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## Join us to Celebrate the Festival of Lights at Temple Emeth's 18th Annual Chanukah Dinner

Bring your menorahs,  
candles and friends!

**Friday,  
December 15, 2017  
at 6:00 p.m.**

*All new 2017 Temple  
members are invited  
as our guests*

Enjoy a Kosher meal  
followed by a Music Service  
at 8 p.m.



Please see the RSVP form on  
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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.

Remember, flyers are for the Mid-month mailing and should be sent to

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Material for the Bulletin is welcome and essential for the success of the publication; however, it is necessary to honor the deadlines as listed.

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# Message From the Rabbi

In November, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) campus in Jerusalem ordained its 100th rabbi from its Israel Rabbinical Program since the program's inception in 1975. All of the ordainees are Israeli citizens, and most are sabras (native-born Israelis). The vast majority have stayed in Israel in order to bring dynamic leadership to our movement's synagogues and educational institutions there.

At Temple Emeth, we have benefited from the talent of these rabbis. In 2015, Rabbi Uri Regev was our Trachtenberg Lecturer, speaking about religious freedom in Israel. In 2017, Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin led services with Cantor Tilem while I was leading the Temple's trip to Prague and Israel. At about the same time, participants in our Israel trip attended a service led by (and were later greeted by) Rabbi Naama Kelman, the dean of the HUC-JIR Jerusalem campus.



We also got to see the beautiful campus on King David Street where these rabbis are educated.

The milestone of 100 Israeli-ordained Reform rabbis is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the gains made by the leaders of our movement. As mentioned at the High Holy Days, the Reform movement, represented by the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), has made great strides to promote religious pluralism generally and Reform Judaism specifically. There are now 50 Reform congregations nationwide, including big ones in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and small

ones in towns like Gadera, which I visited in 2016 for a beautiful and inspiring Shabbat.

The movement has filed several court cases to ensure that forces in the Israeli Rabbinate and the government do not use their power to enforce coercive religious policies. One such case regards the egalitarian section of the Western Wall, and another regards a Knesset proposal to limit the number of rabbis whose conversions will be recognized by the state. The work of the IMPJ is highlighted on their website, [www.reform.org.il/Eng/](http://www.reform.org.il/Eng/).



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Leading all of these efforts is the dynamic and exceptional president of the IMPJ, Rabbi Gilad Kariv, another ordainee of the Israel Rabbinical Program. Rabbi Kariv will be making an appearance in Bergen County on Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Avodat Shalom in River Edge. His topic, "Israel at 70—Ensuring a Jewish and Democratic State: The Role of Israel's Reform Movement," is one that is especially compelling as Israeli society struggles with issues of religion and state. Temple Emeth is a co-sponsor of the event, because I know that the issues of democracy and freedom of religion in Israel are important to us. If you would like to contribute toward Temple Emeth's co-sponsorship of this program, please email me at [ssirbu@emeth.org](mailto:ssirbu@emeth.org), and I will provide details.

As we approach Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, and retell the story of the Maccabees' struggle for freedom in the Holy Land, let us support our vision of freedom wherever we can in every country, especially our Jewish homeland.

## Rabbi Ron Hoffberg

*(who the Temple Prague tour participants met this past June)*  
**will be coming to speak about "Czech Files: Inspirational Stories of Jews Returning to Judaism" at Temple Emeth on December 8th.**

Rabbi Ron Hoffberg, an American who has lived in Prague since 2001, will speak about the Conservative and Reform communities in the Czech Republic. He will reflect on the damage that the Holocaust and Communism wrought on the Jewish community, and the many people who have reclaimed their Jewish identity in the last two decades. Rabbi Hoffberg will also tell about his own journey that led him to work with this unique community.



