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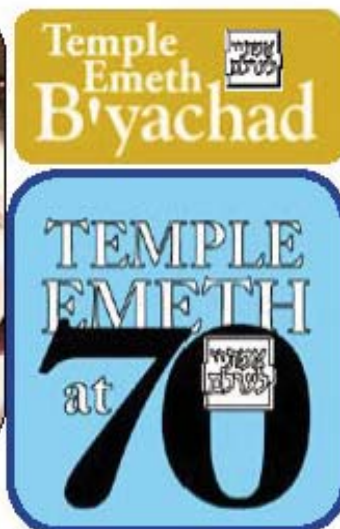
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## Celebrating Temple Emeth's 70 years



**JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY MORNING  
BREAKFAST AND DISCUSSION  
on January 21, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon**

**Temple Emeth at 70 - Remembrances and  
Reflections by your fellow Congregants**

**David Fox will speak about Temple Emeth History.  
Peter Adler will discuss Temple Emeth Artwork.  
Marion Wolf, Nicole Motz, and Stacey Butler will  
each speak about "Growing Up at Temple Emeth."**



*See page 10 for the RSVP form.*

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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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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

Jerusalem is the capital of the Jewish people. It is where King David brought the Holy Ark when he moved his seat of power from Hebron. It is where the First and Second Temples stood, and where the remnant of their retaining wall, the Western wall, still stands. It is where the Knesset, the President's official residence, the Prime Minister's official residence, and the Supreme Court are all located. Within the hearts and minds of Jews in Israel and beyond, Jerusalem is our capital and can be objectively demonstrated as such.

Why then was there so much outcry when the Trump administration announced that it would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel? After all, on one level, the President was simply acknowledging reality. Everything in the Middle East, however, is multifaceted, with different interpretations of history, of symbolism, and even reality. These nuances raise a number of questions regarding the status of Jerusalem.

When in 1947 the United Nations divided Palestine into two future states, one for Jews and the other for Arabs, Jerusalem was designated as an international city. There were no existing international cities at the time, and no one really knew what it meant. But the designation made it possible for controversy to be side-stepped and the plan to get passed. All of the Arab countries at the time rejected the partition plan and waged war to try to prevent its implementation. Did that mean that Jerusalem's status as an international city was null and void?

At the end of Israel's war of independence in 1949, Jerusalem was divided between Israel on the west and Jordan on the east. The Green Line, as it came to be called, was a cease-fire line and not a recognized border. Nonetheless, there was little if any protest in the international community when Jewish families moved to West Jerusalem. It quickly became an important part of Israel culturally and geographically. But to many, the status of Jerusalem can be resolved only by negotiation. If West Jerusalem is an accepted part of Israel, why can't it be the capital of Israel?

An important part of Zionist philosophy is that the Jewish nation should have a sovereign state that is not subject to the judgment of other countries. Israel does not seek outside permission to exist. (History has shown that there are many who would withhold that permission.) Why then is United States recognition of something that Israelis already take for granted so important?



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

There are probably multiple answers to each of these questions depending on your perspective. To me the most important question is, "Why did the Administration make this move now?" Making this change undermines America's role as an impartial mediator in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. True, the process has been stalled for years, but I would think that the US would want to continue to play this role.

Making this change is also a way to give something to the President's base, which includes large numbers of Evangelical Christians and right-leaning Jews. The declaration could have been more balanced to reflect the aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians, but it wasn't.

Personally, I have mixed feelings about this decision. As someone who believes in policy matching reality, I must admit that stating the obvious should never create controversy. As someone who believes in Jerusalem as our capital, the focus of our prayers and the center of our spiritual life, I am glad to have company in this view.

But as someone who believes in a two-state solution—as distant as it may currently seem—I don't support a change that further erodes trust among parties who should be building trust. I don't think the timing is right for America to jeopardize its credibility in the region over a declaration that changes nothing on the ground.

The Psalmist wrote, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem..." The Jewish people will always have Jerusalem in our hearts, and I pray for the time when love of Jerusalem can convince all involved to work for the peace of Jerusalem.



