

TEMPLE EMETH

2022-23 Gratitude & Acknowledgements

Temple Emeth has always been known as a caring community. We gratefully recognize all those who have given service to our synagogue during the past year. To each of you, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

**Annual Congregational Meeting
June 6, 2023**

Adult Education Committee

Linda Poskanzer, Chair

Committee Members: Peter Adler, Teri Binder, Susan Breznick, Marty Breznick, Michael Dillon, Rachel Eastman, Carlene Fleishman, Gayle Goldberg, Michael Goldberg, Laurel Kane, Elaine Nissen, Jaime Rubin, Brenda Weiss

The Adult Ed committee is comprised of the following dedicated, hard-working, creative folks: Peter Adler, Teri Binder, Susan and Marty Bresnick, Rachel Eastman, Gayle and Michael Goldberg, Brenda Weiss, Carlene Fleishman, and Laurel Kane. And of course, Rabbi Sirbu, without whom none of this would happen.

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Bergen County Reform Temple Memorial Association

David Fox, President

Officers and Trustees: Abe Silberstein, Larry Silver, Marion Wolf, Gayle Goldberg

Special thanks to Jean Loeb for notarizing our deeds.

Bazaar Committee

Marc Chelemer, Chair

Thanks to: Laaren Brown (Hort), Dick Chittum, Judy Distler, Michael and Gayle Goldberg, Rhona Herman, Jill Kantor, Eley Kohn, Ellen Monane, Barbara Rosenfeld, Eva Tobias, David and Nancy Wolinsky, "Friend of Emeth" Christine Finley, and building-keepers Marisol Plaza and Amanda Barrero (and Kelli, her daughter).

Bulletin Committee

Barbara Balkin, Editor, Layout and Graphic Designer, Photographer

Photography: Carla Silver, Julie Weisman, Barbara Shater, Marla Levine

Honors to Marion Wolf, Co-editor and Judy Fox, Co-editor

B'yachad

Gayle and Michael Goldberg, Co-Chairs

Special Thank you to Marcia Orange who will be co-chairing with Gayle Goldberg during Mike's presidency.

Thank you to David Levin for a most fantastic presentation.

Thank you to Rabbi Sirbu for recommending the documentary, Fifty Children, and for his help developing the discussion questions.

Thank you to Peter Adler for preparing the colorful, professional, and eye-catching flyers. It is always a pleasure collaborating with Peter.

Thank you to Hildy Dillon for her technical assistance.

Thank you to Barbara Balkin, Suzannah Mercado, Alison Reiser, Carla Silver, Nickie Falk, and Laaren Hort for all their help with the publicity and advertising.

Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Committee

Gayle Goldberg, Chair

Thank you to the following congregants for their help and assistance throughout the year: Rose Becker, Marc Chelemer, Barbara and Rick Chittum, Hildy Dillon, Judy Distler, Doug Falk, Leslee Fetner, Carlene Fleishman, Michael Goldberg, Shel Grossman, Jan Hopman, Joan Knauer, Howard Lieberman, Linda Rothenberg, Jaime Rubin, Alissa Sandler, Nancy Scher, Marilyn Shapiro, Ina and Michael Silverstein, Eva Tobias, Brenda Weiss, and Karen Wertheimer.

College Kids Committee

Jodee Fink, Chair

Special thanks to Marla Levine, for her very generous and thorough help in orienting me to this committee, and for the wonderful and detailed notes she provided!

The Temple office staff, for their support and assistance

Larry Fink, for facilitating the mailing of packages via UPS

Educational Endowment Allocation Committee

David Fox, Chair

Special thanks to: Stacey Butler, Pixie Pierce and Linda Poskanzer

Emeth Teen Community

Pixie Pierce, Chair

Etz Chayim

Junior Choir

Thanks to choir mom, Rachel Kugelmass, for keeping us fed and on schedule, Emma Feuer, our high-energy, teen madricha and to Tom Mustachio who makes singing fun with his upbeat accompaniment.

