

Inter-Generational Trip to Israel

Led by Rabbi Steven Sirbu

July 1, 2017 - July 11, 2017

9 Nights in Israel



Israel

- Full guided tour throughout Israel, including: Jerusalem, Old and New, engaging with Reform Jewish families
- The modern wonder of Tel Aviv, Israel's 24/7 city
- Masada, the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert
- Northern Israel with its nature and history
- Emma Eig Bat Mitzvah Service and Ceremony in an ancient Galilean Synagogue

**For both
first Timers
and
Returnees**



The Czech Republic

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June 28 - July 2, 2017 - 3 Nights

- Prague's rich Jewish story
- The Precious Legacy Exhibit in the Prague Synagogue
- Family scavenger hunt in the footsteps of Franz Kafka
- Program with the Prague Jewish community
- A visit to Terezin



Explore the story of the Jewish People on two continents, all while engaging with old friends and making new ones.

For additional information please contact Shana Janoff at shanajanoff4@gmail.com

For more information and registration - <http://www.makorjourneys.com/temple-emeth>

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Breakfast speaker from Makor on January 22nd.*

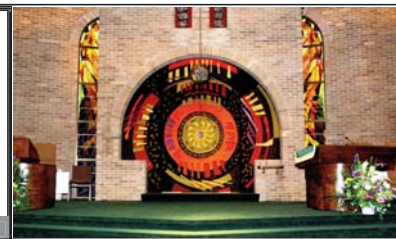
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From the Editor - In order to ensure that everyone's articles are published in the Bulletin please limit them to half a page.

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

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

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Message From the Rabbi

This bulletin should be arriving to you right around Chanukah. Chanukah is not only a time to acknowledge miracles, but also to appreciate how a small group of people dedicated to the Land of Israel can make a difference for so many. Based on numbers alone, one would think that the Maccabees would have been soundly defeated. But numbers never tell the whole story; the passion that Judah and his band brought to the struggle to win back the Temple and attain religious freedom was an immeasurable factor in their victory.

Since this is arriving to you around Chanukah, the timing is perfect for you give yourself a gift. You have the opportunity to be part of a small group of people that shows its dedication to the land and people of Israel by visiting this summer as part of the Temple's trip. The State of Israel is a modern miracle on a number of levels, and our trip has been carefully crafted to see Israel from a number of different perspectives.

If you were in the Sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah, you heard the creativity and passion that Shana Janoff, our trip chairwoman, showed when she invited you to come along. To date, 14 Temple members have registered for the trip, and we expect many more to in the coming weeks.

If you are interested, or merely curious, I invite you to look at the detailed itinerary to be found at

www.makorjourneys.com/temple-emeth. There you can find dates, prices, hotel info, and details about our pre-trip excursion to Prague, in the Czech Republic.

To learn even more, I invite you to the Temple on Sunday, January 22 at 10:30 a.m. At that time, Ezra

Korman, the founder and director of Makor, our tour operator will be the guest speaker at our B'yachad breakfast. It will be an unequalled opportunity to learn from a Jewish educator how he assembles a program for a congregational group that is less an itinerary and more a curriculum for learning about Judaism (and about ourselves) by travelling in the land of Israel.

There is no way the Maccabees could have known over 2000 years ago that their twofold miracle—their military victory coupled with the oil that lasted for eight days—would still be commemorat-

ed by the Jewish people millennia later. But they did understand that the Torah commands us to stand up for the land of Israel, and when necessary to sacrifice for it. For them this was instinctive; after all, it was their only home.

We American Jews define home and homeland differently than did our ancestors. But we have in common a pervading sense that Israel embodies our history and elevates our spirituality. Then and now it is a land of miracles. Give yourself a Chanukah present and register for our trip so that you can experience it for yourself.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



The Chanukah Concert held on December 10th to benefit Sharsheret featured Cantor Ellen Tilem, Becca Gastfriend, Kol Emet and Etz Chayim, accompanied by Wendy Kosakoff, David Kohane, Eric Clark, and Erica Telisnor. Speaking on behalf of Sharsheret was Melissa K. Rosen, Director of National Outreach.

From the Religious School

“Make space in your life for things that matter, for family & friends, love & generosity, fun & joy.”
Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

For anyone who was at Temple Emeth on Sunday morning, December 11, you saw our Religious School community come alive, as students, staff, and families engaged in multi-layered programs of T’filah & Shira, Tzedakah, a Breakfast Bar, Chanukah Art, music, and friendship.