## From the Religious School

*"One who saves a single life, it is as if that person has saved an entire world."*

*From The Talmud*

The Talmud teaches us, "Tzedakah outweighs all other commandments." Clearly the giving of tzedakah is considered **very** important in Judaism, and it is our sacred obligation. It is in that spirit that I ask you to remind your children to bring in tzedakah money (any amount) that is then collected at every class meeting.

The Religious School is also proud to work together with the Social Action Committee on their monthly projects. Special thanks to Eva Sandrof for sharing these projects with us and encouraging our students and families involvement in acts of *tikun olam*.

We will also be launching our Jewish National Fund's annual *Tu B'shvat in the schools program*. Our students are learning about the different ways that trees give back to our world and make a difference. They will be encouraged to think of actions that give back to their environment at school, at home, in the community and Israel. We are all blessed to experience the spiritual

power of giving!

### **Remember to like us on Facebook and mark your calendars for this month's activities.**

- Wednesday, January 3 – Welcome Back service for grades 3 – 7 @ 4:00
- Sunday, January 7 – M & M - Tfila/Shira for grades K – 4 and families @ 9:00 - All are welcome!
- Sunday, January 7 – 6th grade Kehilla – out of building
- Sunday, January 14 – Parent/Teacher conferences (no school for students) sign-up chart outside school office
- Wednesday, January 17 – Junior Youth Group, JYG @ 6:00
- Sunday, January 21 – 7th grade Kehilla - out of building
- Wednesday, January 24 – Junior-Junior Youth Group, JJYG @ 6:00



Dora Geld Friedman



B'vracha  
Dora Geld Friedman

Chanukah candlelighting, storytelling, and songs on December 13th.



### **Sweet Tastes of Torah**

Sponsored by the North Jersey Board of Rabbis

**Saturday, February 3**

Registration opens at 6:30 p.m.

Havdalah at 6:50 p.m.

Host congregation: Fair Lawn Jewish Center  
10-10 Norma Avenue, Fair Lawn



#### **Keynote:** Truth to Power: Prophetic Ethics in Troubled Times

In an age of scandal, the words and examples of the prophets of Israel offer us an alternative - the ethics-driven life. What lessons can we learn from our ancestors and how can we apply them today? Breakouts will focus on such topics as the ethics of faith, healing, forgiveness, civil disobedience, equality, repentance, forgiveness. Based on his new book, "Path of the Prophets: The Ethics-Driven Life," Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz will bring this ancient wisdom to life in a new way.

**Sweet Tastes of Torah, an evening of community learning, is excited about our new format, which will begin with our keynote, followed by breakouts around the theme presented, as well as our ever-dynamic range of classes.**

Enjoy 2 one-hour sessions of your choice, followed by delicious desserts, socializing, and Israeli folk dancing.

\$15 per person pre-registered by January 31; \$20 at door

Register online at [www.sweettastesoftorah.weebly.com](http://www.sweettastesoftorah.weebly.com) or register by check, made payable to:

North Jersey Board of Rabbis 32 Franklin Place, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

For security reasons, please include names of all attendees when registering.

Questions? Contact Nickie Falk at: [sweettastesoftorah@gmail.com](mailto:sweettastesoftorah@gmail.com)

## Message from President Amy Abrams

I hope you are all recovering well from the last round of holidays! Does your house still smell like latkes?

Reporting back as far as last November, I am pleased to tell you that the Town Hall was a very successful meeting. We had upwards of 70 congregants present for a comprehensive update on finances by our Treasurer, Jim Sandler, and an excellent breakout session to consider alternative approaches to raising additional funds. We got lots of great suggestions for additional fundraisers, most of which also sound like a lot of fun, and other suggestions for new sources of income. Lots to think about there.

For the moment, however, we are financially exactly where we want to be. Since the Town Hall meeting, we have received some additional pledges and some very generous gifts, and we are right on point for our budget. Pretty fantastic work for our first year of Terumat Halev! I am so proud of our congregation as a role model for this new approach to shifting the conversation away from money and towards what the Temple means to you.

