow and civil rights was varied and nuanced. This week at Torah Study we will take a look at two of the interviews of Southern rabbis compiled in "To Stand Aside or Stand Alone," by P. Allen Krause.

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Services. Join us in the sanctuary for a Shabbat Morning Service that elucidates the themes of our book.

Noon. Kiddush Lunch. The entire congregation is invited to join in a light Kiddush lunch in the Social Hall. There is no charge for lunch. In order to ensure that there is enough food and seating,

RSVP to lindaposkanzer@msn.com by Tuesday, January 8th at 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to bring a potluck item from a recipe in "Matzo Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South," please contact Lynne Graizel at lynnegee@optonline.net.

12:45 p.m. "Hate in America: Then and Now." Joseph J. Levin, Jr., co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will speak about his Jewish upbringing in Alabama during segregation, the events that led him to co-found the SPLC in 1971 and the work the center does today combating hate groups and promoting tolerance.

We appreciate your response to lindaposkanzer@msn.com.



LEARN MORE ABOUT ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

www.jfnj.org/onebook

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Food for Friends Program

It might surprise you to learn that there are some members of our congregation who are food insecure. Less surprising is that there are also congregants who can't shop or fix themselves nutritious food on a temporary basis because of illness, mobility problems, or other issues. The Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee offers food to families in mourning, to those with illnesses, and for other short-term emergency needs. If you need a few meals to tide you over, please contact Karen Wertheimer at caring@emeth.org or call the office at 201.833.1322 and leave a message.



Cooking for your family? Make a little extra, and help The Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee's Food for Friends program. Volunteers will be asked to provide a meal which can be homemade or bought. Please contact Karen Wertheimer at caring@emeth.org to make a request (give a few days' notice, please) or to volunteer to help with this new service.



**SHALACH
MANOT
2019**

Watch your mail for
the annual

*Shalach Manot
Mailing!*

Mark your calendar now:

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Packing Shalach Manot - 1:30-4:30 p.m.
at the Temple

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Delivering Shalach Manot at your convenience
all over Bergen County

New Members are especially encouraged to help—it's a fun way to meet new people!
Community service credit available—great Bar/Bat Mitzvah project!

Any questions about these dates or about ordering Shalach Manot, contact Judy at jsfoxrk@aol.com or Eva at quitocutie@aol.com



Social Action in Action

Come! Get Active with Social Action!
A Message For New Members
(and for the entire congregation, too)!

As you celebrate the new year and stay warm and cozy at home, give a thought to the causes and issues that you are most concerned about. We welcome you to bring your thoughts to our next Social Action Committee meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 13, 2019, when we will be planning for spring activities.

You may not be aware that we are adding more social justice activities. We are working with HIAS as a "Welcoming Congregation" and with the Religious Action Center (RAC) as a Brit Olam congregation. Basically that means that we try to make our congregation aware of their activities and how we can get involved. We are also working with the Reformed Jewish Voice of New Jersey (RJVNJ) which is the local arm of RAC.

We also pay attention to local issues. The two most current are opposition to the over-commercialization of Overpeck Park ("they paved paradise and put up a parking lot") and opposition to the proposed Meadowlands Power Plant.

This year Temple Emeth will send a delegation to RAC's Spring Conference, Consultation on Conscience. Held over three days in Washington, DC, (May 19-21, 2019) the conference features current, in-the-news speakers as well as advocacy visits on Capitol Hill. Consultation offers leadership training, network building, and in-depth issue education for Reform Movement social justice leaders. This year, in particular, this program should be really exciting. For more information: <https://rac.org/consultation-conscience-2019>. Join us.

Last but not least, the Social Action Committee is really "social." We have over 70 people on our email list, committee members and congregants who show up to our events, and we get 15-20 people at meetings (WOW!). You will find a friend here.

Next Social Action Committee meeting: Sunday, January 13th at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

OPERA SHABBATON

Date: March 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Opera: **Carmen** composed by Georges Bizet with libretto by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halevy
New York Metropolitan Opera production starring Elina Garanča and Roberto Alagna.

Featuring lecturer David Rosenmayer

Reserve by March 15, 2019: \$20 March 16 - 22, 2019: \$25 At the door: \$30.