Families of grades K – 4 students joined together as Rabbi Sirbu led us in a beautiful M & M (Mishpacha Minyan) – T’filah/Shira service. Our 3rd grade added their special spice as they led us in four of the prayers. Mora Marla and our 1st and 2nd grade students continued the wonderful tradition of tzedakah by donating gifts to the 24th Annual Bergen County Chanukah Toy Drive.

Hakarat Hatov – our gratitude goes to Nancy Steiner and Danielle Feuer, Religious School co-chairs, and Tammy Gomez for the initiation, creation, meticulous planning, and execution of our Chanukiah painting workshop. Todah Rabah to all the Religious School families who donated food and drink to our Breakfast Bar, and to Jocelyn Inglis and Pauline Hecht for helping our co-chairs set-up the events and greet our com-

munity. Special thanks to Barbara Balkin, our fabulous photographer, for preserving the memories of all the wonderful events here at Temple Emeth. Todah to all for making Temple Emeth Religious School a joyous learning environment.

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

January 4 - Welcome Back Service 4:00

January 15 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school for students). Sign up on chart outside school office.

January 22 - M & M - T’filah/Shira grades K - 4, 9:00 All are welcome!

January 22 - Kehilla 6th grade out of building

January 25 – JYG grades 5 - 6 - 7

January 29 - T’filah & Shira grades 4 – 7, 9:00 (6th grade leading) All are welcome!

January 29 – Family Ed grade 5 students and parents 9:00 – 11:00

February 8 – Junior JYG grades 3, 4 and 5.

B’vracha
Dora Geld Friedman



Dora Geld Friedman

Chanukiah Workshop on December 11, 2016



Bazaar December 4, 2016



Message from President Marc Chelemer

Although we know that we are likely to outlive our parents, I imagine that, for those of us who mature into adulthood with one or both still alive, the event of their death is a troubling event. I would like to think that I “handled” my own father’s passing, which occurred last month, with dignity and decorum. None of us—my mother, my two brothers, nor I—shed tears after my father’s spirit’s decision to seek the company of the Eternal instead of the earthly, diseased body it had inhabited for eighty-eight years, eight days, and eight hours (!). I keep wondering if tears will come eventually, or if instead I am a cold and indifferent man for NOT crying or feeling terribly sad. I was blessed to have a wonderful father; he lived a long and good life; he died peacefully in his sleep without pain or any medical contrivances attached to his body; he left a lasting legacy of children and grandchildren. Other than the fact that his voice is not here any longer, what is there to cry about, I continue to ask. As we say in our own prayers, he lives on in our memories, as long as we hold onto them.

What I did feel, in the first week or two after his death, was a sense of numbness and ennui. Cantor Tilem, in talking with another family at a minyan I attended some weeks before my own father’s passing, taught that the practice of sitting on a box is important only in that a box is lower to the ground than a typical chair or couch, and that the purpose was to remind the other participants and visitors to a house of mourning that the affected person was in a low place of spirit and energy. In hindsight, I was in such a place, too. When you read this, I will be close to celebrating my 57th birthday, which occurs on Friday, January 6th. I think, over the course of the month, in thinking about the death of my father and the passing of another year of my own life, I had a truer sense of my own and all of our mortality, how short, in the scheme of the life of the planet, our lives are, how fleeting our importance.

Temple Emeth’s congregants were and continue to be magnificent during this “Shloshim” period, which will end soon. I received dozens of condolence messages from congregants via e-mail and Facebook. My house, as I write this, has sympathy cards displayed on every surface. Many congregants made contributions to Temple Emeth’s funds in tribute. The Caring Community Committee sent over enough food to sustain us for days. Several other congregants also arranged for bountiful food deliveries. Many dozens of people attended the two prayer services we had in my house, and many others would have come but for sim-

chas or sorrows of their own that precluded their participation. Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem each led meaningful and personalized services; I felt almost embarrassed to be the focus of attention from their spiritual presence. For the entire month of December, I could not walk through the halls of the synagogue without a friendly word, a touch on the shoulder, a sympathetic embrace.