Moving on to December, the Bazaar was also wildly successful again this year, pulling in a gross of about \$15,000, including \$1400 from the summer sale. Our gratitude and thanks go to all who helped out, especially Laaren Hort, Ellen Monane, David Wolinsky, Marc Chelemer, Carla Silver, and Marion Wolf. I'm sure I'm forgetting a lot of people I should be naming here. Everyone who sorted, set up, chaired a booth, sold, and cleaned up was vital to this success! From the sound of it, everyone had a good time, too.

I missed the Bazaar this year because I went to the URJ Biennial in early December for the first time. Idajean Fisher, Wendy Kosakoff, Paul Kaufman, and David Kohane also went from Temple Emeth. It was pretty amazing. Try to picture 5500 Jews praying together with a video screen and fabulous music, including a rock band, new liturgical songs, a gigantic choir (which included Idajean!), and an entire auditorium filled with Jewish spirit and energy. All that plus the workshops had some good concepts too, which I hope you'll be hearing about in the days to come.

One of the takeaways that was mentioned at a wrap-up session struck a particular chord for me. From the Audacious Hospitality sessions, one person mentioned that diversity and inclusion means welcoming everyone however they choose to practice their Jewish faith. They may keep kosher, or they may not be very observant. They may be intimately familiar with the Hebrew prayers or not be able to read Hebrew at all. They may be comfortable wearing jeans to services, or they may prefer to put on a dress. They may be of another faith but working to raise their children Jewish, or supporting their Jewish spouse who still wishes to observe his/her tradition. Audacious Hospitality means that we

welcome all these varieties and more. I think Temple Emeth does a great job of this. I hope that everyone in our congregation feels that whatever their personal practices, they are welcome at Temple Emeth.

Audacious Hospitality is just one way we are building community this year. Don't forget about our Meet and Match program! So far we have people interested in hiking and in knitting. I know there are people hiding out there who want to play Mah Jongg, both beginner and advanced. Whatever your interest, speak up! Email Mindy Greenberg at [mindy\\_win@yahoo.com](mailto:mindy_win@yahoo.com) or Nancy Wolinsky at [nanwolinsky@optonline.net](mailto:nanwolinsky@optonline.net) and

get your ideas in! This is still a pilot program, so you're not committed to a six-year obligation unless you decide you like it. Give it a try. You might like it!

Within our focus on creating community this year, we all realize that "community" means supporting our neighbors in good times and in bad. Unfortunately, I have recently had to make a lot of shiva visits. The more I go to, the more I realize what a comfort it is to a bereaved family to have people from their community present, even if it's not a close friend. As a means of building a stronger community, I encourage each of you to attend shiva this year for one person who is not a close personal friend. I think you'll be surprised at not only their reaction, but your own. It truly makes you realize what a mitzvah it is to be present for a neighbor in a time of need

With the diversity we have in our congregational community, we don't always know how to respond when a non-Jewish partner or spouse suffers a loss, as we don't always know what procedure the family wishes to observe. I think that we just need to reach out. If there is a wake or other observance, it is appropriate to attend. If the Temple doesn't tell us how the family is mourning, make a phone call, send a card, or express your sympathy in another way that is comfortable for you. It's all about just being there.

Looking ahead, January has some great events coming up. I am personally excited about the One Book, One Community Shabbaton on January 6. Not only is it a fun community event, but this year it's focused on FOOD! The book is a cookbook, we're going to try some of the recipes, and the film is about the Israeli cuisine showcased in the book. What could possibly be bad?

The rest of the month has so many things going on I'm not even going to try to summarize them. I refer you instead to the calendar on the Temple web page, which I find very helpful in keeping everything in mind. And don't forget the Temple Facebook page, and the Presidential Twitter feed @TempleEmeth! Give me more followers and I'll try to write better posts. Covfefe!

Amy Abrams



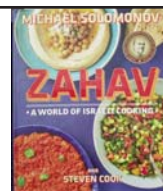
Amy Abrams



Rabbi Ron Hoffberg from Prague spoke on “Czech Files” during services on December 8th, and at the Oneg after a showing of a slide show about Temple Emeth’s trip to Prague.



## One Book One Community Shabbaton on January 6 A World of Israeli Cooking



### Schedule

**9:00 a.m. Torah Study** - Rabbi Sirbu will look at several texts that help us study the theme of dining in the Torah and Talmud.

