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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

One of the enduring lines of the Passover Seder reads, “*Arami oved avi.*” The translation of this phrase is hard to pinpoint. A common rendering is “My father was a wandering Aramean.” The original context is from the Book of Deuteronomy, where it appears as part of a thanksgiving ritual by which Israelites present a basket of first fruits to the priest and then acknowledge God’s blessings in the land despite their humble beginnings. The original passage shows how, for a people who receive God’s blessings, history and gratitude should go hand in hand.

The passage also acknowledges that our roots as Jews extend back to a people that moved from place to place, often against their will. Commentator Jeffrey Tigay observes that the verb *oved* “usually means ‘perish’ or ‘stray.’ If it means ‘perishing’ here, the phrase could refer to the danger posed by the famine that forced Jacob and his family to migrate to Egypt. If it means ‘straying,’ it would refer to the unsettled, migratory life of Jacob or of all the patriarchs, or to their expatriate status.”

Tigay goes on to say that the saying is “alliterative, which would facilitate memorization of the phrase.” The landlessness of our ancestors is so essential to our identity, that it is written in a way that makes it hard to forget.

In other words, the Passover experience, as portrayed

in the Haggadah, is not just one of miracle and redemption from slavery. It is one that contextualizes the whole Exodus story within a framework that teaches that settling in a safe land is God’s gift to a people who have spent so much time wandering with danger and instability. It cannot be denied, because it cannot be forgotten.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

The values of Passover affect how we as Jews view the refugee crisis which currently affects some 65 million people worldwide. When we welcomed a speaker from HIAS to Temple Emeth in January, she distributed stickers that said, “My people were refugees too.”

Our current political climate is hostile to all foreigners and immigrants. The administration has set the number of refugees we will accept into the United States in 2018 at a 30-year low. HIAS and many others who believe the United States should be a haven for those fleeing persecution have sought to raise that number

and end any policy that further restricts refugees from seeking safety here.

I, too, am for sharing the blessings that God has bestowed upon us in this country. The texts of the Seder—linking history, miracle, blessing and gratitude—help us understand our responsibility to those who walk the same path our ancestors once walked.

To the Temple Emeth Family:

It is with great joy that Rebecca and I invite you to celebrate with us as Talia is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

We cordially invite our entire community to Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m. in the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Sanctuary and to a festive Kiddush luncheon to follow.

In order to ensure sufficient seating for the service and ample food at the Kiddush, we ask that you respond by March 21 using the events page we have set up for the occasion.

To RSVP for Talia’s Bat Mitzvah, go to www.emeth.org/talia

We hope you can celebrate with us.
—Rabbi Steven Sirbu



From the Religious School

“Teaching is a fragile art. Something moves a teacher’s heart.
The heart causes words to flow. With luck, they reach the students ears.
And perhaps they then move the student’s heart.”

From The Chasidic Tradition

At Temple Emeth Religious School, we take pride in our strong Jewish studies curriculum and our rigorous Hebrew program. We also know that Jewish education cannot be meaningful if it only happens in the classroom. To climb the ladder to a compelling Jewish life our students, families, and teachers form a “sacred partnership” of learning, experiencing, and celebrating.

It is in that spirit that our grade 3 and 4 students and families and our teachers gathered on Friday evening, February 2nd, Erev Shabbat, for a beautiful Shabbat meal followed by a family service where our 4th grade students received their Siddur, Mishkan T’filah, in a special Kabbalat Siddur ceremony. I’m sure the Temple Emeth Community found it to be a poignant event.

On Sunday, February 4th, we had a Family

Education program for students and families in grades 3 and 4 that included a Tu B’Shevat Seder. We all enjoyed Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, and Adam Kohane leading us in text, song, and dance. We celebrated Israel and creation; we were reminded of the Jewish obligation to repair the world – *Tikkun Olam*.

We are now looking forward to the month of Nissan (March) to continue our learning and celebrations. We are excited to join the Temple Emeth Community in the Artist-in-Residence program on Sunday, March 11th. On Friday, March 23rd we will celebrate Shabbat together with a festive dinner for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade families followed by a service led by our 7th grade students. It is inspiring to see their spiritual connection and mastery of the Shabbat service.