I write all this to illustrate a point: we are a powerful and strong community. We watch out for each other, in times of happiness (at least one couple became grandparents in the middle of the month, and we celebrated the arrival of new life as well) and in times of sorrow, as was my case. We boost each other’s energy: as the month went on, fellow congregants, Rabbi Sirbu,



Marc Chelemer

Cantor Tilem, and Rochelle Rudnick all gently nudged me, like elephants are thought to do when they are bringing the mate of a deceased pachyderm back into the herd, back into the fold of the life and rhythm of the congregation. I re-engaged with those projects that I’d let go of during the period of my father’s death, the funeral, and the shiva observance afterwards. Those endeavors had not slackened, because of the dedication of others who share the vision of Temple Emeth as an energized, engaged, and participatory organization. It was both thrilling and humbling to

know that, even though I had not been “at the helm,” the ship had held course and surged forward. It gives me exceptional confidence to observe, from that curious position we are able to take sometimes by stepping out of our own selves and hovering above it, the congregation’s ongoing efforts at transformation continuing to occur.

Much is going to happen in the next few months: Voluntary Commitment discussions, designed to elicit your feedback, questions, and engagement, will begin on Sunday, January 8th and will then continue all winter and spring. We are thinking about significant improvements to our building’s lights and HVAC systems, which will use far less energy, conserving both cash and the Earth’s resources. The Nominating Committee will begin thinking about next year’s leadership. A few LONG long-standing volunteers in certain roles have announced their intent to step away to allow for new leadership. All of these things attest to the vibrancy of the congregation, its constant forward progress, its vitality and energy. This last month has reinforced how blessed I am, and all of us are, to be a part of it.

Marc J. Chelemer

Social Action in Action

As you read this, we will have completed another commitment to Family Promise, the organization through which we house homeless families at the Temple for one week. We were expecting to host two families with three children under the age of 4. We were assisted by Covenant Life Ministries, Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County; and the Korean Church which rents our facility. Thanks to all who participated. If you would like to participate in the future, we will again become a shelter from April 30th - May 5th. As in the past, entire families can participate. For more information, look for our flyers and/or contact Elaine Bergman at: egb1734@msn.com

This month our food collection will go to Buddies of New Jersey. Buddies provides support, education, and service for people who are living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Especially needed are non-perishable food donations, personal hygiene and cleaning products, and culturally-sensitive food items to meet their growing Hispanic clientele. **Especially needed are Ensure and nutritional drinks.**

In December, we made a donation to the Jewish National Fund to provide relief from the fires which recently raged through Israel. We also purchased gift cards for needy Teaneck residents to be dispersed by the Teaneck Social Services department. In addition, the Religious School participated in the annual Chanukah community drive to donate unused toys for needy Jewish children in Bergen County.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will be on Sunday, January 8th at 9:45 a.m. Join us!



Esther Sandrof, an expert on the affordable housing crisis in Israel, was the B'yachad speaker on November 20th.



Join us for our Sunday morning breakfast and discussion on January 22nd 10:30 to Noon.



Ezra Korman, founder of Makor will discuss the upcoming Temple Emeth Intergenerational trip to Israel and optional pre-trip to Prague.

If you're planning to go on the Temple's trip, come hear what to expect. If you're not planning to go, come learn more about traveling in Israel, and if you're on the fence, this may help you make your decision!

The Temple's July 2017 Israel trip with Makor will proudly visit Jerusalem. While we will go as a Jewish group seeking to connect with our history and heritage, we will be true to history and affirm Jerusalem as a city holy to three faiths.

Makor Educational Journeys was established in September 2013 as a joint venture between Ezra Korman and IGT, International Group Travel, with the intention of creating and implementing in-depth and educationally oriented travel programs to Israel and other destinations of Jewish interest around the world. The synthesis of IGT's outstanding travel and administrative infrastructure with Ezra's vast experience in developing and implementing unique and creative travel experiences to almost all points in the Jewish world, puts Makor at the forefront of the educational travel field.

Makor's objective is to create the best possible travel experience in which each participant can enjoy, learn, be challenged, and most importantly enrich their lives.

This RSVP form must be filled out and returned with the \$6 fee per person by January 15, 2017 to the Temple office. If you RSVP after that date, the charge is \$8 per person. If you do not RSVP, you are welcome to attend the discussion, but not the breakfast. Sorry, we cannot accept any verbal RSVPs.

