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This joyous tradition has been shared at Temple Emeth for over 20 years! It is a fun-filled and delicious part of our Purim celebration, and a great way to share the joy with your friends and Temple staff. Order forms are available at www.emeth.org or from the Temple office.

The deadline for submitting your order has been extended to February 3rd.

We need your help! Mark your calendar and join us on:

Thursday, March 5 – Packing Shalach Manot any time between 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Temple.

Come schmooze with friends and get in the Purim spirit!

Sunday, March 8 – Delivering Shalach Manot in Bergen County.



To volunteer,
or with any questions, contact
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February	January 15	February 1	February 11	February 19
March	February 15	March 1	March 8	March 13
April	March 15	April 1	April 9	April 16
May	April 15	May 1	May 8	May 15
June	May 15	June 1	June 10	June 17

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 email and should be sent to
Suzannah Mercado at admin@emeth.org cc: ehanan@emeth.org

For Mid-month emails, all materials are due by **4:00 p.m.** on the date of the deadline.

1 Month	\$ 55	\$ 75
5 Months	\$250	\$350
10 Months	\$330	\$450

For additional information, call (201) 833-1322

Message From the Rabbi

On the High Holy Days, I spoke about the importance of Israeli democracy. It was a value that was foremost in the Zionist thinking of Justice Louis Brandeis and several other early Zionist thinkers.

Israeli democracy is more fragile than it has ever been. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been indicted on corruption charges, which is one of the reasons Israel has been without a functioning government for a year. After elections in April and September failed to lead to a governing coalition, Israel is headed to an unprecedented third election within 12 months in March.

As Israelis prepare to return to the polls, we American Jews also have the opportunity to vote on the future of Israel. The World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections are held every five years with the express purpose of determining the priorities of the Diaspora Jewish community. The WZC is the legislative body of the World Zionist Organization, which traces its roots back to Theodor Herzl.

As a Reform synagogue and a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, Temple Emeth encourages all its members to vote for the Reform movement slate of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. ARZA supports Reform synagogues and rabbis and works for religious pluralism in Israel. It is the only organization that works to implement Reform Jewish values in Israel.

The American delegation to the WZC is the single largest Diaspora delegation, and in the last election ARZA won an impressive victory of 39% (the second-place slate received 17%) leading to an allocation of \$20 million dollars over five years to Reform institutions. More importantly, it was a clear statement to Israelis that the Reform movement in the United States is committed a vibrant, diverse, democratic Jewish state. It is a victory we must repeat in 2020.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

The time has come to vote again. This year's voting period began on January 21 and continues through March 11. To vote, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Self-identify as Jewish.
- Agree to the Jerusalem Program, a statement of Zionist beliefs that I believe every Temple Emeth member can support.
- Agree to pay a processing fee of \$7.50, which funds the administration of the election.

Temple Emeth has pledged that we will collect 180 votes for the Reform – ARZA slate. That's ambitious, but I think we can reach our goal.

We have appointed a committee chaired by Temple member Nicole Motz that will remind you frequently during the voting period to go online and Vote Reform. (No matter how many times we remind you, you can vote only once.) Committee members will also be facilitating on-site voting at a number of upcoming Temple events. If you would like to help in this effort, you can contact Nicole at nicolemotz@gmail.com.

In order to maximize support for ARZA, you should not only vote, but encourage your adult children and grandchildren to vote. Invite your Jewish friends who share our vision of Israeli society to vote. And once you have voted, tell everyone on your social media accounts by using the hashtag #VoteReformWZC.

For more details on the WZC election, you can log on to www.arza.org/faqs. Unlike the election for the Knesset, this election happens only once every five years, so be sure to vote when the time comes. Israeli democracy and pluralism depend on it.



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 – 19th century Jewish Poet)

The Midrash tells us that when God created Adam and Eve, God took them to see all the trees of the Garden of Eden and instructed them, “See how they are. Everything that I have created, I created for you.” Another Midrash tells us, “If you are in the middle of planting and word reaches you that the Messiah has arrived, do not interrupt your work, finish first your planting and only then go to welcome the Messiah.”



