

## Confirmation Class of 5777



*With pride and love, we invite you to join us  
when our children are confirmed*

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Danielle Norr  
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*Tuesday, May 30, 2017  
7:45 P.M.*

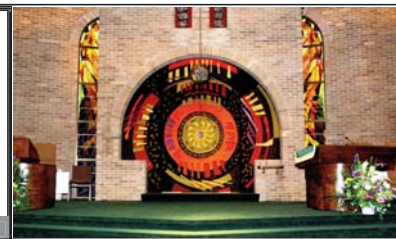
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# Message From the Rabbi

This spring will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Six Day War, which changed the nature of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. The anniversary of the victory is called Yom Yerushalayim, the day of the reunification of Jerusalem, and will be observed this year on May 24.

In June of 1967, Israel fended off an attack by its Arab neighbors and in doing so conquered the Golan Heights from Syria; the West Bank and East Jerusalem (including the Old City) from Jordan; and the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt. In all, Israel tripled its land area, giving it more defensible borders. At the same time, it became responsible for the residents of these areas. Israel's image around the world changed in two significant ways. Israel's military victory now ranked her as a regional superpower. And Israel was now an occupying force, subject to the same criticisms (both fair and unfair) as other occupiers around the world.

Many Jews at the time saw the Six Day War as a messianic moment, a sign that—after the Holocaust and after Israel's scrappy victory for independence in 1948—God was on the side of the Jewish people and the ultimate redemption was close at hand. The sound of the shofar at the Western Wall after decades of exile was the beginning of the settler movement, which in the 50 years since has placed an indelible footprint in the West Bank and become the driving force in the right-wing of Israel's politics.

The Six Day War also changed the self-image of Diaspora Jews. In the years following the war, there was an increased level of aliyah (Jewish immigration to Israel) and tourism. And here in America, Jews (especially our youth) took an increased pride in their Jewish identity and in their connec-

tion to Israel. The Jewish people were no longer to be seen as victims, but as a people who controlled their own destiny.

For all these reasons, the Six Day War has a complicated legacy. Each new settlement in the West Bank is, in essence, an extension of the victory of the Six Day War. Each critique of Israeli policy toward the Palestinians is framed as a grievance in wake of the loss. Each peace negotiation is an attempt to resolve the Six Day War.

Can we expect to retain all of the positive aspects of this victory while shedding the negative ones? It is a complicated question that depends on your priorities, your values and your fears.

For us American Jews, who are committed to Israel's safety and security, who pray that Israel one day soon will be able to live in peace with her neighbors, understanding the Six Day War is essential to understanding Israel today.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Our Temple trip to Israel this summer will inevitably explore these issues. And this fall, I will offer an adult education course on Tuesday evenings on the Six Day War. Using a curriculum created by the Association of Reform Zionists of America and the Center for Israel Education at Emory University, we will examine both the history and the modern reality of the Six Day War.

In this season of Israel's independence and the fiftieth anniversary Six Day War, let us resolve to better understand the legacy of victory and to celebrating Israel's many accomplishments over the last 69 years.



Did you know that every year since 1999 the Temple's Shalach Manot program has donated a portion of its proceeds to Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger? This year, with Mazon's "This Is Hunger" truck in our parking lot, Rabbi Sirbu presented a donation to Rabbi Joel Pitkowsky of Congregation Beth Shalom, Teaneck, NJ, who serves on the Mazon board. The Shalach Manot program is coordinated by Judy and David Fox and Eva Tobias. Temple members participated in activities in Mazon's "This is Hunger" truck on April 3, 4 and 5.



## From the Religious School

*"There are three crowns - a crown of Torah, a crown of priesthood, and a crown of royalty, but the crown of a good name exceeds them all."* Pirkei Avot

If you walk into our school any Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon, you will come upon a wonderful sight – young adults, graduates of our Religious School, participating and helping in so many important ways to make our religious school a success. Our madrichim and madrichot (guides to learning and behaving) are special. They do so much in the classroom and in our school. Yes, they help pass out juice and cookies, challah, flyers, and tzedakah boxes, and they also tutor one-on-one. They lead games and small group discussions. They sometimes read a story or serve as an extra shoulder to “lean on.”

Our madrichim and madrichot, together with our teachers, provide the spiritual resources for living a Jewish life with kindness and holiness. They add immeasurably to the “family feeling” and team teaching at Temple Emeth. They are another pair of eyes, hands, and ears to observe and listen and provide feedback. They are role models who continue, in an active way, their involvement and participation in their ongoing

Jewish Journey.  
Who are they?