RSVP for the January 22nd B'yachad Breakfast

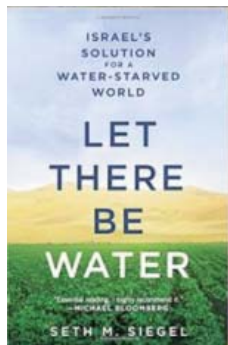
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Number attending _____ Amount enclosed _____

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Bazaar 2016

The Temple Emeth Bazaar 2016 was a huge success! With fantastic crowds and several all-new booths, we raised a record \$17,400. With an additional \$900 from the fall Back-to-School Sale, the total raised came to \$18,300--an exciting new record for the Bazaar. In concrete terms, this money will pay for two and a half years of phone and communications services for the entire Temple. In spiritual terms, Rabbi Sirbu said, "In Ashrei (Psalm 145), which we often recite at Shabbat morning services, it reads, 'Karov Adonai l'kol korav, l'chol asher yikrahu ve'emet.' Loosely translated, this means, 'God is close to all who call, to all who call upon God at Emeth.' Of course we don't call upon God with the phone. (There isn't an app for that . . . yet.) But with the success of the Bazaar, we now know the modes of communication that we use to call community together, and which our members use to communicate their needs to us, will be funded for the next two and a half years. It's nice to know there will always be someone at the other end of the line." On behalf of co-chairs Laaren Hort and David Wolinsky, thank you to all who helped sort, set up, schlep, schmooze, sell, and otherwise contribute to the success of the Bazaar.



One Book, One Community Shabbaton

Saturday, January 14, 2017

In partnership with the Synagogue Leadership Initiative of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, Temple Emeth is pleased to invite the community to our event celebrating the themes of “Let There Be Water,” by Seth M. Siegel.

Join us for any or all of these programs:

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.—Torah Study, a weekly tradition at Temple Emeth, gives Temple members the chance to study our most sacred text in English and discuss the deeper ideas presented within its pages. This week we will look at places where water is mentioned in Jewish tradition, touching on both its physical and spiritual importance.

Shabbat Services at 10:30 a.m.—Join us in the sanctuary for a Shabbat Morning Service that elucidates the themes of our book. We will look at the places our liturgy mentions or implies the presence of water.

Noon (approximately): Kiddush Lunch—The entire congregation is invited to join in a light Kiddush lunch in the Social Hall. **In order to ensure that there is enough food and seating, RSVPs are requested from those who plan to attend the Kiddush lunch. (RSVPs are greatly appreciated but not required; it's OK to decide to join us at the last minute).** Please reply to lindaposkanzer@msn.com

12:45 p.m.: “Water and Environmental Peacebuilding in Israel”—Shahar Sadeh, PhD, of Columbia University, will speak about water policy in Israel and its implications for regional security. Dr. Sadeh’s appearance has been arranged through the speaker’s bureau of the Jewish National Fund. There is a growing worldwide understanding that environment and water can feed into political conflicts and attribute to instability of regions. On the other hand they can have a substantial role in international relations and in conflict resolution processes. Israel faced and still faces many environmental challenges, water included. Some of those challenges were creatively approached during past peace negotiations and in fact served as opportunities for cross-border interactions and collaborations between Israel and the Arab world. Through vivid examples this talk will discuss environmental politics in Israel, starting from early Zionism, discussing afforestation, land use, water in Israel, Hydro-politics and more. Finally, while exploring cross-border initiatives between Israel and its neighbors, it will discuss the potential of the environment, and water in specific, to serve as a catalyst for peace and the potential of peace to promote environmentalism.

We appreciate your response to lindaposkanzer@msn.com, via Facebook or by filling out and returning the RSVP form below by January 6th to the Temple office.

RSVP for the January 17th Kiddush lunch

Count me in for the Kiddush lunch:

Please print

Name _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Services and S'machot

9th of Tevet 5777
Friday, January 6

Shabbat Vayigash
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 7

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

Torah Portion - Vayigash, Gen. 44:18 - 47:27

Haftarah - Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

16th of Tevet 5777
Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

One Book, One Community Shabbaton
Exploring the Themes of "Let There Be Water"
by Seth M. Siegel
Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Kiddush Lunch and Presentation with
Shahar Sadeh, Ph.D at 12:00 p.m.

Torah Portion - Va-y'chi, Gen. 47:28 - 50:26

Haftarah - 1 Kings 2:1 - 2:12

23rd of Tevet 5777
Friday, January 20

Shabbat Sh'mot
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 21

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

Torah Portion - Sh'mot, Exod. 1:1 - 6:1

Haftarah - Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13

1st of Shevat 5777
Friday, January 27

Shabbat Va-eira
Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker,
Hasia Diner, Ph.D on "Jews and Peddling"
at 8:00 p.m.