Dora Geld Friedman

These two Midrashim serve as the inspiration for our Religious School when we celebrate the holiday of Tu B’Shevat. On Tu B’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 land of Israel – the “good land.”

Tu B’Shevat is a perfect time to connect to the land and the people of Israel and to eat together with family and friends while recalling God’s goodness.

In the month of February coinciding with the Hebrew

month of Shevat, our 4th and 5th grade families as well as students in grades K – 7 will learn that our tradition includes “Blessings of Appreciation” that are said any time we notice the special world around us. We have blessings for smelling delicious fruit, for meeting someone wise, for seeing a rainbow, and more. Our tradition gives us many paths to connect to nature, each other, and to God.

Our students will also study the Jewish value of *bal tashchit* - which means “do not destroy” in Hebrew. This value applies to all of the earth’s natural resources including fuel, water, food, and the air we breathe.

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 9 9:00 – 11:00: Grade: 4 & 5 with Parents - Family Ed & Tu B’Shevat Seder

February 16: NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Weekend

February 23 9:00: Tfila & Shira, 6th grade leading

B’vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman



New members were welcomed at the Chanukah dinner on December 20th



Annual chanukiyot candlelighting



We welcomed our new Temple administrator, Suzannah Mercado



The Temple band played at the Music Service



Goody bags were given to all the children by co-chair Kendall Seidenari



The Library a la Cart was initiated at the Oneg

Message from President Nickie Falk

Money Matters

Buying my mother-in-law's home came with some unusual challenges, not the first of which was that her taste and mine were very different. Matilda was a loving and generous woman. When she decided the house needed too much upkeep for her to tackle alone after my father-in-law died, she offered us a deal that was hard to refuse.

The wallpaper in the living room and front hallway were the first to go. Then the yews planted around the house (sorry to anyone who likes them, but they remind me of the bushes planted at cemeteries). We painted the dark paneling in the den and allowed Russell and his friends to make a mess of the beige carpet there because we had plans to replace it. She was okay with these changes, or so she said. That is until we pulled the green astroturf off the floor of our porch. I have never seen someone so attached to plastic carpet. Alas, realizing the house was no longer hers, she stopped using her front door key when she came to visit and started ringing the doorbell.

Anyone who is a homeowner knows that a house is more than paint on the walls and a new couch, though those finishing touches sure make it more livable. A house requires lots of upkeep behind the walls, things that we never see but must be done to maintain it—upgrading the 60-year-old electric boxes so they were up to code, replacing the water heater when it flooded our basement, putting on a new roof, and most recently replacing the furnace after realizing we were wearing sweaters to bed for a week. All these things cost money. All these things were necessary so that our house remained our home, a place where we and our

children and our family and friends have made memories over the years.

Likewise, our Temple Emeth home needs some upkeep behind the walls so that we can continue to make memories here. Over the past few months, we have made

some of these changes—fixing the lighting in our sanctuary, mending a broken fence by our school wing, repairing a broken water heater, replacing two air conditioners in the classrooms, having water flushed out of our gas lines.



Nickie Falk

And more repairs are needed. Last year, we learned that we've patched our roof about as many times as we can; it will need replacing. A few months ago, one of our ovens broke, as did our dishwasher. Both are so old that replacement parts are no longer made. Our sound system in the sanctuary and Social Hall is on its last legs. Due to the generosity of one member (you'll hear about her in the future), we have a grant to replace our stage curtains. However, we have learned this requires new rigging to make our stage and Social Hall safe. All these things cost money. Our voluntary dues structure does not provide for major, but necessary, capital improvements.

Surely this is one of the most difficult conversations I can begin with you. Nobody likes to talk about money, least of all me. The Fundraising Task Force is coming up with a strategy to tackle these financial issues. All of us who consider Temple Emeth our home must be willing to support the improvements that we need.

Money matters. It helps maintain our Temple Emeth home where so many memories are made.