Dora Geld Friedman

Ariana Bar Evelyn Pierce Julia Sidorsky  
They inspire our students to live a multi-layered, meaningful Jewish life. They have earned the “crown of a good name.”

Looking Ahead:

- Wednesday, May 3 - Yom Haatzmaut Celebration grades 3 – 7
- Friday, May 5 - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Family Service at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday May 14 - Tfila & Shira Service, 9:00 a.m., grades 4 leading.
- Sunday May 21 - Last day of Religious School – “Moving Up” ceremonies and “Family Brunch.”

Registration information for 2017 -18 will be mailed home. In order to plan for the upcoming school year, we would appreciate your completed registration forms returned as soon as possible.

B’vracha,  
Dora Geld Friedman

Religious School students visited the Mazon “This is Hunger” truck on April 5th.





## Message from President Marc Chelemer

“I love it when a plan comes together.” George Peppard uttered those words with some frequency on the television show “The A-Team,” and Liam Neeson parroted them in the film by the same name. I think I can say the same thing this month, as the Dissemination Task Force completed its work at reaching out to every household during the late winter and early spring, while Nuts and Bolts and the Board of Trustees wrestled with and came to rest on unresolved issues and questions surrounding how *T’rumat Halev* – Gifts of the Heart will be instituted and brought to you. Later this month, each household will receive an introductory letter and a Pledge Form, which will formally kick off Temple Emeth’s revamping of how it finances itself.

When that form arrives, please consider its content and the importance of what your household decides to write down as a pledge. The clergy, the staff, your lay leadership, and indeed all of your fellow congregants are counting on you—we are truly counting on each other—to commit yourself financially to the well-being of Temple Emeth. The budget is about \$950,000 (at this writing, Finance Committee hasn’t finalized it yet, but that’s close). Our membership is holding at around 305 households. Your pledge of financial support, along with those of the other households which make up this community, will be the test whether my belief, and that of the clergy and the volunteers who have been working so hard for so long to bring this about, will be realized: that given no formal “invoice” for membership, thoughtful, caring, and dedicated adults will offer equal to or more than they were told they had to pay last year.

That is all I am going to say specifically about *T’rumat Halev* this month. I’d like to use the rest of my article to talk about community. At the three *paneem el paneem* meetings at which I was the presenter, the unifying element among almost all the remarks I heard from congregants, ex-congregants, or prospective congregants, was that what people valued most about Temple Emeth was the sense of community. Sometimes, that community was most keenly felt at a time of sorrow...when there’d been a death in the family and Temple Emeth rallied around someone to offer support and comfort, sometimes from seemingly total strangers. At other times, it was just a sense of belonging, that when people walk into the building, they said that they were comfortable, that it felt familiar and warm, that it felt like they belonged here. For those readers who are “Star Trek” fans (as always, parallels to Star Trek and Judaism continue to be revealed), one of the most touching scenes in the entire series featured the emotionless android, Lt. Commander Data, return-

ing from a unique experience: watching two emotionally damaged creatures from different species having essentially joined together, and through that unification becoming healed. He says, when asked by the empathic ship’s counselor Troi, why he came back to be among the crew of the Enterprise: “Because, Deanna, this is where I belong.” The counselor, in a spontaneous moment of affection, puts her arms gently around him and lays her head on the back of his shoulder.

Certainly, I’ve felt like “this is where I belong” for so many years, I cannot remember a time when Temple Emeth didn’t feel like home. Indeed, as my family sometimes wryly commented, there were times when I spent more time at Temple than I did in my own abode. There are moments...when I am reading the Bimah announcements and look out at the faces of worshippers and I recognize nearly everyone, when I am standing at the top of the stage stairs during Bazaar and looking out at the myriad volunteers amidst thronging customers, when I’m amidst the hubbub of picking up all the bags and baskets of my Shalach

Manot delivery route on that annual Sunday morning event, when I’m pressed up against a happy throng of revelers at a Spring Gala...that my heart, like Deanna Troi’s, is flooded with a sense of affection, happiness, joy even.

I have a sense that many others feel the same way. You may have noticed that I haven’t “given away” my parking space for many months. It’s not for lack of trying. But many of the people I’ve offered it to as a token of my thanks for their exceptional volunteer work have turned it down, not wishing to call attention to themselves. I think that is a reflection of how many, perhaps most, of the members of the community view themselves as part of that larger group and eschew a lot of individual attention for their participation in it.