## From the Religious School

*"One should be more concerned with spiritual than with material matters, but another person's material welfare is (one's) spiritual concern."*

**Rabbi Israel Salanter**

What are the main differences between the seven-branched *Menorah* and the *Chanukah Menorah*, called in Hebrew a *Chanukia*? The *Menorah* has seven candles and was lit during the day. The *Chanukia* has eight candles and is lit after dark. The *Menorah* was lit inside the Temple to shed light inside and was lit all at once. The *Chanukia* was lit outside one's door or on a window ledge. Its light is directed outside. It is lit one day at a time with an additional candle for each day.



Dora Geld Friedman

Our *Chanukiot* are lit by each individual family to illuminate the world outside. The teachers and students in our Religious School activate this "light" as a source of Jewish learning, living, and doing *mitzvot*. In a typical day in our school our students learn a new prayer; they study Torah and Jewish history. They are introduced to symbols, rituals, and ethical teachings that help them discover how our community brings us together and connects us with our Jewish identity. In addition, our Family Education programs, student-led services, Kehilla partnership, and Mishpacha Matters (family matters) are a rich source

for parents and students to experience learning together outside the classroom.

A great Chasidic master used the candle lighting of Chanukah as a time to focus on the need to shine a light in the darkness. It is truly a joy to see the "illuminated faces" of our students as we continue our Jewish journey. Share Chanukah with family and friends, and may your joys and blessings increase with each candle that is lit.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Please join Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, as well as Religious School students and staff, on Wednesday,

December 13th at 4:45 p.m. as we light the second candle and celebrate "Chanukah in the Hall" with music, lights, doughnuts, and dreidels for all!

B'vracha

Dora Geld Friedman



### GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST CHANUKAH GIFT EVER!

**Temple Emeth Religious School**

**is offering free enrollment for new students in Grades K-3**

**from now through May 2018.**

**\*Membership is not required for this Chanukah gift offer.**

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For information, call Dora Geld Friedman @ 201-833-8466

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### HELLO BAZAAR BAKE TABLE CONTRIBUTORS

Greetings to all of you who have contributed to the Bazaar Bake Table in recent years. As you probably know by now, Bazaar 2017 will take place on Sunday, December 10th. We hope that you will again contribute goodies, home-baked or store-bought, to our table. Every year we sell out everything you have donated! Please let us know if you're able to help this year by replying to [twbinder@aol.com](mailto:twbinder@aol.com). Let's make Bazaar 2017 our best yet!!

Please be sure to label your donations with the name of the item and any important information e.g. "contains nuts," "sugar-free," etc. As always, the best time to deliver your baked goods is the morning of Bazaar, directly to the Bake Table. If you're bringing your items earlier, leave them in the Temple kitchen on the counter or in the refrigerator or freezer, clearly labeled Bake Table.



Thanks again!  
Teri & Carlene



## Message from President Amy Abrams

Wow, this year is really flying by. It's December already. We are lucky enough to go to my sister's every year for Thanksgiving. Her husband is one of seven kids, and while several families couldn't make it this year we still had around 27. Always lots of fun and a little crazy. It's also my husband Arnie's birthday weekend, so it's always busy! I hope you all had satisfyingly filling dinners, good company, and challenging conversations to help you give thanks.

Our voluntary commitment program has been outstandingly successful so far! We are expecting a total of approximately \$470,000 in member pledge income. That is a fantastic number, and you should all pat yourselves on the back a few times! This amount covers all of our budgeted operating expenses for this year, so we are in good shape for continuing with all of our existing programming. Two-thirds of our pledges are for the same or more than previous years. Plus we have 39 new members!

The only budgeted item that is not included is the capital reserve we added to the budget this year for the first time to anticipate some of the expenses that are likely to arise from our building, such as replacing HVAC units and eventually putting on a new roof. Energy-saving capital expenses can also be paid from the Kahn Grant, so for this year, we are still good to go. However, we do have to be aware that our building is older and will require ongoing maintenance and repair, which we need to plan for in a prudent manner.

In the interest of transparency and engagement, the key discussion point for our Town Hall Meeting on November 19 was how to build up additional income within the context of the voluntary commitment structure. Over 50 members attended, with good questions prepared. They heard a financial summary from Jim Sandler, then broke out into small discussion groups to brainstorm new ways to find additional funding. They came up with some exciting ideas, which I will summarize for you in the coming month.