**10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services** - During the service, Rabbi Sirbu will explore the theme of the land of Israel and all of its bounty.

**12:15 p.m. Kiddush lunch** - Join in a light Kiddush lunch in the Social Hall. The meal will be enhanced by salads prepared by some of our members according to recipes from Zahav.

**1:00 p.m. Screening** of “In Search of Israeli Cuisine.”

To volunteer to prepare recipes, please contact Lynne Graizel at [lynnegee@optonline.net](mailto:lynnegee@optonline.net).

To RSVP to attend, contact Linda Poskanzer at [lindaposkanzer@msn.com](mailto:lindaposkanzer@msn.com)



## Temple Emeth Bazaar 2017

Great news—2017 was another big year for the Temple Emeth Bazaar. Together, we had a great time—and we made a whopping \$14,300 in just one day, despite challenging winter weather.

That’s a lot! And we can add the \$1,400 we made at the September garage sale, for a grand total of \$15,700.

Rabbi Sirbu says, “Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg was a scholar on Jewish magic. He wrote about medieval incantations and the like. But our Bazaar offers a different kind of magic. We take one person’s giveaways and, abracadabra, transform them into someone else’s treasure!”

Thank you to everyone who sorted, schlepped, set up, and sold this year. Together, we turned your donations—abracadabra!—into treasure for Temple Emeth. See you next year!

Laaren Brown  
Ellen Monane

Co-Chairs, Bazaar Committee



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

Refreshments will be served and don't forget...bring a cushion for your tush!

Here is the schedule upcoming films:  
**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.

**OPERA SHABBATON**

Hailed as the first American opera, Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* portrays the loves and lives of African Americans on Catfish Row. You know the story. Bess, a beautiful drug addict, is torn between her brutish boyfriend Crown and her growing love for the charming, disabled beggar Porgy. You love the music...and Gershwin composed music entwining Negro spirituals, Jewish cadences, and jazz throughout the entire score. Consider the impact this American folk opera had in 1935 and learn about the controversies surrounding the opera in subsequent years.

You have never seen the opera? Or you want to see it again? On March 3, 2018 at 12:45 p.m. bring seat cushions so that you are comfortable while listening to "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So," and many memorable arias. Met star Eric Owens and Laquita Mitchell lead the cast supported by The San Francisco Orchestra and Chorus.

Reserve early! We expect a large audience and seating is limited. Please complete and submit the reservation form below along with your check. For additional information contact Elaine Bergman at [EJB1734@msn.com](mailto:EJB1734@msn.com) or Linda Poskanzer at [lindaposkanzer@msn.com](mailto:lindaposkanzer@msn.com).

RSVP for March 3rd Opera Shabbaton

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending @ \$20. each (before Feb. 25),  
after Feb. 25 - \$ 30. each: Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those coming with you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Social Action in Action

Temple Emeth once again hosted a homeless family through the Family Promise program...first in St. Anastasia's Church and more recently at Temple Emeth. This will be almost 20 years that we have been sheltering homeless families and, unfortunately, the need continues.

We continue to concern ourselves with a number of urgent issues that affect all of us:

Ban Unsafe Oil Trains - the Committee to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains (of which the Social Action Committee is a member) sent a request to members of the Teaneck Town Council to sign a pledge that they would work towards a future goal of 100% clean energy.

Gun Control - we support legislation that has been introduced in the State legislature that would ban the sale, possession, and use of "bumper stocks" in New Jersey. There is also a federal report that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation that would allow "concealed carry" of weapons, even in states which ban carrying concealed weapons. It is unclear whether the Senate has considered similar legislation.

HIAS Welcome Campaign - A "postcard party" was held at Temple Emeth on December 13th. Participants were invited to sign postcards to appropriate government officials urging them to support the rights of immigrants and to retain the DREAM act, allowing immigrants who were transported here as children to remain in this country.

The North Jersey Sanctuary Committee - We continue to be a member of this coalition which services people who have fled their country of origin because of the horrific experiences they have endured. The Committee is currently helping four people.