**B'Yachad and Viewpoints
will co-sponsor a Breakfast
on January 20, 2019 at
10:30 a.m.
featuring
Chani Getter**



Chani is an ordained One Spirit Interfaith Minister who was raised in an ultra-orthodox Hasidic Jewish home.

**Chani will discuss, "The Process of Change:
Living Your Authentic Life!"**

As the saying goes, "The only constant in life is change." We all go through transitions: Relationships begin and end, children born, leaving the nest, career challenges, losing loved ones, aging, health issues, etc. How can we embrace these changes and allow these experiences to teach and guide us rather than break us?

Join Chani for a vibrant conversation on navigating change while discovering, embracing, and celebrating ourselves.

The RSVP form must be filled out and returned with the \$6 fee per person by January 13th 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

Please return by January 13, 2019
with your payment to the Temple office
for the B'Yachad and Viewpoints Breakfast
featuring Chani Getter.

Name _____

Number attending ____

Phone number _____

Email address: _____

Amount enclosed (@ \$6 per person) _____

Save the Date

**Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence
Weekend April 12 - 14, 2019**

with Rabbi David Saperstein

Director Emeritus, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Senior Advisor to the URJ for Policy and Strategy, Former U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom

Services and S'machot

28th of Tevet 5779
Friday, January 4th

Shabbat Va-eira
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 5th

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

Torah Portion - Va-eira: Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah - Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

2nd of Shevat 5779
Friday, January 11th

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

Saturday, January 12th

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

Torah Portion - Bo: Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah - Jeremiah 46:13-28

9th of Shevat 5779
Friday, January 18th

Shabbat Shirah
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m. -Kol Emet Sings

Saturday, January 19th

One Book, One Community Shabbaton
Torah Study on the Jewish Community's response to Jim Crow and Civil Rights at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Kiddush Lunch at 12:00 p.m.
"Hate in America: Then and Now"
with Joseph J. Levin, Jr., at 12:45 p.m.

Torah Portion - B'shalach: Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah - Judges 4:4-5:31

16th of Shevat 5779
Friday, January 25th

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

Saturday, January 26th

NJ and Friends Shabbaton at Ner Tamid in Bloomfield NJ begins at 10:00 a.m.
Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Yitro: Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah - Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 24th of Tevet 5779 Building Closed New Year's Day	2 25th of Tevet 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm JYG Pizza and Game Night 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	3 26th of Tevet 5779 7:45pm - 8:45pm Officers' Meeting	4 27th of Tevet 5779 4:23pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service	5 28th of Tevet 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
6 29th of Tevet 5779 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes	7 1st of Shevat 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	8 2nd of Shevat 5779 8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed: "The Jews and FDR: A Complex History" with Irwin Yellowitz	9 3rd of Shevat 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	10 4th of Shevat 5779 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting	11 5th of Shevat 5779 4:30pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service	12 6th of Shevat 5779 One Book, One Community Shabbaton, presented in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study: "The Jewish Community's Response to Jim Crow and Civil Rights" 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Firshein Baby Naming 12:00pm - 3:00pm One Book One Community Lunch and Program: "Hate in America: Then and Now"
13 7th of Shevat 5779 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting	14 8th of Shevat 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	15 9th of Shevat 5779 8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed: "The Jews and FDR: A Complex History" with Irwin Yellowitz	16 10th of Shevat 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7 7:00pm - 8:30pm Caring Committee Meeting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	17 11th of Shevat 5779 7:30pm - 8:30pm Book Group: "The Plot Against America"	18 12th of Shevat 5779 4:38pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - Kol Emet Sings	19 13th of Shevat 5779 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered: "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz"
20 14th of Shevat, Erev Tu BiSh'Vat 9:00am - 11:00am RS Parent-Teacher Conferences 10:30am - 12:00pm B'yachad Breakfast with Chani Getter	21 15th of Shevat, Tu BiSh'Vat Building Closed Until 6:00 pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 6:30pm - 8:30pm Bergen County MLK Birthday Observance	22 16th of Shevat 5779 8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed: "The Jews and FDR: A Complex History" with Irwin Yellowitz	23 17th of Shevat 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7	24 18th of Shevat 5779	25 19th of Shevat 5779 4:47pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service	26 20th of Shevat 5779 New Jersey and Friends Shabbaton in Bloomfield, NJ 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
27 21st of Shevat 5779 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes	28 22nd of Shevat 5779 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	29 23rd of Shevat 5779 8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed: "The Jews and FDR: A Complex History" with Irwin Yellowitz (Make-Up Date)	30 24th of Shevat 5779 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes Grades 3-7	31 25th of Shevat 5779 7:30pm - 9:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting		

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...