You may recall that the Kahn Grant was introduced to us last year by Cynthia Massarsky, who knew a foundation that was looking for recipients. The grant was awarded primarily for increased educational and community involvement, along with a portion for capital improvements to reduce utility costs. Thus far we have used grant money to fund two collaborative festival services with Kiddush lunches, co-sponsored the Beth Sholom Scholar-in-Residence program, and contributed a deposit towards the programming for the One Book One Community events. We have several additional events coming up in the winter and spring that will be using grant money to round out their programming as well, including an intriguing Artist-in-Residence weekend in March sponsored by Viewpoints.

Along with the Kahn Grant, we have qualified for an NJ Direct energy savings improvement grant. This grant will allow a state approved contractor, Lime Energy, to replace most of our HVAC units and convert all remaining lighting to LED bulbs. We do have to pay a portion of the costs,

which is calculated to come out of our energy savings, but which can also be paid from the Kahn money. That will save us energy, save us money, and do good things for the planet. Definitely a win-win!

While we are focused on lighting, here's something else exciting to look forward to: I am delighted to report that due to an extremely generous gift from Idajeane Fisher, after excellent research work by Idajeane and Barbara Balkin, we are installing new lighting in the Museum to finally make the room appropriate for our Shabbat morning services as well as our museum. New high hats will be added in the center of the room to provide additional lighting for reading siddurim. The existing track lighting will be modified with replacement fixtures and LED lights suitable for lighting the museum exhibits along the walls of the room. Thank you so much, Idajeane!



Amy Abrams

We are also beginning the next round of strategic planning with a survey designed to compare where we are now to where we were in 2014, when we last did this survey. Those answers will help us evaluate which issues look like they need attention. The Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey will help compile the results so that we can see what we have, and then we can consider how best to approach them. Watch your email, if you haven't seen it already, for directions on

how to complete the survey online. The more people participate, the better our results will be. Expect to be reminded until you've filled one out!

There's a fully scheduled December coming up. We start on December 3 with a talk by Rabbi Gilad Kariv, head of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, the recipient of our donations to ARZA from our annual Yom Kippur Drive. Rabbi Kariv's visit is sponsored by a collective of Bergen County Reform Temples and will take place at Avodat Shalom at 7:00.

Next up is our Bazaar on December 10, 9:30 – 3:30. Bazaar is always a treat, whether you're working or shopping. It's a high-energy, fast-talking sort of operation. It's always big fun, as well as a big fundraiser. Sadly, I'll miss Bazaar this year, as I'll be attending URJ Biennial Convention in Boston. I have never been to Biennial before, and I hear it is amazing, so I look forward to learning all sorts of new and interesting things that I can bring back to Temple Emeth.

Then you'll want to be sure to join in greeting all our new Temple members this year at our annual Chanukah dinner on December 15. Remember to bring your menorah and candles and we'll all light our chanukiot together. It makes a beautiful, bright, shining sight! We have a lot of new members this year, so please come prepared to schmooze with a lot of new people. If you are new, you will be our guests (i.e., free of charge!) as we welcome you into our congregation.

I hope to see you all at this feast of events!

Amy Abrams

## Teaneck International Film Festival November 2 - 5

Temple Emeth hosted films, talk-backs, and a reception on Nov. 4. Director Jeremy Lentz introduced the Centerpiece film, "Dolores," Sandi Klein moderated discussions, and Senator Loretta Weinberg sponsored and participated in a panel for "Birthright: A War Story." Lynn Chaiken was honored as Woman of the Year by the group Wise Older Women. Judy Distler presented her with the award.



