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Join us for a celebratory evening of dinner and dancing to honor three of our esteemed past presidents:



Paula Dillon Jill Kantor Howard Lieberman

silent auction • cocktails • dinner • dancing

Saturday, June 2, 2018

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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

In a traditional halachic (Jewish legal) context, the father of a Bar Mitzvah thanks God for releasing him from "this burden." According to tradition, a father is held accountable for the sins of his minor children. It is a burden that is lifted when the child reaches the age of majority. Reform Judaism does not subscribe to this

philosophy, and at Temple Emeth, parents do not make this declaration, which is known as "Baruch shepatarni." We know that teenagers by nature make lots of mistakes, and they need their parents to help them fully reach adulthood.

Nonetheless, the culmination of the B'nai Mitzvah process can still be a relief, as I now know firsthand that the preparations are a burden of a different kind. On April 14, I officiated at approximately my 250th Bar or Bat Mitzvah service at Temple Emeth. But this one was different because it was my own daughter, Talia, who was called to the Torah that day.

If you were there, you know that it was a lovely day—from the supportive congregation of friends, family, and Temple members, to the beautiful setup of the building, to the gorgeous weather that we ordered up for the occasion. Talia did a great job, and every relative was beaming.

Because there were so many people attending, the preparations for this Bat Mitzvah were unlike any other. I'd like to thank the many people who put in extra time to see to the details of the day. Rochelle Rudnick, our Temple Administrator, and I met to review set-ups, timing, and much more. Cantor Tilem gave extra time and patience to Talia and kept me calm when things got rough; she went above and beyond in preparing music for both the services and the reception.

Mora Dora was prepared to lead the dancing, though it turned out that the group could lead itself. Musicians David Kohane, Wendy Kosakoff, and Eric Clark were at their best as they led upbeat services and an amazing Hora.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

And then there were the little things that fell into place because Temple members were willing to step up. David Wolinsky had the great idea for reserved parking spaces for my family members, and he made it happen. Marc Chelemer agreed to stay at the greeter's post for the entire service (except a few minutes watching Talia read from the Torah). Tammy Hecht played each song for the candle lighting ceremony right on cue. Janice Preschel and the volunteers from the Helping Hands Food Pantry led a meaningful mitzvah project. And Nicole Motz and Bill Wilson collected and packed all

of the borrowed siddurim when the service was over.

And I want to give a huge shout out to our Temple custodians, Jonathan Nazareth and Marisol Plaza. They were there for everything we needed with their trademark helpfulness and professionalism.

Finally, I want to thank all of you, not only for sharing this simcha with us, but for understanding that I was a little distracted at times in the weeks leading up to the big day.

Our family is relieved now that the Bat Mitzvah is over and all went well. Now Rebecca and I look forward to the joys and challenges of raising a teen. We know that we can rely on your support in this endeavor as well.

May we share many s'machot together in the future.







From the Religious School

Z'man Matan Torateinu – the time of the Giving of the Torah

Z'man Matan Torateinu, another name for the holiday of Shavuot, refers only to the "giving" of the Torah; not to the "receiving" of the Torah. Our tradition teaches us that the Torah was "given" only once, years ago on Mount Sinai, but it is "received" every day. A rabbinic

narrative explains that at Sinai, each of our ancestors heard what was in his or her power to hear. It teaches us that in each generation we have the power to open our ears, eyes, and hearts to the words of the Torah and accept them for ourselves.

In Temple Emeth Religious School, we study and experience the importance of Torah in our daily lives. We learn from the Torah that we Dora Geld Friedman are God's partner when we choose to care about and help others. Our students learn "Torah" not only from text, but also in their encounters with other students and teachers.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, the 20th century theologian, believed that "Jewish educators are immortal." The Talmud tells us that "a person who teaches Torah to a child may be regarded as though that child were born to him." Jewish educators touch people's lives in profound ways. The personality of the teacher is the "text" the students read; the text they will never forget. Jewish educators live on; they go forward in time,

> through the influence they have on their students. They are the connectors, the links in the chain, going back in time to Moses, our first teacher.

> As our tradition instructs us "Turn it (Torah) and turn it again, for everything is in it. Contemplate it, grow old and gray in it, and do not move from it, for you can have no better guide in life than it."



LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, May 20 – Shavuot Service and Religious School "Moving Up."

Please join us on Friday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. as our teachers are honored at the Family Shabbat Service.