The Oneg is being sponsored by Teri Binder in memory of her husband, Fred Binder

Saturday, January 28

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

Torah Portion - Va-eira, Exod. 6:2 - 9:35

Haftarah - Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3rd of Tevet 5777 Hanukkah Ends New Year's Day No Religious School	2 4th of Tevet 5777 Building Closed	3 5th of Tevet 5777	4 6th of Tevet 5777 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch and Learn 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Religious School Grades 3-7 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Welcome Back T'filah and Shirah 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	5 7th of Tevet 5777	6 8th of Tevet 5777 4:26 pm Candle Lighting 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Family Shabbat Service	7 9th of Tevet 5777 9:00 am - 10:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Morning Service
8 10th of Tevet 5777 9:00 am - 11:00 am Religious School Classes 9:15 am - 10:15 am Panim el Panim (Face- to-Face) Gatherings 10:00 am - 11:00 am "What is Reform Judaism" with Rabbi Sirbu 10:00 am - 11:30 am Social Action Committee Meeting	9 11th of Tevet 5777 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Yiddish Class	10 12th of Tevet 5777 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Adult Ed Mini University: "Immigration - the Back Story of Every American" with Irwin Yellowitz 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Officers' Meeting 8:40 pm - 9:40 pm Adult Ed Mini University: "America's Great Social Justice Movements" with Steven Goldstein	11 13th of Tevet 5777 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch and Learn 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Religious School Grades 3-7 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	12 14th of Tevet 5777 7:45 pm - 9:45 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	13 15th of Tevet 5777 4:33 pm Candle Lighting 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Shabbat Service	14 16th of Tevet 5777 One Book, One Community Shabbaton Exploring the Themes of "Let There Be Water" by Seth M. Siegel 9:00 am - 10:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Morning Service 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Kiddush Lunch and Discussion with Shahar Sadeh
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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...

Marc Chelemer on the loss of his father,
Harold Chelemer.

Carol Kaplan on the loss of her daughter,
Rachel Kaplan.

Irene Massarsky on the loss of her cousin,
Jennifer Abramson.

Mazel Tov to...

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

Mike and Gayle Goldberg on the birth of their
grandson, Asher Drew Goldberg.

Calling All Member Artists

If you are interested in participating in a Temple Museum Member Showcase this spring, please contact Barbara Balkin at dkrm505@yahoo.com. Please include a couple of examples of your work.



GUEST LECTURER

We will be hosting a guest speaker at Shabbat services on **Friday, January 27 at 8:00 p.m.** The lecture is in memory of Fred Binder. Guest lecturer Hasia Diner will speak on "Peddling and Jewish History." In the great century of Jewish migration, from the 1820s to the 1920s one-third of European and Ottoman Jewries left their homelands and migrated to new places. Hundreds of thousands of the men began their lives on every continent as peddlers. These Jewish men, engaging in a literally pedestrian occupation, did nothing less than launch this Jewish population shift to the Americas, southern Africa, the Antipodes, and areas of Europe where no or few Jews had ever lived before like Scandinavia and the British Isles. They created the basis for new Jewish communities and fostered the integration of the Jews to these places.



UPCOMING EVENT

"Save this Date"

**Sweet Tastes of Torah, Saturday,
February 11 at Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff**

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!!

The **Temple Emeth Purim Spiel** will be on Friday night, March 10. We are looking for a FEW good Men and Women (hey, we'll even take some so-so men and women, actually) who ENJOY making their friends LAUGH and GROAN (with pleasure, of course). We have: Speaking Parts!



Choral Singing Parts!

Solo Singing Parts! and

Just standing there making us look like more people are participating parts, even.

Want to join us? Want to just check it out with no obligation?

We'll be in the Museum on **Sunday, January 22nd** at 12:00 p.m. for about an hour. (That will give you plenty of time to do other things later.) Or else, contact Marilyn Shapiro at: puzzledmar@aol.com or Shelley Burnston at: brbart1213@aol.com Don't miss out on this once-a-year opportunity!



Shelve and Shmooze took place in the Library on December 11th.

Reminder:
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Scholar-in-Residence Save the Date

Please join us the weekend of **April 21-23** as we welcome our scholar, Dr. Eric Goldman. Dr. Goldman is a Jewish film scholar and educator. He is an adjunct professor of cinema at Yeshiva University and has also taught at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hebrew Union College, The Jewish Theological Seminary, Kean University, Queens College, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. He is an expert and lecturer on Yiddish, Israeli and Jewish film; he is a noted film historian and educator.



