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Temple Emeth Garden



The Temple Emeth Garden is located at the south end of the building near the rear entrance, fenced off to keep friendly rabbits and deer from tasting our crops.

Now that spring has finally arrived, Temple Emeth's intergenerational gardeners have been raking, digging, and planting. In late March we planted kale, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli, and sweet peas, which are now coming up thick against the eastern fence. In early May we planted tomatoes, basil, and zucchini. Garlic planted last fall by our Emeth teens began coming up through the snow in March. Herbs (prolific mint and oregano) as well as the fig tree just keep growing. Colorful annuals and perennials are planted to attract pollinators (such as bees and butterflies), which some crops, such as zucchini, need in order to bear fruit.



Our goal is to continue to develop and maintain a garden that all of our members can enjoy and share in working, whether it be planting, weeding, watering, or delivering our produce to the local food pantry.

For instance, even though we set up an automatic watering system each spring, from time to time when it is very hot, new volunteers could help on weekday evenings to supplement with a hand-watering pail. Our BIG PLAN is to build a waist-high garden bed so that those finding it difficult to bend can enjoy cultivating in a garden at a comfortable height.

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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

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

For the Bulletin mailings, all material **must** be submitted by **8:00** p.m. on the date of the deadline. Please submit all material by email to Barbara Balkin at dkrm505@yahoo.com and use **Times New Roman** font, **12 pt.** in a Word document file.

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Message From the Rabbi

"When we ask God to remember the souls of our departed at Yizkor...the implication is that this act of remembrance constitutes a guarantee of Jewish continuity—well beyond just those we remember; and far beyond us as well. In remembering and in asking for God's remembrance, we request divine help in continuing our people's trajectory beyond ourselves, to achieve the ultimate aims of our people's history."

"Prayer for the Dead; Promise by the Living," by Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, Ph.D., a chapter in *May God Remember—Yizkor: Memory and Memorializing in Judaism*

These words were published in 2013, just before Rabbi Aaron Panken began his tenure as the President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Panken's insight into the meaning of remembrance at the Yizkor service is so fitting, following his tragic death at the age of 53.

With an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering, Rabbi Panken decided that he could best help other people by becoming a rabbi. That decision was spot-on. Not only did he raise up a generation of students, including me, but he brought a unique combination of warmth and scholarship to the position of President of HUC-JIR, one of the top three professional positions in our movement.

Rabbi Panken was a fixture at Reform movement

gatherings. He taught frequently at meetings of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). He had a great sense of humor and a humility you don't often see in the heads of large Jewish organizations.

Rabbi Panken appeared at Temple Emeth twice to deliver the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture, once in 1999 and again in 2010. The topic of his second lecture was immigration, which has only gained in importance over the last 8 years. I remember he brought in texts that helped him present a balanced view of the issue, while still offering his opinion on the topic. I was especially touched that he had done enough research on Rabbi Trachtenberg to know that he was an immigrant, having come here from England with his parents as a boy.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

I also had the chance to learn from Rabbi Panken. In 1996 he filled in for my rabbinical class' Talmud teacher during an unexpected leave of absence. And just last August, at a gathering of rabbis at the Religious Action Center in Washington he taught "Welcoming the Stranger in Jewish Law and Lore." His 12-page handout included texts ranging from Genesis to Midrash to "A Bintel Brief" to Tony Blair to a CCAR Resolution and Responsum. The presentation was the starting point for a High Holy Day sermon I gave the next month.

Rabbi Panken was an amateur pilot who had been flying for over two decades. I remember that to get to my new student orientation at Camp Harlam in the Poconos, he flew his plane there. A plane he was piloting on Saturday, May 5, crashed shortly after takeoff from a small airport in Orange County. At his funeral, Rabbi David Stern, the president of the CCAR described him this way: "He has fallen from a Sabbath sky, and our hearts are broken, but how he loved the Sabbath sky."

Rabbi Aaron Panken's death is a loss to the entire Reform Jewish community. To paraphrase his own words: May we, the living, promise to use his memory to carry our people's trajectory beyond ourselves, to achieve the ultimate aims of our people's history."



From the Religious School

“V’tain B’libeinu Lishmoa, Lilmod, U’l’lamed.”

“Inspire us to hear, to learn, and to teach.”

We have just finished an exciting year of Jewish learning. Our students learned new prayers, Torah, ancient and modern heroes; discussed current events; studied about life in Israel; led Tfila (prayer) & Shira (song); learned some modern Hebrew; danced and sang and experienced Judaism as an exciting, dynamic, and living tradition.