> B'vracha, Dora Geld Friedman

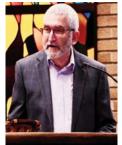




Yom Hashoah Memorial service with speaker David Fox and the seventh grade students on March 15th.





















Message from President Amy Abrams

We've had some wonderfully interesting programs in the last few months and also some wonderfully interesting weather. Now we find ourselves in May, wondering what the next round of unpredictable temperatures will bring. Your best solution, obviously, is to plan to attend lots of events at Temple Emeth, where the new HVAC units and the repairs to the boiler should ensure adequate heat or cooling as needed.

Shabbatot for the month of May are so packed with special events, I barely have room to mention them all.

We're starting off the month right with a visit from

some of the cast of Israel Story at Family Services on May 4. We co-hosted the full show at the JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly on April 24, but this is a chance for a more intimate look at their process and presentation. It is the result of a significant investment of time and effort by Rabbi Sirbu over the last year to create an extraordinary event particularly designed for our congregation. I, for one, am really looking forward to this evening. If you are not familiar with Israel

Story, look up the podcasts online at israelstory.org and listen to a few. If you're short on time, I can recommend Episode 27, only about half an hour, with two stories about Arabs and Jews in Israel.

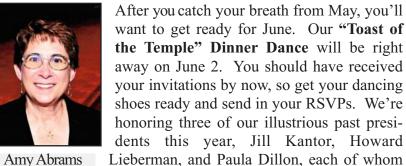
Next we will be honoring our long-term members at a Membership Shabbat and Music Service on May 18. If you have been a member for a number of years ending in a 5 or a 0, we invite you to come and be recognized! Don't worry if you can't remember exactly how long it's been – we will let you know you're on the list. I hope to see all of you there. Our Music Service will be even more special than usual, featuring Klezmer music with our already impressive Temple Emeth Band even further enhanced by Klezmer musicians from Tsu Fil Duvids Klezmer Ensemble.

See a lot of new faces at Temple Emeth? Voluntary Pledges helped grow our community!

We'll follow that on the evening of May 19 with a film and discussion in celebration of Erev Shavuot. Shavuot morning services will be held on Sunday morning, when we are also honoring our Religious School students who are moving up for next year. Then on May 25 we will have another wonderful Duet Service, with Temple members joining our Cantor Tilem in making music for the rest of us to enjoy.

Weekdays are busy, too. On Thursday, May 17, we will join our neighbors for the One Book, One Community culminating event at Temple Israel in Ridgewood. Remember all that great food from the cookbook, Zahav: a World of Israeli Cooking, and the terrifically fun movie, "In Search of Israeli Cuisine"? For our final event, go meet the chef/author himself, Michael Solomonov. Tickets are \$18. www.jfnnj.org/onebook/ for details.

Are you feeling that warmth and community here at Temple Emeth? T'rumat Hale'v helped change the atmosphere!



Temple Emeth we are today. Take it from me, anyone who does this job deserves to be honored, but these three are especially praiseworthy. Julie Weisman and Lisa Eig are spearheading a group of hardworking volunteers dedicated to making this a truly exceptional evening, with music, good food, friends, fun, and a fabulous silent auction.

has been crucial to the development of the

After all this fun and frolic, it's back to business at our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on June 7. write more on the details of the agenda in June, but as always, we hope you will all come to find out how we're doing in all areas and contribute your thoughts. Remember that we changed our Constitution last year to permit non-Jewish members to vote, so plan to bring the whole family for schmoozing, listening, commenting, and approving our plans for moving Temple Emeth forward into our next fiscal year.

You will also be receiving your **pledge forms** for our 2018-19 fiscal year in early June. We have had an exciting and inspiring start to our voluntary pledge program, and now we need carry that momentum into our second year. Through the months of May and June keep your eyes and ears peeled for examples of how your T'rumat Halev pledges keep our Temple running on an even keel. We couldn't do it without you!