CONTRIBUTIONS

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Richard and Susan Barnett in memory of Sy Yegelwel wishing a speedy recover to Howard Guttman
Lisa Eig to Idajeen Fisher for leading the shiva minyan for my aunt, Rhoda Raice
Ruth and Peter Adler in honor of Judy Yablonka with prayers for your continued good health in memory of Larry Lipsitz, husband of Janice Lipsitz in honor of Meryl Sach's special birthday in memory of Sy Yegelwel, husband of Sydell in memory of David Rubin, son-in-law of Sydell Yegelwel
Jim and Linda Rothenberg in memory of Larry Lipsitz, husband of Janice Lipsitz
Nathan and Bernice Ritzer in memory of Rachel Kaplan, daughter of Carol Kaplan
Teri Binder in memory of her mother-in-law, Beatrice Binder in memory of David Rubin, son-in-law of Sydell Yegelwel
Susan and Marty Breznick wishing a Mazel Tov on Laura's marriage to Stefan
Carlene Fleishman wishing Ruth and Peter Adler Mazel Tov on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Elinor Buchbinder in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Ruth and Peter Adler

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY

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Marc Chelemer and Carol Shansky in appreciation for your support of our family

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Bill and Brenda Weiss in memory of David Rubin, son-in-law of Sydell Yegelwel
Lyle and Muriel Breitkopf in honor of our Aliyah

MUSIC FUND

Lisa Eig to Cantor Tilem for her kindness and support to my Dad during the shiva of my aunt, Rhoda Raice
Elinor Buchbinder wishing Susan and Marty Breznick Mazel Tov on the marriage of their daughter, Cantor Laura Breznick to Rabbi Stefan Tiwy
Phyllis Dunsay thanks to the Caring Committee for your prayers and hugs during my recent illness
Rachel, Mike, and Amanda Eastman wishing Susan and Marty Breznick Mazel Tov on the marriage of their daughter, Cantor Laura Breznick to Rabbi Stefan Tiwy
Micki and Mike Grunstein send get well wishes to Howard Guttman
Lucy Brody sends get well wishes to Howard Guttman
Sam and Karen Gronner in memory of Harold Chelemer, father of Marc Chelemer
Elinor Buchbinder wishing Howard Guttman a speedy recovery sends condolences to Marc Chelemer on the loss of

his father, Harold Chelemer

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Michael and Gayle Goldberg in blessed memory of Sy Yegelwel
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Brenda and Bill Weiss in memory of David Rubin, son-in-law of Sydell Yegelwel
Lyle and Muriel Breitkopf in memory of Rachel Kaplan, daughter of Carol Kaplan
Karen and Sam Gronner wish the "Bar mitzvah boy" Mazel Tov
Sheila and Irwin Polishook in memory of Sy Yegelwel, husband of Sydell Yegelwel
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Loretta Weinberg in memory of Sy Yegelwel, husband of Sydell Yegelwel in memory of Larry Lipsitz, husband of Janice Lipsitz in memory of David Rubin, son-in-law of Sydell Yegelwel in memory of Raymond Rutz, father of Ken Rutz
Paul, Michel, Mollie, and Rebecca Dillon in gratitude to Rabbi Sirbu
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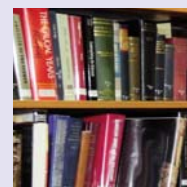
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Hedy Geller and Family in memory of Rachel Kaplan, daughter of Carol Kaplan
Joel and Meryl Sachs in memory of Larry Lipsitz, husband of Janice Lipsitz
Lucy Brody in memory of Cecille Leibowitz, mother of Marian Ferziger

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Jews by Choice

By Marion Wolf

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There are a number of books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library of particular interest to Jews by choice. Some are guidebooks to belief and practice, while others tell the personal stories of people who have found their way to Judaism. One of these books points out that "whether we are born Jewish or have converted to Judaism, we are all Jews by choice." So it is that this collection of books can be of broader appeal than it would seem at first glance.

Robin Chotzinoff is the author of Holy Unexpected: My New Life as a Jew (great title, no?). Chotzinoff's Jewish father was an atheist contemptuous of religion. His daughter grew up knowing nothing about Judaism. The first third of the book describes her early years of drug abuse, eating disorder, and aimlessness. At age 40 and settled into a second marriage, the author discovered that the tradition her father rejected brought meaning to her life and that of her family. Chotzinoff tells about the challenges she faced as she became more committed to living as a Jew and even having an adult bat mitzvah.