Some highlights of the year included the Family Tikkun Olam on the first day of school, the Sukkah Sit-In, all our Tfila and Shira student-led services, participation in the Kulanu identity building program, seventh grade-led Yom Hashoa V’Hagvura commemoration, Yom Haatzmaut celebration led by the sixth grade, Acting Club, and all the curriculum inspired art projects and collaborative learning in grades K – 7.

We are committed to maintain a high quality of Jewish education and we will continue to make Jewish learning exciting and challenging. Even though our formal school year is ending your family’s Jewish education and identity continues all year.

Some suggestions for summer “*re-Jewvention*” for you and your family:

Begin to develop your family tree. Assemble photographs and family documents into scrapbooks and have your children share it with us in September. Volunteer in a shelter, food bank, nursing home, or hospital. Find a way to help others in need and “do” Tikkun Olam as a family.

Set aside time each Friday night to bless your children and come to temple and enjoy Shabbat together - bring a friend!

Get ready for the new school year at Temple Emeth, where we look forward to sharing more Jewish learning and adventures.

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/emethreligiousschool>



Dora Geld Friedman

AND... Now is the time to register your child for Temple Emeth Religious School 2018 - 2019.

All forms have been mailed home and your response as soon as possible helps us plan for the new school year - Thanks!

B’vracha,

Dora Geld Friedman

Religious School moving up ceremony on May 20, 2018



Message from President Amy Abrams

As I approach the end of my first year as President, I am somewhat overwhelmed with the things that remain to be accomplished. Yet, looking back, we have had a fantastic year in 2017-18. Among our special events have been the Artist-in-Residence weekend, a very well-attended Tuesday night series of Movies that Mattered, a postcard party for DACA, and Israel Story. We also continued a successful program of our regularly scheduled annual events, such as the Chanukah Dinner and the Second Night Seder, plus ongoing programs like our Community Garden and regular Adult Education programs, and successful annual fundraisers like Bazaar and Shalach Manot. On top of all that, we have had a great year of Religious School and ETC.

For our physical plant, we have installed additional security, performed regular maintenance, and upgraded our lighting and HVAC.

Our first year of Voluntary Commitment has been very successful. Our operating expenses were completely covered. While we initially fell very slightly short of filling our capital reserve goals for the year, we were blessed to receive a couple of major gifts and grants that topped off our budgetary plans.

You will soon receive the pledge forms for next year's contributions. Please consider both your ability to give and the Temple's financial needs to set a number for yourself that is both generous and realistic. Our continued success relies on your generosity!

Before I look ahead, I need to thank all of the volunteers who have given so generously of their time (and, in some cases, their own money) to make our programs so successful. We are a volunteer-driven organization. Without dozens of dedicated people, it would not be possible to maintain the type of programming we currently enjoy. To those who chair committees, chair individual events, serve on committees and suggest ideas, take on responsibility for organization or refreshments or filling out green sheets, to those who donate time or food to those in need, to those who patiently obtain quotes from several sources for a single project, to our Trustees and Officers, thank you. I am grateful beyond words to have such a strong cadre of reliable volunteers to help our congregation move forward.

Still ahead in June are the Dinner Dance, the Annual Meeting, and Installation of our new Board and Officers. I hope I will see all of you at each of these significant events.

As you know, we are honoring three past presidents at our Dinner Dance on June 2, Paula Dillon, Howard Lieberman, and Jill Kantor. From what I've seen, Julie Weisman and Lisa Eig are planning a spectacular evening, accompanied by a Silent Auction creatively designed by Wendy Dessanti. Get dressed up, put your dancing shoes on, and come ready to party! It should be wonderful.



Amy Abrams

Our Annual Meeting is on Thursday, June 7, just long enough for you to have gotten over the effects of partying at the Dinner Dance. All members are invited. This is your chance to get a detailed overview of our financial condition and budget for next year, hear comments from our clergy, and ask any questions you may have about anything going on at the Temple. We also will be ratifying the Cantor's new contract, as well as electing a new slate of Officers and Trustees for the coming year. I'm very excited about the new members of our Board, and am looking forward to working with them next year.

Just like in state and federal elections, voting is a privilege and a responsibility, and one in which I hope you all will participate. Remember that last year we passed a constitutional amendment adding our non-Jewish members to the ranks of voters. So many of our members who are not Jewish themselves put so much effort into supporting their family's Temple participation. I have tremendous admiration and respect for the parents who can do that. You are truly a dedicated group; I hope you will all attend and take this opportunity to get to know the Temple better.