Temple
Emeth
Adult
Education

Temple Emeth Spring 2020 Israeli Film Festival

Temple Emeth presents
"TORN"

A film by Ronit Kertsner

Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

Can a person be a practicing Jew and a Catholic priest? Roudal Jakub Weksler-Waszkine's mother left him as a baby on the doorstep of a Polish gentile family in 1943. She told her neighbor, "You say you are religious, so take him in



the name of Jesus whom you so believe in." These words were prescient, for Jakub joined a seminary at 18 and began a life-long journey in the priesthood.

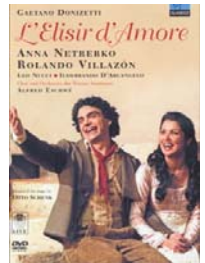


At 35, Jakub's Polish mother revealed to him that he was Jewish. He continued working as a priest and teaching at the Catholic University in Lublin until age 67, when he was moved to try living in Israel. Encouraged by Michael Schudrich, the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Jakub journeys to Israel where his dual identity as a Polish Jew and a Catholic priest confounds many of those he encounters. Ronit Kertsner's heartfelt and insightful documentary captures a poignant search for identity while raising questions about who is a Jew and what being Jewish means.

This program is free and open to the community. You just have to let us know that you're coming by February 14th. RSVP your name to Viewpoints@emeth.org or give us a call at 201.833.1322

On February 15, 2020
Temple Emeth will present **Gaetano Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore"**
the opera starring Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazon and the Vienna Staats Opera with a live introduction by David Rosenmeyer.

Join us on Saturday, February 15th at 12:45 p.m. to hear Gaetano Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore* with Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazon in a Vienna Staats Opera production and a lecture by David Rosenmeyer, Associate Conductor of The Oratorio Society of New York and Music Director of the Fairfield County Chorale. He will give us his insights into this most popular opera, the composer, and the period in which it was composed.



Desserts, tea, coffee, and cold drinks will be served between the lecture and the showing of the opera and during the intermission. \$20 will reserve your seat before February 1st; \$25 between February 2nd and 14th; and \$30 at the door. The cost covers refreshments and production expenses.

Reserve early! We expect a large audience and seating is limited. Please complete and return the reservation form along with a check to Temple Emeth.



This event is being
underwritten by B'yachad

For additional information contact
Elaine Bergman at ejb1734@msn.com

RSVP for the February 15th opera presentation,
"L'Elisir d'Amore"

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____



Temple Emeth Spring Gala
Starlight 2020
Saturday, June 13, 2020



Dear Temple Members, Friends and Supporters of Our Honorees,

We hope you will join us on Saturday evening, June 13, 2020, as we celebrate our Past President Marc Chelemer and Devotion Honorees Barbara Balkin and Carlene Fleishman.

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

- Foreign language lessons, academic tutoring or a computer tune-up
- Golf instruction
- A week at a timeshare or vacation home
- A meal in your home prepared by a Temple "chef" or wine/cheese/gourmet food
- Tickets to a Broadway show, sporting event, or concert
- A car service to an airport
- Hand-made or one-of-a-kind items
- A massage, make-over, or day at a spa
- Spring clean-up or de-cluttering services
- Theme-based gift baskets of smaller items

You can be creative and think "outside the box":

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

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

Thank you,

Nancy Wolinsky

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Jodee Fink

jodeefink@yahoo.com

Silent Auction Co-Chairs

*All donors will be recognized in the auction catalog and will receive documentation of their gift for tax purposes.

Temple Emeth Spring Gala / Silent Auction –
June 13, 2020

YES, I will be happy to contribute (goods and/or services) valued at _____ to the Silent Auction.

Name _____

I may be reached at: Telephone: _____

Email _____

(To discuss drop-off or pick-up of goods.)

TEMPLE EMETH SPRING GALA
STARLIGHT 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020



GIFT DONATION FORM

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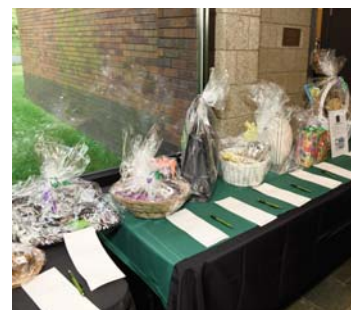
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Services and S'machot

13th of Shevat 5780

Friday, February 7th

Saturday, February 8th

Shabbat Shirah

Family Kabbalat Shabbat and Oneg at 8:00 p.m.