Chotzinoff may have consulted Choosing Judaism, a classic in this field by Lydia Kukoff. The book opens with a list of "Some Interesting People in History Who Chose Judaism" and ends with a glossary of Jewish terms and suggestions of Jewish books for the home. In between Kukoff helps the convert navigate every possible situation he or she might face, giving lots of examples from others' experiences.

Another resource that has stood the test of time is Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin's To Be a Jew: A Guide to Jewish Observance in Contemporary Life. This book explains the fundamentals of our faith, laws governing our daily behavior, our holidays, and life cycle events. This book has been praised as comprehensive and clear.

Choosing a Jewish Life: A Handbook for People Converting to Judaism and for Their Family is also available in our library. It is the work of Anita Diamant, the beloved author of The Red Tent, herself married to a convert. Diamant offers advice about choosing a rabbi, synagogue, denomination, and Hebrew name. She anticipates doubts and concerns; she tells how to find one's footing in a new spiritual community without losing bonds to one's family of origin.

Judaism's 10 Best Ideas: A Brief Guide for Seekers by Arthur Green is yet another option, both for Jewish newcomers and old-timers. Rabbi Green introduces the most compelling ideas of our religion to answer the question "Does Judaism have something unique to offer a contemporary seeker free to choose a way of life and a system of values?" This book is the text currently under study in Rabbi Sirbu's Lunch and Learn class.

For all who would like to learn more about Judaism, the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library is a good place to start your search.

Contributions (continued)

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Fran Butensky in memory of her father, Andrew Will

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Marian Ferziger in memory of her mother, Esther Ferziger and her sister, Roberta Friedman

Larry and Carla Silver in memory of Rachel Kaplan, daughter of Carol Kaplan in memory of Harold Chelemer, father of Marc Chelemer

Robbie Liblit in memory of Sy Yegelow, husband of Sydele Yegelow

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Lisa Eig with gratitude for the support we received from the congregation

Judy and Walter Distler in memory of Aron Jablonka, brother of Gidon Yablonka in memory of Sy Yegelow, husband of Sydele Yegelow

in memory of Rachel Kaplan, daughter of Carol Kaplan in honor of Rabbi Sirbu on the occasion of his "bar mitzvah"

in honor of Judy Yablonka - keep up the good work!

in honor of Howard Guttman - Heal!

in honor of Eva and Larry Tobias becoming in-laws

in honor of Rhona and Eric Herman becoming grandparents twice

in tribute to Mimi Sigel on the occasion of her grandson Jacob's marriage to Ellie

in tribute to the Bazaar movers and shakers

in honor of the office and custodial staff for outstanding help with TIFF

in memory of Lorraine Goldberg, mother of Michael Goldberg

in memory of Raymond Rutz, father of Ken Rutz

in memory of David Rubin, son-in-law of Sydele Yegelow in honor of Cantor Tilem, Jackie Guttman and all of the splendid musicians for a beautiful concert

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Carlene Fleishman sends Howard Guttman get well wishes **Sue and Phil Keusch** in memory of Rachel Kaplan, daughter of Carol Kaplan

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VIEWPOINTS

Michael and Gayle Goldberg to Patti Dunhan -
We are so happy for you

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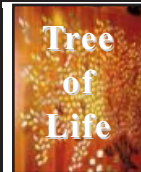
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grandfather of Barbara Bias

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Sherry Preiss in memory her father, Edward Leiberman

Lee Rothenberg in memory of her mother-in-law,
Estelle Rothenberg

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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.

For those who remember me, and all the members of Temple Emeth, I pray that you will all be blessed with good health and happiness and hope that I will be able to be with you again. With much love, Shirley Rosenzweig

To the Congregation,

Please forgive these late acknowledgements!

With my love and appreciation to Cantor Tilem, and Rabbi Sirbu, for all they do for the Temple and the members.

Mazel Tov to all who have had engagements, graduations, marriages, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, special birthdays, birth of children and grandchildren. May all those who have been ill, may you return to good health!

My sincere sympathy to those who have lost a loved one!

My appreciation to our wonderful choir! I miss not being able to join you at the Temple.

Summary of Minutes from the November 10, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting

1. Administrator's Report – Rochelle Rudnick

Work still ongoing to replace the lights in the sanctuary and social hall with LED bulbs. Congregants Bill and Priscilla Kremer donated the labor and materials for this project.

NJ Direct Install Program – Temple undertaking and evaluating energy audits for lighting and HVAC to reduce utility costs.