All of these events are an integral part of creating Jewish memories and a vibrant Jewish community.

B’vracha

Dora Geld Friedman



Dora Geld Friedman



Dan and Laura Kirsch with HIAS Speaker Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer and Rabbi Sirbu; Kol Emet performed on January 26. Mindful Meditation service with Ellen Schwartz on January 27.

Religious School Tu B’Shevat service and Family Education day on February 4.



Message from President Amy Abrams

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I am so pleased to report that with the end of the year donations, we have hit the mark on our voluntary commitment budget! We have done a truly fantastic job of stepping up to the plate in our first year of T'rumat Halev, Gifts of the Heart. I hope that with continued transparency – which is really just a trendy way of saying information sharing – we will all continue to provide the Temple with steady nourishment, so that it can continue to support us in the way to which we have become accustomed.

In other exciting news, if you were within shouting distance of Temple, you know we hosted a very large crane in our parking lot over the week of President's Day. Yes, we have replaced the HVAC units, and the mechanics of doing so was truly amazing and impressive! There was the Medium Big Crane for the units closer to the parking lot on Tuesday, and the Really Humongous Big Crane for the ones further away on Thursday. Check out the pictures on our Facebook page if you missed it. We considered hosting viewing picnics, but our contractor didn't want a big crowd around. I hope you got to take a look!

March promises to be quite an eventful month – as in, we have lots of events scheduled. We thought we'd been keeping the congregation busy, but January and February will be outshone by March!

We start the month with an Opera Shabbaton, showing *Porgy and Bess* from 1:00 to 4:00 in our Social Hall. Bring your tush cushion and watch this great American opera with commentary and refreshments. See our website for how to reserve your spot!

The next weekend we have an amazing Artist-in-Residence joining us for the weekend of March 9-11, sponsored by our Viewpoints Committee. Jonatas Chimen from Kulanu will bring his installation, *In Thy Tent I Dwell*, to our Social Hall. His art addresses the story of Jewish emigration, immigration, and hidden practice. Jonatas himself is a Brazilian-American artist, author, and academic. This installation retells the stories of immigration, adaptation, forced conversions, and hybridization of the artist's family through their 500-year Diaspora through mixed media and

multi-sensory art. It should be a wonderful glimpse into one of the more hidden parts of our shared cultural past. He will also bring art available for purchase, which will be displayed in the Museum.

Jonatas will also be participating and speaking at a number of other events over the weekend, including a Kiddush luncheon on Saturday and a brunch on Sunday. Check our calendar, or the brochure you received in the mail, for the full schedule. You can get a sneak peek at his artwork online at <http://www.theartofjonatas.com>.

Many thanks to Karen Rappaport, the entire Viewpoints committee, and everyone who donated items for the installation – this one really took a village to arrange, and should be well worth all the effort.

Shortly after that we have our spring Town Hall Meeting on March 18, 9:30 – 11:00. We'll start after the Religious School service, and you'll be out in time to get your kids or to attend the B'Yachad Breakfast featuring Helen Lippman. Our topics for the Town Hall Meeting will include an update on Voluntary Commitment, of course, as well as an update on our work to date on the Brit Olam and HIAS Welcoming Community programs. Then, I want to specifically invite our Religious School families to discuss ways to improve communications across our internal group boundaries. I'd like to get their opinions on how to best reach other young families outside of our membership.

On March 23 our 7th graders will lead Shabbat Services at a NFTY-GER Pop-Up Shabbat at Temple Emeth. Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are invited to join us for dinner (\$18) and a lot of fun. Perhaps to allow us some time for calm recuperation, the next morning will be a Shabbat Poetry Service.

Finally, we close out the month with the beginning of Passover on March 30 and our annual Congregational Seder on March 31.

And all that is in addition to our ongoing Adult Ed classes, the Movies That Mattered series, and the youth and adult choir rehearsals. Wowza! Hope to see each of you at some event or another!