Ruth and Peter Adler on the loss of their cousin,
Henry Metzger.

Stan Hecht on the loss of his friend, Gary Terach.

Mary Jane Tucker on the loss of her former
husband, Bruce Tucker.

Mazel Tov to...

Muriel and Lyle Breitkopf on the Bar Mitzvah of
their grandson, Jack Freed and to the
parents, Joshua and Susan Freed.

SWEET TASTES OF TORAH

February 2, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Conversations On Zionism Today



There's no doubt that the topic of Israel stirs up controversy within the broader Jewish community. Following **Havdalah**, Rabbi Josh Weinberg, president of the Association of Reform Zionists in America, will deliver a **keynote** on

"Is Love of Israel Conditional?"

Breakouts will focus on the role Israel can play in the lives of contemporary Jews. Lively discussions are guaranteed based on various approaches to the topic: moral, political, religious.

Additional sessions will include traditional text learning, lectures, and interactive programs, on topics ranging from The Book of Esther, the future of Judaism, the liturgy of non-Orthodox prayer-books, and more!

The evening wraps up with **noshing, schmoozing, and Israeli folk dancing.**

Location: Temple Beth Rishon
585 Russell Avenue Wyckoff

\$15 per person, pre-registered by January 29

\$20 per person (cash or check only) at the door

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32 Franklin Place Glen Rock, NJ 07452

sweettastesoftorah@gmail.com 201.652.1687

sweettastesoftorah.weebly.com

Chanukah Family Fun on December 8th was facilitated by Judy Fox and included dreidels, stories, songs with Cantor Tilem, and craft activities.



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



Our journey exploring the Jewish experience in cinema continues with our next
MOVIE THAT MATTERED:

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1974)
Saturday, January 19th at 7 p.m.

The younger son of a working-class Jewish family in Montreal, Duddy Kravitz (Richard Dreyfuss) yearns to make a name for himself in society. This film chronicles his short and dubious rise to power, as well as his changing relationships with family and friends. Along the way the film explores the themes of anti-semitism and the responsibilities which come with adulthood.

**Please bring a dessert to share
at our potluck dessert buffet.**
Coffee and tea will be served.

2019 Movie schedule:

White Palace (1990) - Tuesday, February 5

Liberty Heights (1990) - Tuesday, March 12

Keeping Up With The Steins (2006) - Tuesday, April 23

Defiance (2008) - Tuesday, May 28

Private Benjamin (1980) - Tuesday, June 18



On December 9th Religious School students played dreidel, ate latkes, and made holiday cards.

CONTRIBUTIONS

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Beatrice Podorefsky in memory of her parents,
Sarah and Frank Gross

Muriel and Lyle Breitkopf in honor of the Bar Mitzvah
of their grandson, Jack Freed

David Bloom

B'YACHAD

Ruth and Peter Adler in appreciation to Gayle and
Michael Goldberg for all of their support

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Dora and Yossi Friedman wishing Joy and Dan Firshein
Mazel Tov on the birth of their grandson, Rafael
Jonathan Wallach

Kol Hakavod/Congratulations to Janice Preschel on
being honored as WOW Woman of the Year

PAUL S. LAZAR CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Jacqueline Guttman in gratitude for the help and
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The Chanukah dinner on December 7th, organized by Tammy Hecht and Kendall Seidenari, had candlelighting, the welcoming of new members, and a multi-choir song performance.



Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: History and Politics

By Marion Wolf

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There are two new works of nonfiction in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library that can give us a deeper understanding of the world around us. One is a study of an historical event with far-reaching consequences; the other is the biography of a powerful political figure. Both are worth a look.