Finance Committee

Gary Richards, Chair

Committee Members: Mike Robinson, Mike Goldberg, Amy Abrams, Paula Dillon, Jacqueline Guttman, Marc Chelemer, Jill Kantor, Sue Keusch, Emily Hadjis, Nickie Falk, Alan Winters, Larry Silver, David Fox, Richard Buchbinder, Eric Zaretsky

Gala Committee

Marsha & Morris Sobel, Co-Chairs

Special thanks go to our sub-committee chairs:

Barbara Balkin (photography, video montage)

Gayle and Michael Goldberg (ad journal)

Cynthia Massarsky, Jill Kantor, and Shana Janoff (entertainment)

Nancy Wolinsky, and Jodee Fink (Silent Auction) for their endless energy and dedication to this event.

With gratitude, we thank the following:

Entertainment: Tom Mustachio, Jacqueline Guttman, Wendy Kosakoff and Adam Kohane

Decorations: Joy Firshein, Lisa Eig, Pam Etzin

Silent Auction: Laaren Hort, Wendy Dessanti

Ad Journal (helping to solicit advertisers by making phone calls): Greg Janoff, Lisa Eig, Michael Newman, Debby Newman, Arlene Packles, Pam Etzin

Publicity: Carla Silver

In addition, we had several young congregants who helped with the setup, assisting with technology and the silent auction: Zander Zaretsky, Alexis Wallach, Rebecca Gomez, Josh Gomez, Max Deninson, and Eliana Bieber

Thank you to all who supported this event in so many ways that made it such a success!

House Committee

Sue Keusch, Chair

Thank you to Nickie Falk, the custodians, and especially to Suzannah for all her work.

Intergenerational Community Garden Committee

Julie Weisman, Chair

Gardeners: Andrew Benesch, Nancy Miller Kozieradsky, Jaime Rubin, Paul Rubock, Julie Weisman, Morris Sobel, Mindy Goldberg

Delivery to Helping Hand: Ann Levenstein

Photographer and Archivist: Barbara Balkin

Seedlings and Cultivation Consultation: Barry and Jill Kantor

Financial support: Cantor Ellen Tilem

Janice Preschel Social Action Committee

Lynn Chaiken, Chair

Social Action Committee Honorees:

Alissa Sandler, Flip Bernard, Gail Turner, Hildy Dillon, Holly Clark, Ina Miller-Silverstein, Judy Eichinger, Jodee Fink, Karyle Goldstein & Family, Marsha Sobel, Mary Jane Tucker, Nancy Mednick, Nancy Miller, Paul Kaufman, Phylis Berman, Shana Janoff.

Kol Emet Adult Choir

Carol Shansky, Director

Chairs: Marcia Bronsnick and Jill Kantor

Librarian: Arnie Graber

Soprano: Marcia Bronsnick, Jill Kantor, Andrea Winters, Amanda Eastman, Sue Keusch

Alto: Elaine Bergman, Judy Eichinger, Idajean Fisher, Tobie Geller, Gail Turner, Pauline Hecht, Rachel Eastman, Sharon Schubert, Marilyn Shapiro, Elizabeth Graber

Tenor: Michael Robinson, Arnie Graber, Adina Hirschmann,

Bass: Joseph Dunsay, Sam Gronner, Paul Kaufman, Marc Chelemer

We welcome our new choir members this year: Paul Kaufman, Elizabeth Graber and Joseph Dunsay.

Library Committee

Teri Binder and Marion Wolf, Co-Chairs

The Library Committee acknowledges with gratitude our members: Marty Breznick, Nickie Falk, Judy Fox, David Fox, Robbie Liblit, Janice Lipsitz, Nancy Mednick, Joan Paul, Elaine Pollack, Mel Sandler, Carla Silver, Marsha Sobel, Brenda Weiss

Marketing Committee

Laaren Hort, Chair

The Marketing Committee would like to thank Barbara Balkin for her wonderful photos of all our Temple events; Carla Silver for her excellent work on publicity; and Nickie Falk for her dedicated contributions online. Thank you all!