Amy Abrams



Amy Abrams



Temple Emeth's Spring Fundraiser

Saturday, June 2, 2018



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Attn: 2018 Dinner Dance. Contributions to the Journal are tax deductible.

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QUESTIONS? Contact Julie Weisman at Julie@flavorganics.com



Join us for our Sunday morning Breakfast and Discussion on March 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

after the Town Hall meeting.

Helen Lippman will discuss

“The History of Newark from a Jewish Perspective”



The talk will start with a quiz about Jewish Newark. Ms Lippman will give a history of the city from its earliest settlers and the first Jews to the growth of industrialization and the arrival of numerous immigrants. She will discuss the Newark Jewish community at its peak and the decline that followed leading to the 1967 riots. She will also highlight the recent revitalization and the Jewish involvement in the city's growth.

Helen Lippman was born and raised in Newark. She is a 1978 graduate of Rutgers Newark, with a BA in English and an MA in Journalism from NYU. A retired medical editor and writer, Helen has published several articles about Newark—including one about the city's Jewish history and another about its sole surviving synagogue—and is working on a book about her experiences in Newark. Helen has lived in Montclair for 20 years, but Newark is still her favorite city.

This RSVP form must be filled out and returned to Temple Emeth with the \$6 fee per person by March 11th for the Breakfast. 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.

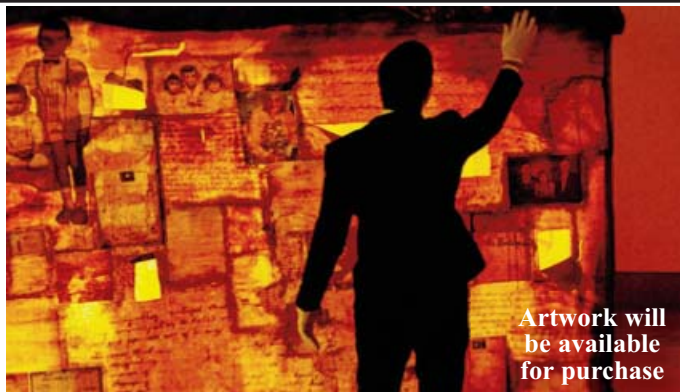
RSVP for the March 18th B'yachad Breakfast

Name(s): _____

Number Attending: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Amount Enclosed @ \$6 per person: _____



Artwork will
be available
for purchase

**Join us for an Artist-in-Residence Weekend
March 9 - 11, 2018 when Temple Emeth
Viewpoints in collaboration with Kulanu,
presents "In Thy Tent I Dwell"
a performance piece by
Jônatas Chimen Dias DaSilva-Benayon**

Explore the history of the Crypto-Jewish community as seen in the stories and art works of Jonatas Chimen. Join us in walking through the tent that will be installed at the Temple, as we learn of one man's journey to discover his Jewish heritage.

Weekend Schedule

Friday night March 9 8:00 pm, followed by Oneg
**"The Art of Jônatas - Not All Who Wander are Lost
(Why the Spanish Inquisition Could Never Win)"**

Saturday Morning March 10 9:00 am Torah Study
**"The Converso Heritage in the Arts -
Hidden in Plain Sight for Over 500 Years."**

An overview of the Converso artistic language through the works of their descendants since the forced conversions of the 15th century. Shabbat Morning Services at 10:15 am followed by **Kiddush Luncheon** Kiddush Luncheon fee - \$10. **Saturday** March 10 at approximately 1:15 pm.

"In Thy Tent I Dwell" Exhibit Opening:

Installation showcase and artist talk

"Recovering a Heritage, Reclaiming a Spiritual Home, Surviving the Diaspora as a Family"

Sunday March 11 10:30 am, Bagel Brunch fee - \$8 followed by presentation at 11:00 am.

"Further Understanding the Wandering Iberian Jew and Their Descendants Today" Q and A

All Artist-in-Residence weekend events are free and open to the public, EXCEPT for meals, which have a fee. Please fill out and return the RSVP by March 1.

Viewpoints Artist-in-Residence meal RSVP

I/we will be attending the following events:

Name(s) _____

Number for Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon _____

@ \$10 each for a total of \$ _____

Number for Sunday Brunch _____

@ \$8 each for a total of \$ _____

Please return with your check to Temple Emeth

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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Come Celebrate our Freedom!