This month all food and other donations will go to Buddies of New Jersey. Buddies, located in Hackensack, serves people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will be on Sunday, January 7 at 9:45 a.m.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Services and S'machot

**19th of Tevet 5778**  
**Friday, January 5**

**Shabbat Sh'mot**  
**Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 6**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. on Dining in the Jewish Tradition**  
**Shabbat Morning Service on the Bounty of the Land of Israel at 10:30 a.m.**  
**One Book, One Community Shabbaton to follow the Service**  
**Shabbat Lunch including "Zahav" salads prepared by Temple members at 12:15 p.m.**  
**Screening of "In Search of Israeli Cuisine at 1:00 p.m.**

*Torah Portion - Sh'mot: Exodus 1:1-6:1*

*Haftarah - Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23*

**26th of Tevet 5778**  
**Friday, January 12**

**Shabbat Va-eira**  
**Guitar Service at 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 13**

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

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

*Haftarah - Ezekiel 28:25-29:21*

**4th of Shevat 5778**  
**Friday, January 19**

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

**Saturday, January 20**

**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*

**11th of Shevat 5778**  
**Friday, January 26**

**Shabbat Shira**  
**Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Guest Speaker Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer of HIAS**  
**- Kol Emet Sings**

**Saturday, January 27**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Mindfulness Meditation Service at 10:30 a.m.**

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

*Haftarah - Judges 4:4-5:31*



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	<b>1</b> 14th of Tevet 5778  Building Closed New Year's Day	<b>2</b> 15th of Tevet 5778  7:30pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed - Screening of "Lies My Father told Me"	<b>3</b> 16th of Tevet 5778  12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 4:00pm - 4:30pm RS Welcome Back T'filah and Shirah 6:00pm - 7:00pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 17th of Tevet 5778	<b>5</b> 18th of Tevet 5778  4:25pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> 19th of Tevet 5778  One Book, One Community Shabbaton 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study on the topic of Dining in the Jewish Tradition 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service on the Bounty of the Land of Israel 12:15pm - 1:00pm Shabbat Lunch including "Zahav" salads prepared by Temple members 1:00pm - 3:00pm Screening of "In Search of Israeli Cuisine"
<b>7</b> 20th of Tevet 5778  9:00am - 9:45am M & M T'filah and Shirah 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 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 - 12:00pm Torah Trope Class with Idajeane Fisher	<b>8</b> 21st of Tevet 5778  10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class 7:45pm - 9:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 22nd of Tevet 5778  8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed Mini- University: The New Deal: Can Government Make a Positive Difference? taught by Irwin Yellowitz	<b>10</b> 23rd of Tevet 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>11</b> 24th of Tevet 5778  7:45pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees' Meeting	<b>12</b> 25th of Tevet 5778  4:32pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Guitar Service	<b>13</b> 26th of Tevet 5778  9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Healing Service
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<b>21</b> 5th of Shevat 5778  9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 10:30am - 12:00pm B'yachad Breakfast: Temple Emeth at 70 - Remembrances and Reflections 11:00am - 12:00pm Torah Trope Class with Idajeane Fisher	<b>22</b> 6th of Shevat 5778  10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	<b>23</b> 7th of Shevat 5778  8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed Mini- University: The New Deal: Can Government Make a Positive Difference? taught by Irwin Yellowitz	<b>24</b> 8th of Shevat 5778  12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm Junior JYG 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 9th of Shevat 5778	<b>26</b> 10th of Shevat 5778  4:48pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - Guest Speaker Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer of HIAS - Kol Emet Sings	<b>27</b> 11th of Shevat 5778  9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 9:30am - 6:30pm URJ New Jersey and Friends Shabbaton 10:30am - 12:00pm Mindfulness Meditation Service
<b>28</b> 12th of Shevat 5778  9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 11:00am - 12:00pm Torah Trope Class with Idajeane Fisher	<b>29</b> 13th of Shevat 5778  10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	<b>30</b> 14th of Shevat, Erev Tu B'Shvat  8:00pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed Mini- University: The New Deal: Can Government Make a Positive Difference? taught by Irwin Yellowitz (Make-Up Date)	<b>31</b> 15th of Shevat, Tu B'Shvat  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			

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>

## Good & Welfare

The congregation mourns the loss of longtime member **Shirley Heller** and sends condolences to her husband, Kenneth.