My hope for each and every congregant at Temple Emeth is that you are able to find that same sense of belonging and community for yourself. The congregation offers so many avenues and mechanisms to become a part of it, and it’s not only via shared worship experiences, although Friday nights and Saturday mornings are wonderful. No, it’s through singing, cooking, planting, arranging, teaching, learning, crying, merry-making, laughing together that you become part of the community. As this fiscal year begins to wind down but the warm spring and summer beckon, I hope you’ll make yourself a greater part of Temple Emeth and be enriched and embraced by it.

Marc J. Chelemer



Marc Chelemer



**Temple Emeth's Spring Fundraiser  
Saturday, June 3, 2017**

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**Sign up now for the  
Ride to Fight Hunger**

JFCS (Jewish Family and Children's Services) is excited to hold their seventh annual **Wheels-for-Meals** Ride to Fight Hunger! With hundreds of bike riders expected from throughout Northern New Jersey, the Ride to Fight Hunger raises funds and awareness to fight hunger in our community.

Temple Emeth is joining forces with JFCS. The Temple Emeth biking team needs you for a meaningful, yet fun ride on Sunday, June 11, 2017 starting at the Jewish Home in Rockleigh, NJ. You choose the distance: 3, 10, 25, 35 or 50 miles.

Please call your friends, join or donate to our team at <http://www.ridetofighthunger.com>!

Ride well! Ken Rutz

Join us at the Oneg on May 12th at a  
**Meet the Artist Reception**  
honoring participants in the  
**Museum Member Showcase:**

Peter Adler  
Leslee Fetner  
Arlene Hirschfelder  
Dennis Hirschfelder  
Joan Knauer  
Sandy Loft  
Eva Sandrof







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## Services and S'machot

**10th of Iyar 5777**  
**Friday, May 5**

**Shabbat Acharei Mot-K'doshim**  
**Teacher Appreciation Shabbat**  
**Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 6**

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

*Torah Portion - Acharei Mot-K'doshim, Lev. 16:1 -20 :27*

*Haftarah - Amos 9:7 -15*

**17th of Iyar 5777**  
**Friday, May 12**

**Shabbat Emor**  
**Milestone Membership Shabbat Service**  
**Shir Chadash Sings at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Followed by "Meet the Artist" Reception**

*The Oneg is sponsored by the Museum Committee*

**Saturday, May 13**

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

*Torah Portion - Emor, Lev. 21:1 - 24:23*

*Haftarah - Ezekiel 44:15 -31*

**24th of Iyar 5777**  
**Friday, May 19**

**Shabbat B'har-B'chukotai**  
**Music Service at 8:00 p.m.**

*The Oneg is sponsored by Ace and Damary Zayken  
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ryan*

**Saturday, May 20**

**Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Zaken**  
**Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**

*Torah Portion - B'har-B'chukotai, Lev. 25:1 - 27:34*

*Haftarah - Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:24*

**2nd of Sivan 5777**  
**Friday, May 26**

**Shabbat B'midbar**  
**Shabbat Duets Service at 8:00 p.m**

**Saturday, May 27**

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

*Torah Portion - B'midbar, Num. 1:1 - 4:20*

*Haftarah - Hosea 2:1 - 22*

**6th of Sivan 5777**  
**Tuesday, May 30**

**Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation**  
**Service at 7:45 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Collaborative Shavuot Service with Yizkor**  
**at 10:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush lunch**