Please join your Temple Emeth friends and family as we celebrate the second night of Passover at the annual

**Congregational Passover Seder
Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please reserve your place by March 23, 2018, so we can seat your party together.

For questions, or if you would like to help set up, serve, or clean up, please contact

Mike and Rachel Eastman at

amandasmommy@optonline.net

Please return this completed form with your payment to Temple Emeth Attn: Passover Seder

Congregational Seder RSVP

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ at \$42 each

Children (ages 5-12) _____ at \$20 each

Children under 5 _____ (no charge)

Phone _____

Email _____

Please tell us if you have any special seating needs (wheelchair/end of table) or dietary restrictions (vegetarian/kosher): _____

I would like to sit with _____

Please make checks payable to Temple Emeth.

Total enclosed \$ _____



Gershwin's Porgy and Bess 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.

Seating is limited. Cost is \$30.

For additional information contact:

Elaine Bergman at ejb1734@msn.com

Linda Poskanzer at lindaposkanzer@msn.com

Services and S'machot

16th of Adar 5778
Friday, March 2

Shabbat Ki Tisa
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Etz Chayim Sings

Saturday, March 3

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

Torah Portion - Ki Tisa: Ex. 30:11-34:35

Haftarah - I Kings 18:1-39

Artist-in-Residence Weekend "In Thy Tent I Will Dwell" by Jônatas"

23rd of Adar 5778
Friday, March 9

Shabbat Parah
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.
"The Art of Jônatas"

Saturday, March 10

Torah Study
"The Converso Heritage in the Arts" at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
"In Thy Tent I Dwell" Exhibit Opening at 1:15 p.m.

Torah Portion - Vayak'heil/P'kudei: Ex. 35:1-40:38

Haftarah - Ezekiel 36:22-36

1st of Nissan 5778
Friday, March 16

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh/Shabbat HaChodesh
Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 17

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

Torah Portion - Vayikra: Lev. 1:1-5:26

Haftarah - Ezekiel 45:16-25 (and Isa. 66:1, 23)

8th of Nissan 5778
Friday, March 23

Shabbat HaGadol
Shabbat Service - 7th Grade Leads Service -
NFTY-GER Pop-Up Shabbat at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

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

Torah Portion - Tzav: Lev. 6:1-8:36

Haftarah - Malachi 3:4-24

15th of Nissan 5778
Friday, March 30

Passover Begins - First Seder
No Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 31

Torah Study at Temple Sinai at 9:00 a.m.
Collaborative Festival Service at Temple Sinai
in Tenaflly at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion -Pesach-Yom Rishon: Ex. 12:37-42; 13:3-10

Haftarah - Isaiah 43:1-15/Song of Songs

March 2018

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4 17th of Adar 5778 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:00am - 11:00am Sixth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation II 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting 11:00am - 12:00pm Torah Trope Class with Idajean Fisher	5 18th of Adar 5778 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	6 19th of Adar 5778 7:30pm - 9:30pm Movies that Mattered: "The Frisco Kid"	7 20th of Adar 5778 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm Junior JYG	8 21st of Adar 5778 7:45pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees' Meeting	9 22nd of Adar 5778 Viewpoints Artist-in-Residence Weekend "In Thy Tent I Dwell" with Jonatas 5:38pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service and Presentation: "The Art of Jonatas"	10 23rd of Adar 5778 Viewpoints Artist-in-Residence Weekend "In Thy Tent I Dwell" with Jonatas 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study: "The Converso Heritage in the Arts" 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service 12:00pm - 1:00pm Kiddush Luncheon 1:15pm - 2:45pm Exhibit Opening: "In Thy Tent I Dwell"
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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...

Howard Sidorsky on the loss of his mother,
Marilyn Sidorsky.

Get Well Wishes to...

Jeal Sugarman
Stan Blumenfeld

Welcome new member...

Steve Goldstein

New 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 kwtheimer@verizon.net

A fun, important element to the success of the Dinner Dance is our Silent Auction and your help is needed.