## SAVE THE DATE

A Shabbat Together...

with food for the body, mind & spirit

**Shabbat Shira**  
**January 27, 2018**



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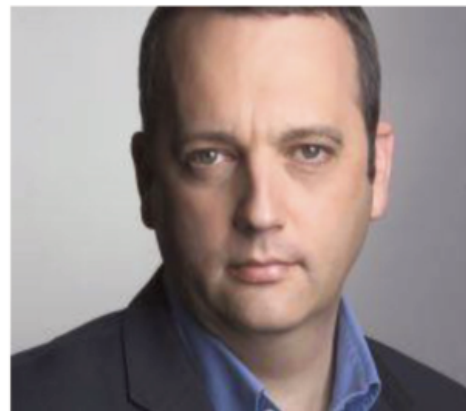
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**Join Temple Emeth  
ViewPoints on  
Saturday,  
December 16  
from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

for a discussion

following a special screening of Barak and Tomer Heymann's Israeli/English documentary: **WHO'S GONNA LOVE ME NOW?** This documentary follows the life of Saar, who at 21 was expelled from his religious kibbutz and fled to Great Britain. There he created a new family with the London Gay Men's Chorus and now, after nineteen years, Saar reaches out to his old family in the hope of a reconciliation. This program is free and open to the community. You just have to let us know that you're coming. RSVP by texting your name and 'I'm coming to see "Who's Gonna Love Me Now?"' to 551.655.1681. Or just give us a call at 201.833.1322.



**SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 7:00 PM**  
**AN EVENING WITH  
RABBI GILAD KARIV**

President, Israel Movement for  
Reform and Progressive Judaism

**Israel at 70**  
**Ensuring a Jewish and Democratic State**  
**The role of Israel's Reform Movement**

This event will take place at Temple Avodat Shalom,  
held in conjunction with other  
Bergen County Reform synagogues.



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

Our film series "Movies That Mattered" continues, based on suggestions made by our scholar-in-residence Dr. Eric Goldman. The overall theme, the Jewish Experience Through Cinema, is truly epitomized by our next selection, "GOODBYE COLUMBUS" (1969). It is based on Philip Roth's prize-winning novella about a nice Jewish boy from Newark who falls in love with a rich, materialistic Jewish girl from Short Hills...but it is much more than that!! Some believe it is the best thing that Mr. Roth has ever done. Please join us as we watch this romance develop and try to understand how their relationship progresses set against a backdrop of upward mobility. It stars Richard Benjamin and Ali McGraw.

Set aside Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. to see this classic film and have a stimulating evening. Refreshments will be served and don't forget...bring a cushion for your tush!



Here is the schedule and the films to be viewed in chronological order:

- GOODBYE COLUMBUS (1969)**  
Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.
- LIES MY FATHER TOLD ME (1975)**  
Tuesday, January 2 at 7:30 p.m.
- HESTER STREET (1975)**  
Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m.
- THE FRISCO KID (1979)**  
Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.
- A SERIOUS MAN (2010)**  
Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- BARNEY'S VERSION (2011)**  
Thursday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.
- TEMPLE EMETH'S  
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**  
Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join in the fun and excitement of these stimulating evenings.

## Social Action in Action

Welcome to Cheri Rodrigues and Jane Kalfus who recently joined the Social Action Committee.

Our mitzvah of the month will be foods that are needed for Family Promise. Temple Emeth has signed up to become a Brit Olam congregation, through which we will be coordinating with the Religious Action Center to develop programs dealing with significant social issues.

We are proud to announce that the Temple Emeth Social Action Committee will plan and/or co-sponsor a number of upcoming social action events:

### POSTCARD PARTY FOR REFUGEES AND DREAMERS

At Temple Emeth, during Chanukah on **Wednesday evening, December 13**, through the auspices of HIAS we hope to assist immigrants and those in danger of deportation.

**VIGIL FOR VICTIMS OF SANDY HOOK**  
**On Sunday, December 17, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**  
at the Central Unitarian Church in Paramus.  
Temple Emeth is a proud partner in this endeavor.

### FAMILY PROMISE - December 17- 24

As is customary, we will be receiving assistance from other houses of worship. If you are interested in learning more about Family Promise, and joining us as we help homeless families, please contact

Elaine Bergman at [ejb1733@msn.com](mailto:ejb1733@msn.com)

Join us at the next SAC meeting on  
**SUNDAY, December 3rd, at 9:45 a.m.**  
as we undertake acts of TIKKUN OLAM -  
Healing the world.



Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecturer Prof. Yossi Chajes spoke on "Jewish Magic, Magical Judaism" on October 20th. He also sang and played guitar.

## Services and S'machot

**14th of Kislev 5778**  
**Friday, December 1**

**Shabbat Vayishlach**  
**Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m. -**  
**Etz Chayim Sings**

*The Oneg is being sponsored by Steven and Jill VanPraagh  
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Shara VanPraagh*

**Saturday, December 2**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Shabbat Morning Service - Bat Mitzvah of**  
**Shara VanPraagh**

*Torah Portion - Vayishlach: Genesis 32:4-36:43*

*Haftarah - Hosea 11:7-12:12*

**21st of Kislev 5778**  
**Friday, December 8**

**Shabbat Vayeishev**  
**Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Rabbi Ron Hoffberg speaks on "Czech Files:**  
**Inspirational Stories of Jews Returning to Judaism"**  
**Temple Prague Trip slide show during Oneg**

**Saturday, December 9**

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

*Torah Portion - Vayeishev: Genesis 37:1-40:23*

*Haftarah - Amos 2:6-3:8*

**28th of Kislev 5778**

**Friday, December 15**

**Shabbat Mikeitz**  
**Annual Chanukah Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Etz Chayim and Shir Chadash Sing**  
**Music Service at 8:00 p.m. - Kol Emet Sings**  
**Temple Israel Trip slide show during Oneg**

**Saturday, December 16**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Viewpoints Shabbaton Screening of**  
**"Who's Gonna Love Me Now?" at 3:00 p.m.**

*Torah Portion - Mikeitz: Genesis 41:1-44:17*

*Haftarah - Zechariah 4:1-7*

**5th of Tevet 5778**  
**Friday, December 22**

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

**Saturday, December 23**

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

*Torah Portion - Vayigash: Genesis 44:18-47:27*

*Haftarah - Ezekiel 37:15-28*

**12th of Tevet 5778**  
**Friday, December 29**

**Shabbat Va-y'chi**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 30**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Roller Service at 10:30 a.m.**