Steven J. Zipperstein, a professor at Stanford University, has written Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History. For three days in April of 1903 in a town on the outskirts of the Russian Empire, mobs provoked by the ancient notion of blood libel ran amok. They killed 49 Jews; they raped or wounded 600 others. They destroyed and plundered Jewish homes and businesses, while authorities looked the other way. The term *pogrom*, from the Russian for “thunder” or “storm,” became known to readers worldwide, as newspapers gave extensive coverage to the massacre. Jews realized they were in danger, and Zionists called for a Jewish homeland. The Haganah was formed. Artists also reacted to Kishinev. Hayyim Nahman Bialik wrote “In the City of the Killing,” considered by some the finest, most influential Hebrew poem since medieval times. Israel Zangwill created the play “The Melting Pot,” championing assimilation in America. Activists who saw a parallel between the Russian pogrom and lynching of American blacks responded by starting the NAACP. There was so much publicity about Kishinev that anti-Semites viewed it as proof of global Jewish conspiracy. Those anti-Semites then forged The Protocols of

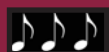


the Elders of Zion, which has fomented more hate over the years. Zipperstein’s book examines the tragedy of Kishinev and its many ramifications.

One person who has frequently invoked the memory of Kishinev is Israel’s current prime minister. He is the subject of Bibi: The Turbulent Life and Times of Benjamin Netanyahu by Anshel Pfeffer, a journalist who writes for *Haaretz*. Netanyahu has dominated Israeli public life for over a decade and may become its longest-serving prime minister in the country’s history if he can survive the latest scandals. Pfeffer explores what makes Bibi tick—his family’s influence, his time growing up in America, his formative experiences. Both Netanyahu’s father and grandfather passed along to him a Zionism that blended Jewish nationalism and religious traditionalism. Netanyahu identified with groups on the margins (such as right-wing revisionists and the Orthodox). He later cultivated each of these factions individually and fused them into a strong coalition. Attending high school and college in America, Netanyahu had learned Western techniques of political campaigning and had been drawn to Cold War conservatism. He had “instilled in him views out of sync with Israel’s collectivist ethos,” Pfeffer says, “Netanyahu’s Israel is a hybrid of ancient phobia and high tech hope, tribalism and globalism.”



These two books can help us better understand today’s world, and they are waiting for you in the library!



Attention Temple Emeth Musicians!!!



Later this year Temple Emeth will come together to celebrate Cantor Tilem’s Silver Anniversary. As we begin to plan for this important milestone, we would like to hear back from you!

If you or a family member have in the last 25 years sung with ANY Temple Emeth choir, played with the Temple Emeth band or assisted with instrumental musical accompaniment at services please take a moment to complete and respond back with the information requested here.

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Minutes from the November 8, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

The October minutes were reviewed, and the prior email approval was confirmed.

Steve Chaiken gave a report on the security situation at Temple Emeth, particularly in light of the recent attack in Pittsburgh. He has met with the Teaneck police and security officials and was assured of Teaneck's support and commitment to safety of houses of worship, including Temple Emeth.

There was an extensive question and answer period. The Board thanked Steve Chaiken for his efforts.

Rabbi's Report. He is doing a preliminary training trip to prepare for the Congregation's trip. He also reported on the Camp Harlam presentation at the October 5 services.

Cantor Tilem and Rochelle Rudnick being absent, there was no Cantor's Report nor Administrator's Report.

There was no Financial Secretary Report as Michael Robinson was absent, recovering from surgery.

Treasurer Report. Gary Richards reported that at present 9% of the Congregation has not made any payments to the Temple, while 22% of the Congregation (approximately 73 households) are behind in their voluntary commitment payments, leaving approximately \$10,000 in past due commitments. This is a significantly better number than is typical at this point in the year.

President's Report. Amy Abrams reported that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, November 18th.

The meeting was then handed over to Nicole Falk who led the Board members through an exercise to identify key strengths and weaknesses of Temple Emeth, in preparation for a similar exercise at the Town Hall Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Risa Rosenberg
Board Secretary



The annual Bazaar was held on December 2nd. It involved **lots** of hard work by **many** volunteers.



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