DINNER DANCE SILENT AUCTION **Saturday, June 2, 2018**

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**Toast of the
Temple**

Temple Emeth's 2018 Spring Dinner Dance

Dear Temple Members, Friends, and Supporters of
our Honorees Paula Dillon, Jill Kantor, and
Howard Lieberman,

On June 2nd, Temple Emeth will honor three people who through their years of service as our Temple President have made an enormous contribution to our community: Paula Dillon, Jill Kantor, and Howard Lieberman.

Please support the fundraising component of the evening by contributing to the Silent Auction.

Search your homes for hidden treasures or donate a service that you or someone you know can provide.

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- a hand-knit sweater
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- a computer tune-up
- a spring clean-up

Let us know if you need us to create a decorative gift basket or design a certificate for services. Your contribution, with a value attached to it, may be dropped off at Temple Emeth, or if you prefer please contact me for pick up. I look forward to this festive event which is always a fun and important fundraiser.

DON'T BE SILENT! We can only do it with your help! Please call or email me with any questions.

wendydess@aol.com

Thank you,
Wendy Wineburgh Dessanti
Silent Auction Chairperson

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Nancy Miller Kozeradsky sends get well wishes to
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Elsie Albert
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Eugene Nahm
Susanne Perl in memory of her husband, Otto Perl
Lee Rothenberg in memory of her husband, Milton
Rothenberg, her sister, Dorothy Bernberg, and
her friend, Ed Fruchter
Barbara and Harvey Rosenfeld in memory of
Harvey's father, Sidney Rosenfeld



The Adult Ed Committee has been overwhelmed by the great success of our film series program! The series is based on the film list distributed by Dr. Eric Goldman, the presenter at the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Program this past spring. We are continuing the program throughout the coming year. Refreshments will be served and don't forget...bring a cushion for your tush!

THE FRISCO KID is a 1979 American western comedy film directed by Robert Aldrich, starring Gene Wilder as Avram Belinski, a Polish rabbi stranded in the American wild west who is traveling to San Francisco to get to his new congregation, and Harrison Ford as a bank robber who befriends him. Possibly the only Jewish western ever made!

Here is the schedule of upcoming films:

THE FRISCO KID (1979)
Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.



*Please join in
the fun and
excitement
of these
stimulating
evenings.*

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.

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: All Sorts of Books!

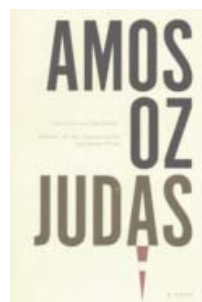
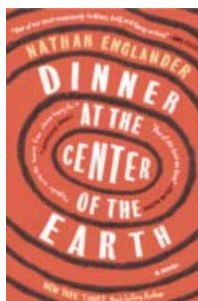
By Marion Wolf

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All sorts of books—novels, non-fiction, and poetry—are waiting for you in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

Dinner at the Center of the Earth is a spy story by best-selling author Nathan Englander, whose other writings include For the Relief of Unbearable Urges and What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank. His latest book focuses on the relationship between a prisoner and his guard. Prisoner Z has been held in a secret cell in the Negev for a dozen years. The only other person who knows of his existence is The General, a controversial leader (modeled on Ariel Sharon), who lies comatose in a hospital dreaming of his role in Israeli history. The action moves back through time and around the world to show Prisoner Z's journey to his present circumstances. A political thriller that is also a romance, a tragedy that is also humorous, Dinner at the Center of the Earth is a tour de force by Nathan Englander.



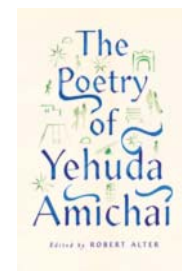
Another best-seller by a prize-winning author is Judas by the Israeli Amos Oz (translated by Nicholas de Lange). Judas is set in 1959 in an old stone house with a tragic history. Shmuel Ash is a young biblical scholar fallen on hard times. He finds work as a caregiver to a cantankerous old man, Gershom Wald. Ash is intrigued by the mysterious presence in the house of Atalia Abravanel. She is the 40ish daughter of a deceased politician, considered by many a traitor because of his opposition to Israel's statehood. Over the course of the novel, Ash learns the connection between Gershom Wald and Atalia Abravanel. Judas is a love story, a coming-of-age novel, and a thought-provoking study of betrayal.