Torah Study taught by Linda Poskanzer at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - B'shalach: Ex. 13:17-17:16

Haftarah - Judges 4:4-5:31

20th of Shevat 5780

Friday, February 14th

Saturday, February 15th

Shabbat Yitro

Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

"Pink Shabbat" for Breast Cancer Awareness

Torah Study taught by Amanda Eastman at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

12:45 p.m. Opera Shabbaton

Torah Portion - Yitro: Ex. 18:1-20:23

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

27th of Shevat 5780

Friday, February 21st

Saturday, February 22nd

Shabbat Sh'kalim

Guitar Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Oneg will include Library a la Cart

Torah Study taught by Martin Kasdan at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Mishpatim: Ex. 21:1-24:18

Haftarah - II Kings 12:5-18

4th of Adar 5780

Friday, February 28th

Saturday, February 29th

Shabbat T'rumah

Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Purimspiel during the Oneg Shabbat

**Torah Study taught by Rabbi Sharon Litwin
at 9:00 a.m.**

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - T'rumah: Ex. 25:1-27:19

Haftarah - I Kings 5:26-6:13

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6th of Shevat 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study: "Cults: Attraction, Avoidance and Abandonment," taught by Elaine Nissen @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum 6:30pm - 10:00pm Sweet Tastes of Torah @ Out of building
2 7th of Shevat 5780 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 10:00am - 11:30am Caring Committee Meeting @ Library 12:30pm - 1:30pm Purimspiel Rehearsal @ Museum	3 8th of Shevat 5780 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	4 9th of Shevat 5780 8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Education with Irwin Yellowitz on "The 1950's and 1960's: What a Difference a Decade Makes" (Make-Up Date) @ Youth Lounge	5 10th of Shevat 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: "Pirkei Avot and Current Events," taught by Arnie Graber @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	6 11th of Shevat 5780 7:30pm - 8:30pm Officers' Meeting @ Lounge	7 12th of Shevat 5780 5:02pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat and Oneg @ Youth Lounge 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - Kol Emet Sings @ Sanctuary	8 13th of Shevat 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study: "Sacred Aging," taught by Linda Poskanzer @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
9 14th of Shevat, Erev Tu BiSh'Vat 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting @ Library 12:30pm - 1:30pm Purimspiel Rehearsal @ Museum	10 15th of Shevat, Tu BiSh'Vat 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	11 16th of Shevat 5780 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered @ Social Hall	12 17th of Shevat 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: Topic TBA, taught by Cantor Ellen Tilem @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room	13 18th of Shevat 5780 7:45pm - 9:15pm Board of Trustees Meeting @ Youth Lounge	14 19th of Shevat 5780 5:11pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - "Pink Shabbat" for Breast Cancer Awareness @ Sanctuary	15 20th of Shevat 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study: "Chosenness," taught by Amanda Eastman @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum 12:45pm - 5:00pm Opera Shabbaton @ Social Hall
16 21st of Shevat 5780 No Religious School 12:30pm - 1:30pm Purimspiel Rehearsal @ Museum	17 22nd of Shevat 5780 Building Closed Presidents' Day	18 23rd of Shevat 5780 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education with Cantor Tilem @ Youth Lounge	19 24th of Shevat 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: Knowing Right from Wrong: Is It Right for a Temple to Accept Donations from a Wrong-Doer?" taught by Paul Kaufman @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 7:30pm - 8:30pm Viewpoints Committee Meeting @ Lounge	20 25th of Shevat 5780 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "Ways to Disappear" @ Library	21 26th of Shevat 5780 5:19pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Guitar Music Service @ Sanctuary	22 27th of Shevat 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study: "Death, Burial and Mourning in the Jewish Tradition," taught by Martin Kasdan of Gutterman, Musicant & Wien Funeral Homes @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
23 28th of Shevat 5780 9:00am - 11:00am 6TH Grade leads Tfila & Shira 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room 12:00pm - 5:00pm ETC on the Road: Trip to NYC and Museum of Jewish Heritage 12:30pm - 1:30pm Purimspiel Rehearsal @ Museum 2:30pm - 4:30pm Viewpoints Israeli Film Series: "Torn" @ Social Hall	24 29th of Shevat 5780 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	25 30th of Shevat 5780 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Education with Cantor Tilem @ Youth Lounge	26 1st of Adar 5780 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn: "Pirkei Avot," taught by Dora Geld Friedman @ Library 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Classes @ Upper Conference Room	27 2nd of Adar 5780	28 3rd of Adar 5780 5:28pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary	29 4th of Adar 5780 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study taught by Rabbi Sharon Litwin @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum

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...

Jacqueline Arams on the loss of her father,
Gabriel Weingarten.

Steven Rosenthal on the loss of his brother,
Mitchell Rosenthal.

Mazel Tov to...

Linda Poskanzer on celebrating her 80th birthday.

Jocelyn Inglis on her new position as Director of
Development for Yad Leah.



Library a la Cart

will be available for browsing and
borrowing during the Oneg on
Friday, February 21, 2020.
The subject this month: Mysteries!

Ancestry@Emeth

If you would like to participate in the
next Ancestry@Emeth exhibit,
please contact
Barbara Balkin at dkrm505@yahoo.com



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

The next movie is on Tuesday,
February 11 at 7:30 p.m.
"A Price Above Rubies"



"A Price Above Rubies" is a 1998 British-American drama film written and directed by Boaz Yakin and starring Renée Zellweger. The story centers on a young woman who finds it difficult to conform to the restrictions imposed on her by her community.

Upcoming movie:

March 10 at 7:30 p.m. "The Big Lebowski"

Social Action in Action

Mitzvah of the Month - Buddies of NJ continues to need donations of food and unopened toiletries. High protein foods (Ensure is perfect) are especially needed.

- Environment - Paul Kaufman gave us news about two bills of interest: Electric cars and Oil Train Status. Also about Styrofoam collection - recently Hackensack Riverkeeper collected packing styrofoam. Paul will investigate other places/towns that might do so as well.

- Social Action continues to discuss & research Immigration/Bergen County Jail.

- Social Action also discussed ongoing research around food waste. SAC will be co-sponsoring a B'yachad program on food waste on Sunday, April 19, 2020. More on that later in the month.

- From Liz Cohen, co-chair of Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey: RJVNJ is becoming RAC-NJ (Religious Action Center of NJ) and has hired a lead organizer, Sarah Blaine, "a lawyer, an Eagleston Fellow in Politics and Government, member of Temple Sholom of West Essex in Cedar Grove and so much more as our full-time organizer for RAC-NJ. Sarah will begin her work in February and we will make the transition from RJVNJ to RAC-NJ. This will mean more opportunities for engagement, more impact, and more depth to our work for justice and compassion in New Jersey."

- Coats - Jacqueline Fernandez, CEO of Bloom Empowerment, Bergenfield surprised us by donating approximately 37 new coats. (We didn't know we had a coat drive!) Regardless, it is a wonderful thing to do, so we thank her very much. So far we've given some to Helping Hands Food Pantry. Social Action decided to donate the rest to Bergen Family Center and to Homeless Connect (which is a January 29 national event and is happening locally at the River Road/Hackensack homeless shelter).

Food Waste Tip of the Month: Use expiration dates on foods as a guide, rather than as an absolute determinant about when to not eat a food. The best way to tell if a food is safe to eat is to check its appearance, smell, and taste. If any of those are unsatisfactory, do not consume the food. Of course, if a food says, "Do Not Consume beyond (date)," obviously it should be discarded.

The next Social Action meeting will take place on
Sunday, February 9 at 9:45 a.m.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: New Books: June 2018-December 2019
By Marion Wolf

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION



FICTION

Novels

Dahl, Julia. Invisible City.
Englander, Nathan. Kaddish.com.
Fallenberg, Evan. Light Fell.
Horn, Dara. Eternal Life.
Morris, Heather. The Tattooist of Auschwitz.
Rabb, Jonathan. Among the Living.
Silva, Daniel. The Other Woman.