### Condolences to...

**Amy Abrams** on the loss of her cousin, Lynn Bloomberg.

**Barbara Balkin** on the loss of her mother, Syd Shana.

**Paul Kaufman** on the loss of his cousin,

Jacques Kaufman.

**David Diuguid** on the loss of his aunt, Carolyn Greenlee.

**Meryl Recinos** on the loss of her uncle, Irv Kleinberg.

**Marc Chelemer** on the loss of his uncle, Charles Gene Hirsh.

**Ilene Anesini** on the loss of her father, Melvin Breier.

### Mazel Tov to...

**Lynn and Steve Chaiken** on the wedding of their son, Max Chaiken to Rabbi Danny Shapiro.

**Jill and Steven VanPraagh** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Shara.

### Get Well Wishes to...

Eva Tobias

Irwin Yellowitz

Pauline Hecht

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## Temple Emeth's 70th Anniversary celebration RSVP for the January 21st B'yachad Breakfast

This RSVP form must be filled out and returned to the Temple office with the \$6 fee per person by January 14th for the breakfast. After that date, the cost is \$8 per person. If you do not RSVP, you are welcome to attend the discussion, but not the breakfast.

Sorry, we cannot accept any verbal RSVPs.

RSVP for the January 21st B'yachad Breakfast

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SHALACH MANOT 2018

## Chanukah Dinner 2017

Welcoming new members, lighting the chanukiyot, and singing by Etz Chayim and Shir Chadash members.



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**Betty Ann and Harold Marcus** in appreciation of the Cantor's beautiful voice

**Barbara Balkin** in gratitude to the Cantor

**Bill Helfman** in gratitude to the Cantor

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**Dora and Yossi Friedman** in memory of Syd Shana, beloved mother of Barbara Balkin

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**Gail Talcoff and Robert Staffin** in memory of Syd Shana, beloved mother of Barbara Balkin

**Nickie and Douglas Falk** in memory of Syd Shana, beloved mother of Barbara Balkin

**Elaine and Joe Pollack** in memory of Syd Shana, beloved mother of Barbara Balkin

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**Gail Talcoff and Robert Staffin** in honor of the wedding of Max Chaiken, son of Lynn and Steve Chaiken to Rabbi Danny Shapiro

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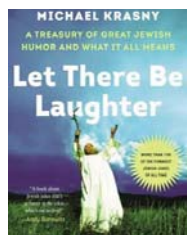
## Monthly News Update: LOL

By Marion Wolf

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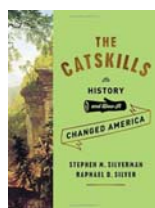


In trying times how do we cope? Some turn to humor; some seek escape. Not that long ago we could find both humor and escape in the Catskills. Two new books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library deal with these subjects, giving us insights into Jewish humor and the history of the Catskills.



Let There Be Laughter: A Treasury of Great Jewish Humor and What It All Means is the work of Michael Krasny. The author is a professor of literature at San Francisco State, a well-known public radio host, and the nephew of Temple Emeth member Joy Herman. For many years Krasny has collected Jewish jokes and wondered, "What do these jokes mean? And where do they come from? And what do they tell us?" In Let There Be Laughter he offers a wide-ranging sample of his collection, organized thematically, with gags about Jewish mothers; sex and marriage; schlemiels and schmucks; and assimilation, among other topics. Some of the stories Krasny tells are familiar, and some are new. All are funny. You can come for the comedy and enjoy the commentary as a bonus. In her review in *The Times of Israel*, Renee Ghert-Zand points out that this book's publication was not planned "to coincide with Trump's election. But its comedic timing was impeccable, with the release set to make us laugh to keep from crying." A good laugh once could be had in the Borscht Belt. Many Jewish comedians got their start there, telling the very jokes catalogued by Michael Krasny. Stephen M. Silverman and Raphael D. Silver share

fascinating details about the area in The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America. This book with its beautiful photographs is "an effort to capture a sense of the color, charm, and even lunacy, that for the past four hundred years have characterized the Catskill Mountains and the people attracted to them. Those people include Henry Hudson, who first spotted the Hudson River in 1609. The earliest American folk heroes—Rip Van Winkle and Natty Bumppo—made their home in the Catskills. Later the Hudson River School painters showed the beauty of the mountains in their landscapes. The Catskills were already a popular WASP attraction in the 1800s, when Jews were excluded from the resorts there. At a Catskills writers' residence, Mark Twain spent the summer of 1890. He "complained that the walls of his cottage were so thin that one could hear a woman changing her mind in the next room." We've all stayed at places like that!