Temple Emeth's Spring Fundraiser

Saturday, June 2, 2018

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To pay by credit card, please call the Temple office at 201.833.1322 or make your check payable to Temple Emeth and mail with completed form to: Temple Emeth / 1666 Windsor Road / Teaneck, NJ 07666 Attn: 2018 Dinner Dance. Contributions to the Journal are tax deductible. If you need help purchasing or soliciting an ad or tribute, please send an email to the group to emeth.org.adjournal2018@gmail.com - or call me directly at the number below - we are happy to help!
Ad Deadline – <u>May 4, 2018</u> QUESTIONS? Greg Janoff gjanoff@gmail.com

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

GIFT DONATION FORM

Item:
Retail Value: \$ Donor Name: (As you wish to be acknowledged in the catalog) Address: Cell or Business Phone: Email
Contact Name(s): Description of the Item:
Temple Member/Solicitor of Donation
Please submit this completed form to Temple Emeth or email the information to Wendy Dessanti at wendydess@aol.com Deadline extended to May 6 If you need help with a pickup or have questions contact Wendy Dessanti, chair

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.

Examples of gifts and services that have done extremely well at previous silent auctions include:

- foreign language lessons
- golf instruction
- a week at a timeshare or vacation home
- a meal in your home
- tickets to a Broadway show, sporting event, concert
- car service to an airport
- wine/cheese/gourmet food
- a hand-knit sweater
- a massage, make-over, or day at a spa
- 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





PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE JUNE 2ND

TOAST OF THE TEMPLE DINNER DANCE.

INVITATIONS HAVE ARRIVED. RSVP BY MAY 17.



Saturday, June 2, 2018 RSVP by May 17, 2018



○ I/We will be attending

_____ Person(s) at \$118 each: \$___

My payment includes an additional amount to allow a Temple member to attend, who could not otherwise afford to join in this celebration

Sorry, I/We cannot attend but my TaxDeductible Contribution of \$_____ is enclosed.

Total Enclosed \$_____

Name _____

Address

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Telephone _____

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I/We would like to be seated with

SILENT AUCTION

for the DINNER DANCE

Many thanks to our generous members who have contributed items of value or have collected them from local businesses.

They include vacations at homes in the Catskills and Adirondacks, Tiffany travel items, tickets to the Met Opera and Mets and Giants games, breaking bread with our clergy, original art from well-known artists, dinner at the River Palm.

The drop off was a success -- thanks to Committee members, Carla S., Elaine P., Gayle G. and Dan D.

We are having one more! We still need your help!

PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS, GIFT CARDS, etc. to the TEMPLE MUSEUM SUNDAY, MAY 6th 10-11 a.m. Any questions? Contact chair Wendy Dessanti wendydess@aol.com



Annual Congregational Seder on March 31







Services and S	S'machot
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20th of Iyar 5778 Shabbat Emor

Friday, May 4 Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

"An Evening with Israel Story" during Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, May 5 Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Emor: Lev. 21:1-24:23 Haftarah - Ezkiel 44:15-31

27th of Iyar 5778 Shabbat B'har/B'chukotai Friday, May 11 Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

- Shir Chadash Sings

The Oneg is sponsored by Pixie and Edward Pierce

in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Iris Elani, and Bar Mitzvah of their son, Isaac Edward

Saturday, May 12 Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah of Iris and Isaac Pierce

Torah Portion - B'har/B'chukotai: Lev. 25:1-27:34 Haftarah - Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

5th of Sivan 5778 Shabbat B'midbar

Friday, May 18 Klezmer Music Service at 8:00 p.m.
Milestone Membership Service

The Oneg is sponsored by Margarita and Peter Wallach in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Michela Sydney

Saturday, May 19 Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Michela Sydney Wallach

Erev Shavuot Program and Discussion on

"The Chosen People? A Film About Jewish Identity"

at 7:30 p.m.

Torah Portion - B'midbar: Num. 1:1-4:20 Haftarah - Hosea 2:1-22

Sunday, May 20 Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor

Religious School Moving-Up Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

12th of Sivan 5778 Shabbat Naso

Friday, May 25 Shabbat Duets Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 26 Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Naso: Num. 4:21-7:89 Haftarah - Judges 13:2-25

May 2018

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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...

Seth Kane on the loss of his mother, Rosalyn Kane. Hedy Geller on the loss of her mother, Lillie Ullman. Faith Bell on the loss of her uncle, Herbert Goldberg. Rochelle Rudnick on the loss of her mother-in-law, Maureen Gold.

David Steiner on the loss of his uncle, Thomas Steiner.

Nancy Fahn Guggenheim, remembered by Temple Emeth.

Mazel Tov to...

Rabbis Steven and Rebecca Sirbu on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Talia Sara.

Nicole Motz and Billy Wilson on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aidan Scott.

Tobie Geller on the birth of her new granddaughter, Miri Reva and to her parents Andrew and Shoshanna Geller.