*Torah Portion - Exod. 19:1-8, 20:1-14*

*Haftarah -Isaiah 42:1-12 >> Ezekiel 1:1-29,3:12*



# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5th of Iyyar 5777 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Yiddish Class 7:45 pm - 9:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>2</b> 6th of Iyyar 5777 Yom Ha'Atzmaut 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective 8:40 pm - 9:40 pm Adult Ed: "Zionist Philosophy" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu	<b>3</b> 7th of Iyyar 5777 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch and Learn 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Religious School Grades 3-7 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm RS Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 8th of Iyyar 5777	<b>5</b> 9th of Iyyar 5777 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RS Teacher Appreciation Dinner 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Family Shabbat Service - Teacher Appreciation Shabbat 7:39 pm Candle Lighting	<b>6</b> 10th of Iyyar 5777 9:00 am - 10:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Morning Service
<b>7</b> 11th of Iyyar 5777 9:00 am - 10:00 am Rabbi Meeting with Parents of Teens 9:00 am - 11:00 am Religious School Classes 10:00 am - 11:00 am Adult Hebrew Reading Class 10:00 am - 11:00 am Kosher Soul Screening and Discussion 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm BEETY	<b>8</b> 12th of Iyyar 5777 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Yiddish Class	<b>9</b> 13th of Iyyar 5777 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Officers' Meeting 8:40 pm - 9:40 pm Adult Ed: "Zionist Philosophy" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu	<b>10</b> 14th of Iyyar 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 JYG Pizza and Game Night 7:00 pm One Book, One Community culminating event with Seth M. Siegel, author of "Let There Be Water" 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 15th of Iyyar 5777 7:45 pm - 9:45 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>12</b> 16th of Iyyar 5777 7:46 pm Candle Lighting 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Shabbat Service - Milestone Membership Shabbat - Shir Chadash Sings	<b>13</b> 17th of Iyyar 5777 Erev Lag B'Omer 9:00 am - 10:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Morning Service
<b>14</b> 18th of Iyyar 5777 Lag B'Omer 9:00 am - 11:00 am Religious School Classes 9:20 am - 10:00 am RS T'filah and Shirah 10:00 am - 11:00 am Adult Hebrew Reading Class	<b>15</b> 19th of Iyyar 5777 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Yiddish Class	<b>16</b> 20th of Iyyar 5777 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective 8:40 pm - 9:40 pm Adult Ed: "Zionist Philosophy" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu	<b>17</b> 21st of Iyyar 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 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Confirmation Service Rehearsal and Class Photo 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 22nd of Iyyar 5777 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Book Group: "The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot"	<b>19</b> 23rd of Iyyar 5777 7:53 pm Candle Lighting 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Music Service - Kol Emet Sings with the Temple Emeth Band	<b>20</b> 24th of Iyyar 5777 9:00 am - 10:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Zaken
<b>21</b> 25th of Iyyar 5777 9:00 am - 11:00 am Religious School Classes 9:15 am - 10:00 am Religious School Moving-Up Ceremony 9:45 am - 11:00 am Social Action Committee Meeting 10:00 am - 11:00 pm Confirmation Class with Rabbi Sirbu 10:00 am - 11:00 am Religious School End-of-Year Bagel Brunch	<b>22</b> 26th of Iyyar 5777 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Yiddish Class	<b>23</b> 27th of Iyyar 5777 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Adult Ed: Stories from a Jewish Perspective 8:40 pm - 9:40 pm Adult Ed: "Zionist Philosophy" with Rabbi Steven Sirbu	<b>24</b> 28th of Iyyar 5777 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 29th of Iyyar 5777	<b>26</b> 1st of Sivan 5777 7:59 pm Candle Lighting 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Shabbat Duets Service	<b>27</b> 2nd of Sivan 5777 9:00 am - 10:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Morning Service
<b>28</b> 3rd of Sivan 5777	<b>29</b> 4th of Sivan 5777 Building Closed Memorial Day	<b>30</b> 5th of Sivan 5777 Erev Shavuot Office Closes at 3:00 p.m. 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation	<b>31</b> 6th of Sivan 5777 Shavuot 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Collaborative Shavuot Service with Yizkor 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Kiddush Lunch			

For up-to-the-minute event information, additions, cancellations, or make-up classes go to [www.emeth.org](http://www.emeth.org)  
 A version of the calendar is online at <http://www.emeth.org/monthly-calendar>

## Good & Welfare

The congregation mourns the loss of long-time member, **Fred Guggenheim**, and sends condolences to his wife, Nancy.

The congregation mourns the loss of long-time member **Sy Lazar**, and sends condolences to his wife, Bev.

The congregation mourns the loss of long-time member **Ruth Meissner**.  
The congregation mourns the loss of Dorothy Nussbaum.

### Condolences to...

**Cantor Ellen Tilem** on the loss of her uncle, Jack Cohen.

**Paul Kaufman** on the loss of his cousin, Jules Orloff.

**Doris Pape** on the loss of her niece, Mary Helfer.

**Teri Binder** on the loss of her uncle, Morris Weinberger.

**Robert Blitz** on the loss of his father, Herbert Blitz.

### Mazel Tov to...

**Barbara and Rick Chittum** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Benjamin, son of Russell and Sharona Chittum.

**Fran and Allan Rosenberg** on the naming of their granddaughter, Jaclyn Tobie Adler.

## Social Action in Action

We will be hosting homeless families for Family Promise the week of April 30th. Thanks to Temple members as well as volunteers from four other houses of worship for fulfilling this (unfortunately) much needed mitzvah.