The next book is narrative non-fiction intended for young readers, but adults should find it worthwhile too. Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz is the work of Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat. Liberated from Auschwitz at age five, Michael was one of only 50 children under age 8 to survive that concentration camp.



Together with his daughter, a TV news producer, he tells his family's story from life in the Jewish ghetto of his hometown to internment in the camps and finally to the heartbreaking challenges faced by survivors. Bornstein's story is moving and memorable; it conjures the power of family and the human spirit.

Last there is The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai edited by Robert Alter. This is the largest selection of the master poet's work to appear in English. Alter has gathered the best of existing translations from the Hebrew and offered English versions of previously untranslated poems. In his introduction, Alter tells us about Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000), who is much loved for his plain language and images of ordinary experience: "Amichai arrived in Palestine from Germany with his parents at the age of twelve, in 1936." After an Orthodox upbringing, he became a secular Jew—but one familiar with the tradition. He was a writer "immersed in the gritty actualities of constant warfare and in the sensual and emotional experience of love" who drew "inventively from the language of Hebrew tradition to express these realities."



Interested? I hope so. Please come to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library to take a look at these books for yourself.

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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.

Summary of Minutes from the January 11, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

June 2nd Gala – Lisa Eig

- The Gala will be held on June 2nd, and the Past President honorees are Jill Kantor, Howard Lieberman, and Paula Dillon.

Building Maintenance – Rochelle Rudnick

- Except for a few lights in the Sanctuary, the entire building is now functioning with LED lighting.
- The HVAC installation will start in mid-February.
- The installation of the security measures from the security grant will begin in early February. The first phase includes the security camera and is estimated to take 3-4 weeks to complete. This will be followed by the access controls and then the lighting.

Finance Report – Jim Sandler

- Operating account is in a relatively good position.

Marketing Activities – Lynn Chaiken

- The goal is to have a consistent evolving presence in local media throughout the year and to expand our presence in social media.
- On March 9-11th, Temple Emeth Viewpoints in collaboration with Kulanu will present an Artist-in-Residence weekend featuring Jonatas Chimen Dias DaSilva-Benayon, exhibiting “In Thy Tent I Dwell.”

President’s Report – Amy Abrams

- The Annual Meeting will now be June 7th.
- The Women’s March is Saturday January 20th and Temple members Eva Sandrof and Eleanor Buchbinder are interested in organizing bus transportation to the Morristown event from 11-1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Eig
Secretary

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!

Social Action in Action

Family Promise

We will be hosting families through the Family Promise program from April 27 through May 7th. Join us as we help families who need housing. For more information about the program, or to sign up, contact Elaine Bergman at 201-927-5147 or ejb1734@msn.com

Mitzvot of the Month

With the early arrival of Passover this year (March 31) we will be collecting Kosher for Passover foods, to be distributed by the Jewish Family Service in Teaneck, from the beginning of March. All other donated foods will be given to the Center for Food Action.

Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Temple Emeth has been a member of Northern Jersey Sanctuary Coalition for over 10 years. The Sanctuary Coalition is finding that there is an increasing need for housing and assistance for people who have applied for political asylum, many of whom have been released from federal detention and find there is nowhere to go. Learn more about this important organization at a **B’YACHAD BREAKFAST on SUNDAY, APRIL 27**. The speaker will be Sally Pillay from First Friends of New York and New Jersey.

Garden News



The Garden Committee invites young and old to join us on Sunday March 25th at 10:30 a.m. for our Spring planning meeting. On the agenda is building a planting box high enough for those who have difficulty bending to plant, weed and harvest. Our intergenerational garden was developed and is sustained by donations to the Garden Fund. The Committee would appreciate a small donation for purchase of seeds, organic soil and supplies. For further information contact Julie Weisman at Julie@flavorganics.com.

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