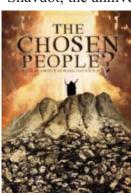
Carol Kaplan on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Kate Isabella Bogdanow and to the parents, Sarah and Peter Bogdanow.

Get Well Wishes to... Beth Pascarello Jamie Feuer

Welcome new member... Simmie Portnoy

SHAVUOT PROGRAM and DISCUSSION Saturday, May 19, 2018 7:30 p.m.

The concept of the Jews as a Chosen People was planted with Abraham and reached fruition with the revelation at Mount Sinai. Like most Jewish ideas, it has evolved over the centuries. On Shavuot, the anniversary of the revelation, we will



watch a new film entitled, "The Chosen People? A Film about Jewish Identity". This documentary, with interviews from dozens of rabbis and other religious leaders and thinkers, explores the many ramifications of this concept. Following the film, Rabbi Sirbu will lead a discussion on the themes presented in the movie.

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



BARNEY'S VERSION

with
PAUL GIAMATTI
and
DUSTIN HOFFMAN

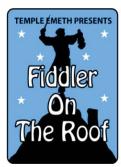
Barney's Version tells the story of a man distinguished largely by his flaws and the beautiful woman who loves him in spite of them. What she sees in him I am not quite sure. He is a precariously functioning alcoholic and chain smoker of cigars, balding and with a paunch, a producer of spectacularly bad television shows, and a fanatic hockey fan. Since he lives in Montreal, many good women might forgive the hockey, but he is also hostile toward her friends, rude at dinner parties, and has bad taste in ties.

Here is the schedule and the remaining films to be viewed:

TEMPLE EMETH PRESENTS



Barney's Version (2011) Thursday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.



Fiddler on the Roof (2009) Tuesday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m.

One Book One Community Culminating Event

Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey invites you to

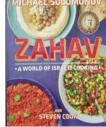
Meet the Author Michael Solomonov

May 17, 2018 | 7 pm

Temple Israel 475 Grove St, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

\$18/ticket

Register today! www.jfnnj.org/oboc





A World of Israeli Cooking

CONTRIBUTIONS

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Elaine and Joseph Pollack in memory of Lillie Ullman, mother of Hedy Geller in memory of Rosalyn Kane, mother of Seth Kane

Rachel, Michael, and Amanda Eastman send

congratulations to Laurel and Seth Kane on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Benjamin Short send condolences on the loss of Rosalyn Kane, mother of Seth Kane

Sabrina and Art Lerman in memory of Rosalyn Kane, mother of Seth Kane

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY

Michael and Gayle Goldberg in honor of Cantor Tilem's special birthday

Amanda Eastman wishing Cantor a Happy Birthday

EMETH TEEN COMMUNITY FUND

Gayle and Michael Goldberg in honor of Talia Sirbu's Bat Mitzvah

in honor of Aidan Wilson's Bar Mitzvah

JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE FUND Nickie and Doug Falk in honor of Talia Sirbu's Bat Mitzvah

LIBRARY FUND

Brenda and Bill Weiss send get well wishes to Phil Keusch Teri Binder in memory of her uncle, Morris Weinberger in memory of her mother, Elise Weinberger in memory of Rosalyn Kane, mother of Seth Kane wishing Eva Tobias a speedy recovery wishing Phil Keusch a speedy recovery in memory of Maureen Gold, mother of Mark Gold, mother-in-law of Rochelle Rudnick

MUSEUM FUND

Karen and Sam Gronner send condolences to Mark Gold and Rochelle Rudnick on the loss of Mark's mother, Maureen Gold

MUSIC FUND

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Monthly News Update: Appealing Titles
By Marion Wolf

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They say we shouldn't judge a book by its cover, but what about its title? Sometimes a title piques my curiosity. That's enough for me to peek inside. If the author delivers more—a compelling narrative voice, a fascinating story, or a refreshing point of view—I'll stick with it. There are three new books with intriguing titles in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Library. One is a novel, and the other two are memoirs. All are worth a closer look.

Three Floors Up is a novel (actually three connected novellas) by best-selling Israel author Eshkol Nevo, translated from the Hebrew by Sondra Silverston. The book is set in a Tel Aviv apartment building. Nevo skillfully interweaves the stories of the residents, one family on each floor. On the first floor is a father worried about the safety of his daughter. He suspects that she



may have been molested by an elderly neighbor who babysits her. On the second floor is a woman whose husband travels for business. She is overwhelmed by looking after her two children, and she is sexually attracted to her brother-in-law who is staying with her. On the top floor lives a retired judge, a widow, who tells her tale through messages she leaves on her dead husband's answering machine. She is trying to reconnect with their estranged son. Roddy Doyle says, "Eshkol Nevo writes beautifully, funnily, and wisely about men and women...Friendship, envy, love, misery, endurance—he captures the lot."