Membership Committee

Caryn Diuguid, Chair

Many thanks to Judy Distler, Michael Robinson, Michael Goldberg, Alan Winters, Suzannah Mercado, Maryanne Tursi, and Alison Reiser for all your support during this very rewarding year as we gained back some normalcy for our activities. A Strategic Planning Membership/Marketing Subcommittee was formed to address the findings of Task Force and many thanks to the following for all their hard work: Steven Clark, Chair, Laaren Brown, Judy Distler, Caryn Diuguid, Jacqueline Guttman, and Jim Rothenberg

Museum Committee

Barbara Balkin, Chair

Thanks to Bill Helfman

Nominating Committee

Stefanie Stokes, Chair

Thank you to all who are currently serving and are stepping down: Flip Bernard, Arnie Graber, Eric Zaretsky, David Diuguid, Rachel Kugelmass, Danielle Feuer, Nickie Falk, and Jacqueline Guttman.

Oneg Committee

Jocelyn Inglis, Chair

Thanks to Suzannah Mercado for her guidance and the Temple Emeth staff for their continued help and support.

Publicity Committee

Carla Silver, Press Release Writer

Barbara Balkin, Photographer

Committee Members: Marilyn Shapiro, Laaren Brown

Many thanks to Barbara Balkin, Marilyn Shapiro and Laaren Brown

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Committee

David Fox, Chair

Religious School Committee

Dora Geld-Friedman, Director

Stacey Butler, Chair

Special thanks to Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, Stacey Butler and David Fox for their unwavering dedication and support to our school and students. Thank you as well to our School Administrator Barbara Shater, who continues to be a true asset in the school office.

Ritual Committee

Stephen Friedman, Chair

I would like to honor and recognize all the hard working and devoted members of the Ritual Committee: Carlene Fleishman, Amanda Eastman, Elinor Buchbinder, Barry and Jill Kantor, Gayle Goldberg, Michael Goldberg, Idajean Fisher, Judy Fox, Linda Poskanzer, Laurel Kane, Marilyn Shapiro, Rachel Eastman, Nancy Scher, Pauline Hecht, Mike Eastman, Michael Robinson, Nickie Falk, and Peter Adler.

Second Night Congregational Seder

Rachel and Mike Eastman, Co-Chairs

Thank you to Teri Binder, Judy Distler, Linda Poskanzer, Sue Keusch, Marsha Sobel, Pauline Hecht and Amanda Eastman for setting up the room so beautifully and quickly, and to all who helped clean up at the end of the night. Thank you to Sergio and Gloria for doing the heavy work.

Security Committee

Steve Chaiken, Chair

Amy Abrams, Michael Robinson

Shalach Manot Committee

Shel and Jeff Grossman, Co-Chairs

Thanks to: Susan Adler, Peter Adler, Teris Binder, Lynn & Steve Chaiken, Rick & Barbara Chittum, Renee, Luke, Michael and Joey Conlon, Hildy Dillon, Judy Distler, Judy Eichinger, Nickie & Doug Falk, Jodee Fink, Carlene Fleishman, Michael and Gayle Goldberg, Karyle Goldstein, Mindy Greenberg, Sam Gronner, Steven Grossman & Oliver Vestal, Pauline Hecht, Tammy Hecht, Eric & Rhona Herman, Lenny & Laaren Hort, Greg Janoff & Shana Greenblatt Janoff, Barry & Jill Kantor, Sue Keusch, Sandy Loft, Nancy Mednick, Nicole Motz, Pixie and

Ed Pierce, Linda Poskanzer and Paul Rosenberg, Yaron Prywes & Michal Towber and family, Gary Richards, Jaime Rubin and Howard Lieberman, Nancy and Ken Scher, Carla Silver, Cindy Simon, Marsha & Morris Sobel, Stefanie Stokes, Indira Suede, Mary Jane Tucker, Gail Turner, Julie Weisman, Nancy Wolinsky, and Rabbi Sirbu & Talia Sirbu. Maya Zaken, Liat Suede, Rebecca Gomez, Joshua Gomez, Jennifer Maddock, and Eliana Bieber
Suzannah Mercado, Alison Reiser and Maryanne Tursi, Amanda Barrero and Marisol Plaza