After that, we can celebrate the installation of our new Board on Saturday, June 16, with a service followed by a Kiddush lunch for all! Please join us to mark this annual transition and honor those who are stepping up and those who are stepping down.

I am looking forward to sharing another great year with all of you.

Amy Abrams

Milestone Membership Musical Shabbat Service
with Klezmer band on May 18th



Peter Adler spoke at the Milestone Membership Shabbat service, celebrating significant anniversaries, including his and Ruth's 50 years of membership.



B'Yachad Breakfast speaker on April 29th Sally Pillay, Director of First Friends of NJ and NY, introduced by

Eva Sandrof, discussed immigration, the ICE detention system, the immigration "legal" system, and the mission of First Friends.



May 4th Israel Story performance, Israel trip reunion dinner, and Etz Chayim performance in celebration of Israel's 70th birthday.



COLLEGE KIDS

Do you know about Temple Emeth's College Kids? Do you have any loved ones going away to college or graduate school this fall? Any sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, or grandkids? If so, Mazel Tov! Temple Emeth's College Kids is a fun way to help them remain connected, both with the Temple Emeth community and the Jewish community at large.

Through holiday gift packages, relevant opportunities and topics for Jewish college students, and our Temple Bulletin, (for Temple Emeth members' children only) your child or relative will be reminded of holidays on the Jewish calendar, e.g. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Chanukah, Passover and Purim, throughout the academic year.

The feedback we've received has been that the College Kids really enjoy receiving these little tastes and touches of home while away at school, in their otherwise hectic academic schedules. Why not send a little love their way? All you need to do now is to sign up! Please fill out the form below and return it with your payment to:

College Kids Committee

Temple Emeth 1666 Windsor Road Teaneck, N.J. 07666
If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call or email the College Kids Committee Co-Chairs:

Marla Levine: JM13@aol.com and

Beth Clarke: BGC125@aol.com

For special reduced pricing and early bird discounts don't delay! Sign up today!

Temple Emeth's College Kids

College Kids cost to participate:

Freshman early bird discount: \$30 (until August 15, 2018)

All others early bird discount: \$32 (until August 15, 2018)

All students after August 15, 2018: \$36

Is student travelling abroad? Yes No

Which semester? Fall Spring (If so, cost will be half price!)

Your Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Email: _____

College/University _____

Residing in: (circle one) Dorm Off-Campus

Year in School: (circle one) Freshman Sophomore

Junior Senior Grad

Student's College Address: (Please include dorm name/mailbox number)

Are there any special mailing instructions? (i.e.) USPS vs. FedEx/UPS _____

TEMPLE EMETH GARDEN

(continued from the cover)

The Garden Committee is led by Julie Weisman, and supported by stalwarts Paul Rubock, Paul Kaufman, Nancy Miller, Elaine Bergman, and Jaime Rubin. The TE Teens and Rabbi Sirbu join us twice a year for some of the heavy lifting, weeding and planting. Anyone can join us when convenient; gardeners are usually there Wednesday evenings at about 5:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at about 10:30 a.m.

Why do we plant?

We plant to foster a sense of community, to make ecologically sound use of Temple land. But also, to address issues of Food Justice in our local community by providing fresh vegetables and herbs to the Helping Hand Food Pantry in Teaneck, which incidentally, is managed by Temple member Janice Preschel. We harvest throughout the summer and fall. Would you be able to deliver what is picked on Wednesday evenings to the Helping Hand Food Pantry off Queen Anne Road in Teaneck? Let Julie Weisman know and she will schedule pickup dates convenient to you. The garden is Tikkun Olam at its best. There is always something to do. Come join us! Just show up or call Julie for more details at julie@flavororganics.com



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Join us at the
Annual Congregational Meeting
on June 7th at 7:30 p.m.