Short Stories

Shankman, Helen Maryles. In the Land of the Armadillos.
Stavans, Ilan, editor. The Oxford Book of Short Stories.

NONFICTION

Biography

Pfeffer, Anshel. Bibi: The Turbulent Life and Times of Benjamin Netanyahu.
Rosensaft, Hadassah. Yesterday: My Story.

Contemporary Life

Larkin, Jane. From Generation to Generation: A Story of Inter-marriage and Jewish Continuity.
Miller, D.M. Half-Jew: Searching for Identity.
Ruttman, Larry. American Jews and America's Game: Voices of a Growing Legacy in Baseball.
Weisman, Jonathan. (((Semitism))) : Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump.

Food

Ferris, Marcie Cohen. Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South.
Goldstein, Sherron. From Generation to Generation: A Temple Emanu-el Cookbook.
Horowitz, Roger. Kosher USA: How Coke Became Kosher and Other Tales of Modern Food.
Newhouse, Alana, editor. The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List.
Zamore, Mary L. The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic.

History

Elon, Amos. The Pity of It All: A History of the Jews in Germany, 1743-1933.
Moore, Deborah Dash et al. Jewish New York: The Remarkable Story of a City and a People.
Nadell, Pamela Susan. America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today.
Ross, Steven Joseph. Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America.
Zipperstein, Steven J. Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History.

Israel

Dauids, Stanley and Englander, Lawrence A.; editors. The Fragile Dialogue: New Voices of Liberal Zionism.
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Summary of Minutes from the December 19, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting

Suzannah Mercado, our new Temple Administrator was introduced to the Board.

Lynn Chaiken – Chair of Social Action, presented a request that the Board of Trustees form a Sustainability Initiative Task Force. Among other things, the Task Force would investigate food waste, a “stay local” initiative, review all waste and use. The Task Force would review what we are doing currently in the areas of sustainability and what are the needs and costs associated with such a program.

Discussions ensued. Nickie will appoint a Task Force in consultation with Lynn.

Marc Chelemer – Report on Bazaar – This year’s event was enjoyable. It not only involved the congregation, but provided a service (and items) to people in need in the community. Bazaar brings together more people from our congregation than most any other event; around 200 volunteers and “friends of Bazaar” get involved.

Bazaar raised approximately \$12,000. The committee discussed the possibility of an Art Sale around Mothers’ Day with the leftover artwork.

Treasurer’s Report – Gary Richards is working with Maryanne to get updated numbers and will report in January on the Funds Accounts.

Financial Secretary’s Report – Alan Winters - Voluntary Commitment (VC) is at \$490,248. 74% has been collected so far. Amount of increased VC - \$28,943 by 37 members. Loss of \$2,510 through resignations. New Members – 28 with an average of \$750 each. Total members – 362

President’s Report – Nickie Falk

Kitchen – The dishwasher and one oven are not working and repair parts are no longer available. Discussion ensued as to the possibility of replacing only what is broken vs. buying all new equipment. Sue Keusch will be assisted by Marc Chelemer in the investigation of all options, including used equipment.

Nominating Committee – Amy Abrams will be Chair. Nickie asked for Board of Trustees suggestions for members of the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Kantor
Assistant Secretary

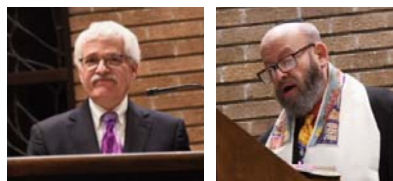
Viewpoints screening on January 11



Viewpoints documentary, "Family in Transition" screening introduced by Karen Rappaport, discussion moderated by Maddy Wolf Eichen. Havdalah led by Amanda and Rachel Eastman.



Potluck dinner and service led by Arnie Graber and Marc Klausner, Torah reading by Marion Wolf, D’var Torah by Doug Falk on January 17



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