Tova Mirvis, best known for her first novel <u>The Ladies</u> <u>Auxiliary</u>, has now written a memoir called <u>The</u> <u>Book of Separation</u>. Born and raised in a



tight-knit Orthodox family, Mirvis marries an Orthodox man and starts a family. But at the age of 40, after years of doubts, she leaves both her husband and her faith. This book recounts Mirvis' first year outside her marriage and community, as she strikes out on her own to discover what she does believe and who she really is. Rebecca Newberger Goldstein calls this memoir "beautifully written and fiercely honest...a moving reflection on what it means to take responsibility for one's own life...By staring so unflinchingly into her confusions and fears, a portrait of quiet courage slowly assembles itself, radiating inspiration for all."

Ilana Kurshan is another author who has gone through a painful divorce. In its aftermath, she decides—at age 27, alone in Jerusalem—to commit to studying one





page of Talmud each day. Her experiences with daf yomi (literally "daily page") form the basis for If All the Seas Were Ink. Kurshan says, "The Talmud surprised me at nearly every turn...there was something that caught my eye on almost every page—a folk remedy employed to heal an ailing sage, a rude insult leveled at one rabbi by another, a sudden interjection from a rabbi's angry wife." After seven and a half years, Kurshan has not only completed the Talmud, she has remarried and had three children. And she feels connected to the worldwide community involved in daf yomi, reading the same page everyone else is learning, following a schedule established by Rabbi Meir Shapiro in 1923. Beth Kissileff writes in Tablet Magazine, "What makes Kurshan's memoir unique is her explication of the text and the ways she relates it to her personal life."

You can find all three of these appealing titles in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

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Summary of Minutes from the March 8, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

<u>Israeli Podcast – Rabbi Sirbu</u>

At the JCC on April 24th at 7:30, Israel's most popular podcast and award winning radio show will share the tales and music of seven decades of Israel. TE is co-sponsoring the event and \$15 tickets are available in the office.

A smaller version of the podcast will be presented at TE during the May 4th Oneg.

These events coincide with the 70th Anniversary of Israel.

Building Maintenance – Rochelle Rudnick

HVAC project is complete, but fire and smoke alarm coordination are still not finished. Expectations are for a reduction in electricity usage and savings on electricity bill.

The security cameras have been installed and the issue with the main door should be fixed soon. Handicap access still needs to be addressed.

More key fobs will be available next week.

<u>Finance Report – Mike Goldberg</u>

Operating account is in a relatively good position. Kahn grant supported the HVAC project.

Still awaiting pledged amounts from some Temple members that are currently outstanding.

Marketing Activities – Lynn Chaiken

Temple Emeth Viewpoints in collaboration with Kulanu will present an Artist-in-Residence weekend featuring Jonatas Chimen Dias DaSilva-Benayon, "In Thy Tent I Dwell." This event is expected to draw interest from the community.

President's Report – Amy Abrams

The Town Hall meeting is March 18th from 9:30-11:00 in the Social Hall. This timing is designed to enable Religious School families to attend.

Shalach Manot raised \$18,000. Judy Fox is stepping down as chair and is asking that a new committee chair shadow her for next year's event. The voluntary commitment task force included a card in this year's baskets thanking everyone for participating.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Eig Board Secretary

Social Action in Action

Family Promise

As of the middle of April, we have been informed by Family Promise that, for the first time, there are no families to host during our assigned week from April 29th through May 6th. We are preparing as usual anyhow, in case a family (or families) are accepted by the 29th. Thanks to the Temple members, as well as members of the Ethical Culture Society, who have volunteered and are on call.

The World

The Temple Emeth Social Action Committee is becoming more and more involved with local, as well as nationwide, and worldwide concerns. These include oil trains in our backyard, housing needs of sanctuary seekers, gun control, and climate control.

If you are interested in any of the above or other issues, join 20 of your fellow congregants who attend monthly meetings of the Social Action Committee.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 9:45 a.m.

New Museum Exhibit: Photographs from the Temple Trip to the Czech Republic



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 kwertheimer@verizon.net





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