*Torah Portion - Va-y'chi: Genesis 47:28-50:26*

*Haftarah - I Kings 2:1-12*



# December 2017

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<b>3</b> 15th of Kislev 5778 Taste of NFTY-GER Event 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:00am - 12:00pm Shelve & Schmooze 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting 10:00am - 11:00am Adult Ed: The Three Prayers You Need to Know, with Rabbi Steven Sirbu 11:00am ETC on the Road: Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum 11:00am - 12:00pm Torah Trope Class with Idajeane Fisher 7:00pm - 9:00pm Presentation on Reform Judaism in Israel with Rabbi Gilad Kariv	<b>4</b> 16th of Kislev 5778 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	<b>5</b> 17th of Kislev 5778 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed Mini University: Stories from a Jewish Perspective (Make-Up Date) 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed Mini-University: The June 1967 War, taught by Rabbi Steven Sirbu (Make-Up Date)	<b>6</b> 18th of Kislev 5778 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 19th of Kislev 5778	<b>8</b> 20th of Kislev 5778 4:10pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Ron Hoffberg speaks on "Czech Files: Inspirational Stories of Jews Returning to Judaism" 9:00pm - 10:00pm Slide Show of Temple Prague Trip	<b>9</b> 21st of Kislev 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Pulpit-Pew Dialogue on Judaism and Human Rights
<b>10</b> 22nd of Kislev 5778 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:30am - 3:30pm Bazaar 11:00am - 12:00pm Torah Trope Class with Idajeane Fisher	<b>11</b> 23rd of Kislev 5778 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	<b>12</b> 24th of Kislev, Hanukkah Begins	<b>13</b> 25th of Kislev, Hanukkah 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 4:45pm - 5:15pm Chanukah in the Hallway 6:00pm - 7:00pm Etz Chayim Sings at Holy Name Medical Center 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 26th of Kislev, Hanukkah 7:45pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees' Meeting	<b>15</b> 27th of Kislev, Hanukkah 4:11pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm - 8:00pm Annual Chanukah Dinner - Shir Chadash and Etz Chayim Sing 8:00pm - 9:00pm Music Service - Kol Emet Sings 9:00pm - 10:00pm Slide Show of Temple Israel Trip	<b>16</b> 28th of Kislev, Hanukkah 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service 3:00pm - 5:30pm Viewpoints Shabbaton - Screening of "Who's Gonna Love Me Now?"
<b>17</b> 29th of Kislev, Hanukkah 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 11:00am - 12:00pm Torah Trope Class with Idajeane Fisher	<b>18</b> 30th of Kislev, Hanukkah 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	<b>19</b> 1st of Tevet, Hanukkah Ends 7:30pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed - Screening of "Goodbye Columbus"	<b>20</b> 2nd of Tevet 5778 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm Combined JYG and Junior JYG Chanukah Event 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 3rd of Tevet 5778 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "And After the Fire" 8:00pm - 9:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>22</b> 4th of Tevet 5778 4:14pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service	<b>23</b> 5th of Tevet 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service 6:00pm - 8:00pm ETC Mitzvah: Family Promise
<b>24</b> 6th of Tevet 5778 No Religious School	<b>25</b> 7th of Tevet 5778 Building Closed	<b>26</b> 8th of Tevet 5778	<b>27</b> 9th of Tevet 5778 No Religious School	<b>28</b> 10th of Tevet 5778	<b>29</b> 11th of Tevet 5778 4:18pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service	<b>30</b> 12th of Tevet 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning "Holy Roller" Service
<b>31</b> 13th of Tevet 5778 No Religious School						

For up-to-the-minute event information, additions, cancellations, or make-up classes go to [www.emeth.org](http://www.emeth.org)  
A version of the calendar is online at <http://www.emeth.org/monthly-calendar>

*The congregation mourns the loss of longtime member **June Handler** and sends condolences to her family.*

### Condolences to...

*Abby Schlectman on the loss of her cousin,  
Kenneth Frank.*

*Shirley Heller on the loss of her sister, Eleanor Schiffer.*

**Rachel Eastman** on the loss of her cousins,  
Carol Montalbano and Marian Kurtz.

*Barbara Balkin on the loss of her cousin, David Rosenthal.*

*Mazel Tov to...*

*Carla and Larry Silver on the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Silver to Andrew Beck.*

*Leslee and Gerald Fetner on their granddaughter, Carly Saba becoming a Bat Mitzvah.*

*Get Well Wishes to...*

Martin Adelman  
Nan Lehmann

## Annual Sandy Hook Vigil

Sunday, December 17, from 4-5:30 p.m.

Central Unitarian Church.

156 Forest Ave, Paramus, NJ

Vigil is held in remembrance of the victims at Sandy Hook Elementary School and the most recent victims of gun violence. Everyone is invited. Sponsored by NCJW and Temple Emeth.

## Temple Emeth 18th Annual Chanukah Dinner

## Friday, December 15th

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# SHALACH MANOT 2018

It's beginning to feel a lot like...



## Watch your mail for the annual

## Shalach Manot Mailing!

Help stuff the mailing on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 10:00 am, at a non-Temple location (we'll tell you where!—contact the email addresses below)

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**Thursday, February 22, 2018 - Packing Shalach Manot -1:00-5:00 at the Temple**

Sunday, February 25, 2018 - Delivering Shalach Manot at your convenience all over Bergen County

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**Carol Kaplan** in gratitude to Cantor Tilem

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**Judy and David Fox** in honor of Luke Conlon's Bar Mitzvah  
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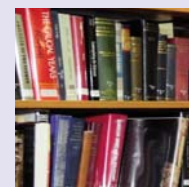
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# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

## Monthly News Update: Zahav

By Marion Wolf

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Are you looking for a memoir to inspire? Or perhaps a new cookbook to add some spice to your meals? Maybe you'd like something different to discuss with your book group? With our latest acquisition, the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library can meet all your needs.

Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking is the work of Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook. They are the co-owners of Zahav, a highly-regarded, modern Israeli restaurant in Philadelphia. Started in 2008, Zahav (the name means "gold") brings an authentic taste of Israeli culture to the States. Executive chef Solomonov is famed for transforming simple foods into culinary masterpieces. He has been recognized by the James Beard Foundation with its 2011 Outstanding Chef award.

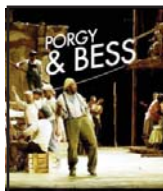
In this book Solomonov shares his recipes. Melissa Clark in The NY Times Book Review says that Zahav captures his "cooking that bursts with freshly ground spices and complex flavors." The book is full of stunning photographs of Solomonov's creations.

Zahav goes beyond the scope of an ordinary cookbook; it also tells Solomonov's life story. Born in Israel, he grew up in Pittsburgh. His younger brother was a soldier in the Israeli army and was killed by sniper fire in 2003. Solomonov overcame drug and alcohol problems before finding success with his restaurant. All this autobiographical information is mixed (and stirred?) into the book. Whether he is explaining how to make hummus or relating his per-

sonal struggles, Solomonov writes in a conversational style that is direct and engaging.

This unusual book has another distinction: Zahav is this year's One Book, One Community selection. Each year since 2012 the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey has picked a book to be the focus of shared conversations in synagogues and other Jewish organizations throughout the area. All these institutions offer programs exploring the book's themes. In the spring there is a culminating event, when all are invited to hear the author speak and enjoy dessert. (Date and place yet to be announced)

Temple Emeth has been involved in One Book, One Community since its inception. This year we will have a Shabbaton on Saturday January 6, 2018. The Torah Study class will examine Torah and Talmud texts about dining. During services Rabbi Sirbu will highlight the theme of the land of Israel and its bounty. A catered festive Kiddush lunch will be enhanced with salads prepared by Emeth members according to recipes from the book (contact Linda Poskanzer if you'd like to do this). At 1:00 p.m. we will screen the film "In Search of Israeli Cuisine," starring Michael Solomonov. This wonderful day is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and is free of charge to participants (although your RSVP for lunch is needed). Please come to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Library to find Zahav—and join the conversation!



### SAVE THE DATE

#### Opera Shabbaton

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin

### Save the Date:

B'Yachad Breakfast - January 21, 2018

Temple Emeth at 70 -

Remembrances and Reflections

Temple members will share their experiences of "Growing Up at Temple Emeth"



Edward Zizmor was the speaker at the B'Yachad breakfast on November 12th.

He talked about "Five Heroes and their Jewish Connections."

### Donating to your favorite Temple fund?

The Straussman Youth Fund needs donors so it can continue to grow and provide scholarships for our young Temple members. These scholarships offset the cost of URJ summer camp, NFTY Kallahs, NFTY National Convention and other URJ youth programming. PLEASE think Straussman Youth Fund when making your donations!



### Temple Emeth Garden

Temple Emeth's intergenerational garden is environmentally friendly. This year two bushes of Eupatorium Coelestinum and an Echinacea bush were planted in the garden in order to attract butterflies and bees. Butterflies and bees will help pollinate some of our crops.

For more information about the Garden contact Julie Weisman at [julie@flavorganics.com](mailto:julie@flavorganics.com)



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Our calendar is quite busy; please be certain to  
book your event soon!



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#### Tree of Life

Located in the Temple lobby, the Tree of Life provides an opportunity to share life's special occasions with your Temple family. Loved ones, friends and members of the congregation are able to create permanent remembrances of their joyous events so that future generations can look upon our yesterday as having been filled with hopes, dreams and accomplishments. Order yours now! You will enjoy visiting the Temple and finding your leaf. To order, please call Rochelle in the Temple office at (201) 833-1322.