Services and S'machot

19th of Sivan 5778
Friday, June 1

Shabbat B'haalot'cha
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Teacher Appreciation Shabbat -
Etz Chayim Sings

Saturday, June 2

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

Torah Portion - B'haalot'cha: Number 8:1-12:16

Haftarah - Zechariah 2:14-4:7

26th of Sivan 5778
Friday, June 8

Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha
Pride Shabbat at 8:00 p.m. with
Guest Speaker from Garden State Equality

Saturday, June 9

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Sh'lach L'cha: Numbers 13:1-15:41

Haftarah - Joshua 2:1-24

3rd of Tammuz 5778
Friday, June 15

Shabbat Korach
Music Service Honoring our High School Graduates
at 8:00 p.m. - Shir Chadash Sings

The Oneg is sponsored by the families of the High School Graduates of 2018

Saturday, June 16

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers and Trustees -
Kol Emet Sings

Torah Portion - Korach: Numbers 16:1-18:32

Haftarah - I Samuel 11:14-12:22

10th of Tammuz 5778
Friday, June 22

Shabbat Chukat
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

The Oneg is sponsored by Indira and Joseph Suede
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ethan Marcel Suede

Saturday, June 23

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Marcel Suede

Torah Portion - Chukat: Numbers 19:1-22:1

Haftarah - Judges 11:1-33

10th of Tammuz 5778
Friday, June 29

Shabbat Balak
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 30

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

Torah Portion - Balak: Numbers 22:2-25:9

Haftarah - Micah 5:6-6:8

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 18th of Sivan 5778 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat - Etz Chayim Sings @ Sanctuary 8:03pm Candle Lighting	2 19th of Sivan 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum 7:00pm - 11:00pm Toast of the Temple Dinner Dance @ Social Hall
3 20th of Sivan 5778 11:00am Combined ETC: Cemetery Clean Up	4 21st of Sivan 5778 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	5 22nd of Sivan 5778	6 23rd of Sivan 5778 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn @ Library 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary	7 24th of Sivan 5778 7:00pm - 9:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting @ Social Hall	8 25th of Sivan 5778 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service - Pride Shabbat @ Sanctuary 8:08pm Candle Lighting	9 26th of Sivan 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service @ Museum
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17 4th of Tammuz 5778	18 5th of Tammuz 5778 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class @ Library	19 6th of Tammuz 5778 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Matter: "Fiddler on the Roof" @ Youth Lounge	20 7th of Tammuz 5778	21 8th of Tammuz 5778 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group Planning Meeting @ Out of building 8:00pm - 9:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting @ Youth Lounge	22 9th of Tammuz 5778 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service @ Sanctuary 8:13pm Candle Lighting	23 10th of Tammuz 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study @ Youth Lounge 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Suede @ Sanctuary
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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

We mourn the loss of Rabbi Aaron Panken, President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Mazel Tov to...

Mora Dora and Rabbi Yussel Friedman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Mikayla.

Micki and Mike Grunstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Gabriel Hexter.

Pixie and Edward Pierce on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Iris Elani Pierce and Isaac Edward Pierce.

Margarita and Peter Wallach on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Michela Sydney Wallach.

Get Well Wishes to...

Phil Keusch

Save the Date!

Congregational BBQ Dinner,
Shabbat Service, and Concert by
Eric Clark
Friday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.



Extend your Independence Day celebration! Join your Temple Emeth friends for a festive BBQ, followed by a short, family-friendly Shabbat service and Oneg featuring ice cream! Our accompanist, Eric Clark, will give a concert during the Oneg.

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

Please join in the fun and excitement of these stimulating evenings.
Refreshments will be served.



Here is the information for
the upcoming film:

**TEMPLE EMETH'S
FIDDLER
ON THE ROOF
Tuesday, June 19
at 7:00 p.m.**



The story line of "Fiddler," as everyone on earth must know by now, involves the wise and good old Jewish peasant Tevye, (Michael Robinson) who lives on a farm with his wife and children, including three daughters of marriageable age (Andrea Winters, Mara Yaffee, Leanne Velednitsky). During the course of the play, four big things happen: The three daughters get married, and the Jews are forced off their land by a pogrom.

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"CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS" IN AUGUST

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Monthly News Update: Long Ago and Far Away

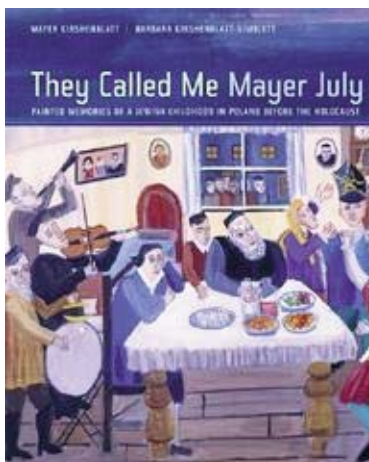
By Marion Wolf

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A good book can transport you to long-ago times and far-away places. There are two new acquisitions to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library that do exactly this.