Who knew that the first Christmas tree sold in America came from this region or that Prohibition-era mob figures sought refuge there? Eventually came Grossinger's, the Concord, and Kutshers, where one could go to see stars like Phil Silvers and Milton Berle or newcomers like Sid Caesar, Lenny Bruce, and Mel Brooks.

Thumbing through the pages of these two books one comes across many delightful tidbits that distract and amuse. See for yourself at the Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

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**Carla and Larry Silver** in memory of Shirley Heller, wife of Kenneth Heller

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**Judy and Walter Distler** in loving memory of June Handler - role model for caring activism and aging gracefully

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in honor of Eva Tobias on an unlucky break, wishing her a speedy recovery

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## Summary of Minutes from the November 9, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

### Rabbi Sirbu

- NFTY-GER (Garden Empire Region) is sponsoring an Intro to NFTY and five Temple Emeth children and their chaperone, Katie Sandler, will attend.
- NFTY-GER Pop-Up Shabbat at Temple Emeth on March 23rd
- The Rabbi felt that our co-sponsoring of the Scholar-in-Residence program with Beth Shalom went very well. There were 11 Temple Emeth members at dinner and 20 for Shabbat services. It was a very nice and coordinated service.

### Finance – Mike Goldberg

- An update will be provided at the December meeting. Jim Sandler was not present to discuss current financial status.

### Logos Church – Jill Kantor

- Due to declining membership, the Logos Church

would like to continue in the Youth lounge.

### High Holy Day Tickets – Amy Abrams

- With the change to a Voluntary Commitment Dues model, there were many issues regarding the fees for additional family member and non-affiliated member tickets. These topics need further discussion.

### President's Report – Amy Abrams

- Stephen Friedman is stepping down as 3rd VP but will remain as a Trustee. Amy will appoint a replacement.
- Town Hall meeting will cover: Where we go next, and how to deal with Voluntary Commitment issues such as how to approach those in arrears.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Eig  
Secretary

## Mindfulness Meditation Service

Join us on, January 27, 10:30 - 12:00 for a special Saturday morning service at Temple Emeth, led by Ellen J. Schwartz and Rabbi Sirbu. A variety of formal and informal mindfulness practices and meditation will be offered throughout this Shabbat morning service. No experience necessary! Meditation and mindfulness are time-tested techniques and practices that can help us manage the stresses of the modern world and allows us to really appreciate what life has to offer. It is said that in Jewish Mindfulness Meditation, "Judaism is the yesod, the foundation, and mindfulness meditation is the derech, the path." Move, sit, chant, sing, walk, breathe and pray with us.



Etz Chayim performed Chanukah songs at Holy Name Medical Center on December 13th.

## 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!



## Garden News

Let's think spring! In early Spring TE's intergenerational garden wakes up to give temple members and our youth opportunities to plant seeds such as tomatoes, cucumbers, kale, lettuce, eggplant, spinach, carrots. We also grow herbs. Mark your calendar for our first garden planning meeting on Sunday March 4th at 10:30 a.m. From April through October gardeners meet, as needed, on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 10:30/11:00 a.m. For more information contact Julie Weisman at [julie@flavorganics.com](mailto:julie@flavorganics.com)

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Here is what the day looks like:  
9:30 - 10:00 Registration + Light Breakfast  
10:00 - 12:30 Shabbat Worship  
12:30 - 1:45 Lunch  
1:45 - 3:00 Study Session Aleph  
3:15 - 4:30 Study Session Bet  
4:30 - 4:45 S'udah Shlisheet  
5:00 Concert & Havdalah with "Nefesh Mountain"

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