2. Treasurer's Report – Larry Silver

Estimated yearly projections based on the first quarter report:

Building and Maintenance - @\$5,000 over budget

Rental Income (other than Bergenfield) - @\$6,000 under budget

3. Annual Giving – Marc Chelemer for Howard Lieberman

Volunteers, including some Board members, are currently making Annual Giving calls to congregants. Annual Giving will be included in the Voluntary Commitment Model, hence this may be the last of Annual Giving calls.

4. Voting at Annual Congregational Meeting – Marc Chelemer

Currently only adult Jewish members are entitled to vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Approximately 75 adult members attend the Annual Meeting (out of about 500).

Straw Vote to keep the current policy of "One Adult

– One Vote" – PASSED.

Marc received many comments from congregants in favor of revising the constitution so that all adult members (Jewish and non-Jewish) will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. He received one comment saying that "I disagreed with what you said," but no further details were offered.

Discussion continued, touching on inclusiveness and differing opinions concerning the participation of our non-Jewish members in Jewish ritual activities.

Flip, Seth, Amy, and Risa to review the constitution, bylaws, and policy manual and prepare a statement on voting eligibility for the Board review at the December meeting.

5. President's Remarks – Marc Chelemer

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 4 – Bazaar

Dec. 23 - Chanukah Dinner

Future Board Discussion Topics:

Temple Emeth's Religious School

Who is eligible to vote at the Annual

Congregational meeting

Voluntary Commitment Model – "Nuts and Bolts" update.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Goldberg
Board Secretary

December 2016 Committee Reports

B'Yachad *Gayle Goldberg*

Thanks to Esther Sandrof for a most informative presentation about the affordable housing crisis in Israel at our November breakfast.

Save the Date – January 22 – Rabbi Sirbu will lead a presentation on our upcoming Temple trip to Israel and Prague.

Caring Committee *Robin Rolfe and Karen Wertheimer*
During the past two months, the Caring Committee has continued to send notes to congregants celebrating simchas, as well as those who are ill or in mourning. We also provide shiva cakes. The Committee

will hold its next bi-monthly meeting on December 7.

College Kids *Marla Levine*

All twelve College Kids have received their Chanukah gift bags, filled with yummy treats and fun activities, to help them celebrate the holiday with their families and friends (since many will be home for winter break!). One of our College Kids, Tara Levine, will be spending most of her break on the Birthright Trip to Israel with Northeastern University and other Boston area college students. Wishing everyone a very Happy Chanukah!

JFNNJ Teen Event

Are your teens prepared to discuss Israel and Jewish issues on campus?

iCan Answer Now Teen Conference for High School students. Hear from current college students and guest speakers

- The Real Israel: One Nation, Multiple Viewpoints
- Challenges on Campus: BDS, Anti-Zionism, Anti-Semitism and Ignorance
- Skills and Role-Plays: How to Answer Now

March 5, 2017 12:00 – 5:30 Hasbrouck Heights Hilton

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Presented by Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey

JFNNJ Family Fun Day

A Character Breakfast with Belle from Beauty and the Beast© and Chase from Paw Patrol©, crafts, story time (in English, Russian, and Hebrew), Israeli programming, tattoos (the temporary kind), camp activities for the whole family, and more...all great reasons why you'll want to spend a winter Sunday morning with your kids at **Family Fun Day, January 29, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Yeshivat Noam, 70 W. Century Rd, Paramus**. Costumes welcome! At Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, we think our Family Fun Day will give your kids a perfect outlet for all that energy, at the same that you get to meet other young moms and dads, and enjoy a nice breakfast with us. Cost of Family Fun Day is \$18 per family. Pre-register at www.jfnnj.org/familyfunday. For information, contact Sarah, 201-820-3902 or sarahd@jfnnj.org.



Opera Shabbaton - Save the Date
On March 4, 2017, Temple Emeth's opera shabbaton will feature Giacomo Meyerbeer's grand opera, *L'Africaine* starring Shirley Verrett, Ruth Ann Swenson, Justino Diaz, and Plácido. The opera runs 3 hours and 13 minutes so remember to be comfortable...bring good pillows with you!!!. Mark Shapiro will again join us as the lecturer. Let your friends know now so they too can reserve the date. This is the only DVD available for the opera and few have ever heard it in the New York area. So this is for many a once in a lifetime event. A formal sign up will be forthcoming in January. We expect a full house. The Opera Committee

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