### 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. See Rochelle Rudnick in the office if you would like to make a purchase.*

## Summary of Minutes from the October 19, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

### Administrator's Report – Rochelle Rudnick

Security Grant - There are new motion sensors at the rear entrance.

Direct Install – Application signed and sent in for approval by the state. The hope is that lighting will be done over the Bergenfield Board of Education Christmas break and HVAC over the Bergenfield Board of Education February break.

### Rabbi Sirbu – asked for feedback/comments on High Holy Days

Selichot – concert before service; New ticket/name badges; Rosh Hashanah – shofar service; Yom Kippur – Yizkor candle service; Neilah – placement of octet; Change in music personnel – Carol Shansky and Eric Clark  
Comments/discussion included: Choir and candles were good; some people did not like name tags, others said name tags were good but should have had better preparation for the ushers; need to clarify when there is no entry during services; Rabbi's sermon was good; need for more ushers especially at beginning of services; services were moving and innovative, had a good showing; good idea to have welcome of new members in the lobby.

### Finance – Jim Sandler/Michael Robinson – 1st Quarter wrap – cash flow good.

High Holy Days tickets purchased - \$10K, budgeted for \$15K (some may have joined instead); Bergenfield Board of Education and other rentals on target. Voluntary Commitment – 22 pledges outstanding and are being billed same as last year.

Chanukah Gift Program – discussion regarding Voluntary Commitment with free Religious School vs. free Religious School with no membership.

*Chanukah Gift Program Motion -MOVED, that we offer free enrollment for all new students in grades K-3 from Chanukah through the end of the school year. Membership is not required. Participation in this partial year will not count as the one year free enrollment in grades K-2 offered under the voluntary commitment program. Vote on motion – approved.*

President's Report - There will be a Board workshop on Monday 11/6. Congregational Survey being sent out - for strategic planning and to update demographics, and update questions. Discussion regarding Beth El/ Beth Or merger. The Temple has a Twitter account @TempleEmeth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Kantor,  
Assistant Secretary

## Committee Reports

### **Bazaar**

Laaren Hort

We are gearing up for the Bazaar on December 10. This year we will feature a Shoe-tique in the family room, a Deluxe Tricky Tray featuring a brand-new TV, tons of great donations, and a Fine Giftware table led by Lynne Graizel. It's not too late to volunteer or to donate! New items and gift cards are especially needed. Note that next year we will need a new Bazaar chair, as Laaren Hort is stepping down to run the Tricky Trays. We will also need new volunteer coordinators, as Marion Wolf and Carla Silver have been trying to retire for more than a year! Thank you!

### **House**

Sue Keusch

I've been working with the Homeland Security Grant Committee to select a contractor who will handle lighting, cameras and entry security. Rochelle and I consult regularly about many house issues. Currently I'm working on improving and repairing signage in the parking lot. I've purchased a new tray for the candle table in the sanctuary and a new wastebasket for the ladies' room. Thank you to Lisa Eig for replacing a broken picture in the Handicapped Restroom.

### **Museum**

Barbara Balkin

Currently researching changes and evaluating bids to

improve the Museum lighting.

### **Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee**

Karen Wertheimer

The Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee met in September to prepare and deliver Remembrance Baskets to congregants who lost a close loved one in the past year. It is our tradition at Temple Emeth to do this every year. We also met in early September to organize for the year and to prepare for the distribution of our newly-designed Volunteer Cards preceding each High Holiday service.

### **Ushering**

David Wolinsky

Will try to resume having Friday evening ushers. All support welcome.

### **Youth Scholarship Committee**

Jacki and Ron Arams

Directed by the Rabbi, we have reached out to TE families interested in applying for tuition support for their child to attend a URJ camp this coming summer. The amount of each grant is limited by the funds available as there is a larger number of families showing interest this year. An appeal to the TE congregation to donate to the Straussman Youth Fund will appear in the December Bulletin. This committee report gives us another opportunity to raise awareness for this important cause.





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