Mayer Kirshenblatt and Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett are a father-daughter team, who have written They Called Me Mayer July: Painted Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland Before the Holocaust. Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, as scholar-in-residence at Beth Sholom last fall, gave a lecture cosponsored by Temple Emeth on “Listening with Love: A Daughter Discovers her Father’s Childhood in Poland.” This book, filled with her father’s reminiscences and paintings, vividly brings to life those days in a pre-Holocaust Polish shtetl. Mayer Kirshenblatt (1916-2009) only taught himself to paint at age 73, but his artwork wound up on display in museums. Two hundred of his illustrations—at once naïve and sophisticated—grace the pages of this memoir/oral history. The text is the result of 40 years-worth of father-daughter interviews. In a Reform Judaism Online review of They Called Me Mayer July, Bonny V. Fetterman says, “Each painting tells a story evoking memories of people, trades, and events. Mayer Kirshenblatt collaborated with his daughter...a scholar of Eastern European Jewish culture and folklore, on a captivat-



ing text recording his almost encyclopedic range of memories of the town up to 1934, the year he departed for Canada.” Intimate, candid, and humorous, this

book gives us a child’s eye view of a lost world.



Historical fiction, when created by a masterful storyteller, can also immerse us in experiences far-removed from Teaneck, New Jersey in 2018. The Weight of Ink is a novel written by award-winning author Rachel Kadish. She tells an interwoven tale of two women. Helen Watt is an ailing historian living in London in the early 21st century. Together with a young grad student, Aaron Levy, she is examining a trove of 17th century documents uncovered in a house undergoing renovation. These documents, written in Portuguese and Hebrew, are an extraordinary find. They are the work of Ester Velasquez, an immigrant from Amsterdam, acting as a scribe for a blind rabbi in the 1660s just before the plague hits the city. The book’s chapters alternate between Helen’s modern literary quest and Ester’s passion for learning centuries ago. The characters are compelling, and the reader feels drawn into their lives.

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Summary of Minutes from the April 12, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

1. Temple Activities — Rabbi Sirbu

As a recognized NJ Welcome Congregation, Temple Emeth was asked by HIAS (a global Jewish non-profit organization dedicated to refugee protection) to host an invitation-only advocacy training program.

While this year there was no RAC trip or Confirmation class, there is a group of ETC students willing to fulfill both commitments next year.

2. Building Maintenance — Rochelle Rudnick

The Temple staff has been diligently working to prepare for the 350+ guests expected for Talia's Bat Mitzvah.

The HVAC installation is just about complete. The finishing touches, including the smoke and fire alarm coordination, is expected May 2nd-4th. The total project costs were \$123,000 which was \$16,000 under budget and well below the forecasted amount of \$139,000. The HVAC installation utilized \$100k from the Kahn grant.

The security cameras have been installed and the electronic opening of the main door will be addressed soon.

3. Treasurer's Report — Jim Sandler

Operating account is in a relatively good position. The Temple is still looking for a rental to replace the Korean church.

The Temple building is aging and the Finance committee recommends a \$50,000 reserve to address anticipated building repairs.

The budget, as presented by Treasurer Jim Sandler, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

4. Financial Secretary's Report — Michael Robinson

Based on funding received thus far in 2018, the Voluntary Commitment model is working well for Temple Emeth.

5. President's Report — Amy Abrams

The nominating committee consists of two board members (plus one alternate) and three non-board members (plus one alternate) and the members were approved. The nominees selected by the committee will be provided to the Board of Trustees prior to the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Eig
Board Secretary

Social Action in Action

WE WELCOME LYNN CHAIKEN

as the incoming chairperson of the

Social Action Committee.

Temple Emeth has good reason to be very proud of our committee. More than half of our members have consistently been involved in at least one aspect of our many endeavors over the years.

With the recent changes in the political landscape, even more Temple members are becoming involved.

It's time, however, for us to move on as chairpeople. It has been a pleasure working with everyone and we shall continue to be involved as members.

We are delighted that Lynn will take over and are looking forward to many more years of being active SAC members.

Eva Sandrof and Elaine Bergman

Food program: Food for Friends



Cooking for your family? Make a little extra, and help The Paul S. Lazar Caring Committee launch a new program called "Food for Friends," which will provide meals for Temple members who are ill, in mourning, or not able to prepare or get out to buy nutritious meals. Volunteers will be asked to provide a meal which can be homemade or bought. Please contact Karen Wertheimer or the Temple office at 201.833.1322, to make a request (give a few days' notice, please) or to volunteer to help with this new service. Contact Karen at kwertheimer@verizon.net



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