Security

Amy Abrams and Steve Chaiken, Co-Chairs

Shiva Minyan

Judy Fox, Chair

Many thanks to the scores of Temple members who make themselves available on short notice to attend a Shiva minyan. Thanks especially to the “bench” of about a dozen qualified minyan leaders, which includes: Marc Chelemer, Amanda Eastman, Rachel Eastman, Doug Falk, Idajeane Fisher, Stephen Friedman, Pauline Hecht, Linda Poskanzer, Marilyn Shapiro, Cindy Simon, and Marion Wolf; as well as Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem.

Simchat Torah Candy Bar

Chair, Joy Firshein

Committee Members: Eley Kohn, Rachel Eastman

Festive Candy and Candy Apple Bar Celebration following Simchat Torah Services

Strategic Planning Steering Committee

Flip Bernard and Michael Goldberg, Co-Chairs

The committee chairs whole-heartedly commend and thank the members of the Steering Committee for all their hard work and dedication to the betterment of Temple Emeth: Stuart Breslow, Stacey Butler, Lisa Eig, Nickie Falk, Stephen Friedman, Karen Rappaport, Michael Robinson, Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem

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Thank you to all the Strategic Planning Subcommittee members and the chair / co-chairs noted in bold print below:

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Religious School/Education: **Stacey Butler**, Marty Bresnick, Rachel Kugelmass, Eric Zaretsky, Beth Pascarello, Rabbi Sirbu

Adult Education / Lifelong Learning: **Linda Poskanzer, Karen Rappaport**, Jacqueline Guttman, Teri Binder, Susan Breznick, Rabbi Sirbu

Building: **Marc Chelemer**, Michael Robinson, Sue Keusch, Wendy Dessanti, David Brown

Membership/Marketing: **Steve Clark**, Caryn Diuguid, Judy Distler, Jim Rothenberg, Laaren Hort

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Technology Committee

Amanda Eastman, Chair

Special thanks to member Matthew Weiner who recently spearheaded the process of revamping the sound equipment so our livestreams sound so beautiful! Thank you also to Doug Falk for stepping up and helping write the scripts each week. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers: Meredith, Allegra, & Cameron Alvaro, Barbara Balkin, Miriam d'Adolf, Patti Dunham, Nickie & Doug Falk, Dan Firshein, Gayle & Michael Goldberg, Pauline Hecht, Marcia Orange, Gary Richards, Andrew Sherwood, Talia Sirbu, Marsha & Morris Sobel, David Wolinsky, and Maya & Ace Zaken. Thank you to Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem for working so hard to ensure all hybrid and livestream programming are successful. Finally, thank you to all of those who "tune in" to our livestream and Zoom programming, helping create a more far-reaching community.

Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation (TEEF)

David Fox, President

Officers and Trustees: Susan Breznick, Steve Chaiken, Wendy Dessanti, Idajean Fisher, Suzanne Keusch, and Laura Kirsch. Special thanks to Sue Keusch who is stepping down after serving on the Board since TEEF was established in 1991 and served as President for the first 20 years.

Ushering Committee

David Wolinsky, Chair

We owe all ushers our thanks: Lisa Eig, Michael Goldberg, Nancy Wolinsky, Marty Breznick, Bob Kahn; Ken Scher, Howard Lieberman, Eric Zaretsky, Art Lerman, Stefanie Stokes, Danielle Feuer, Benjamin Wolinsky, Marc Chelemer, and Mel Sandler, with a special shout-out to Jay Salzman for serving during multiple sessions.

Viewpoints Committee

Karen Rappaport, Chair

Thank you to all the members of the Viewpoints committee for their contributions to our programs: Phylis Burman, Andrea Winters, Paula Dillon, Elaine Nissen, Dan Firshein, and Judy Distler. Thank you to all the facilitators of the DEI groups for their time and leadership: Flip Bernard, June Cohen, Howard Lieberman, and Susan Schwartz.