This month we will collect used clothing for needy residents at Daughters of Jacob, a nursing home in the Bronx. Gently used, clean clothing for adults will be much appreciated. All food donated this month will go to the Center for Food Action in Englewood.

On Tuesday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m. we will provide dinners in Hackensack for our homeless and needy neighbors. To participate, and for more information, contact Karyle Goldstein at [keckpod@aol.com](mailto:keckpod@aol.com).

Our next Social Action Committee meeting will be on Sunday, May 21 at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome.



The Confirmation class saw "Not That Jewish" on Broadway on March 19 and posed with actress Monica Piper (center) and Confirmation dad Ron Arams (right).

### Viewpoints - Changing Skins

Folktales about Gender, Identity and Humanity compiled and performed by Milbre Burch on March 26th.



## Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

April 21-23, with speaker Dr. Eric Goldman, "The Jewish Experience through Cinema"



Mimi Sigel, Dr. Eric Goldman, and Rabbi Sirbu



Members of the Bergen County Section of NCJW celebrated Shabbat at Temple Emeth and were honored by Rabbi Sirbu on the Bima.



A **Town Hall meeting** was held on April 2nd to present and discuss voting, dues, and budget items. Speakers included Marc Chelemer, Lynn Chaiken, Andrea Winters, and Howard Lieberman.



At the **B'yachad breakfast** on April 2nd, speaker Andrew Silow-Carroll, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, discussed the rise of the alt-right in the age of Trump.





# CONTRIBUTIONS

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Shana and Greg Janoff** send David Kohane love and wishes for a speedy recovery

## COLLEGE KIDS FUND

**Michael and Gayle Goldberg** in loving memory of Aunt Joyce Spiess

## ILANA HED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

**Barbara and Richard Chittum** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Benyamin Joseph Chittum

**Dora and Yossi Friedman** wish David Kohane a refuah shlemah

## MUSIC FUND

**Paul Kaufman** in honor of David Kohane, with wishes for a full and rapid recovery

**Sabrina and Arthur Lerman** wish a refuah shlemah to David Kohane

**Shana and Greg Janoff** in memory of Joseph Bomze, uncle of Jill Kantor

**Rachel, Mike, and Amanda Eastman** in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

**Ritual Committee members** in honor of David Kohane's continued recovery

## PAUL S. LAZAR CARING COMMUNITY FUND

**Michael and Gayle Goldberg** in blessed memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

**Fran LaBarbera** in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

**Nickie and Douglas Falk** in memory of Sy Lazar, beloved husband of Bev Lazar

**Gwen and Martin Dubno** in memory of Sy Lazar, beloved husband of Bev Lazar

in memory of Lazarus Commike

**Elaine and Joe Pollack** in memory of Sy Lazar, beloved husband of Bev Lazar

**Carla and Larry Silver** in memory of Sy Lazar, beloved husband of Bev Lazar

**Micki and Mike Grunstein** in memory of Micki's father, Burton Wolfberg  
in memory of Mike's father, William Grunstein  
in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar  
wishing David Kohane continued recovery

**Glenda and Martin Adelman** in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

**Meryl and Joel Sachs** in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

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**Elinor Buchbinder** in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

**Joan Paul** in memory of Sy Lazar

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in memory of Morris Weinberger, uncle of Teri Binder

**Paul Kaufman** in memory of Sy Lazar

**Karen and Sam Gronner** in memory of Sy Lazar  
**Sydell Yegelwel** in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

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**Sheila and Irwin Polishook**

**Bari and Noah Adler** in honor of Jaclyn's baby naming

**Paula and Michael Dillon** in honor of Fran Butensky's Special Birthday

## RABBI LOUIS J. SIGEL

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND

**Mimi Sigel** to all who contributed in my name to Shalach Manot

**Barbara and Irwin Yellowitz** in memory of Frances Polishook, sister of Irwin Polishook

**Muriel and Lyle Breitkopf** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Aaron Jesse Breitkopf, son of Richard and Judith Wellen Breitkopf

## RITUAL COMMITTEE FUND

**Stephanie and Robert Kwait** in honor of the marriage of Mary Jane Tucker's son, Andrew to Melissa Moyer

**Shirley Rosenzweig** in loving memory of her brother, Marvin Cohen

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**Joan Rubenstein** in memory of Gwen Jurmark

**Sandi Klein** in memory of Sy Lazar, beloved husband of Bev Lazar

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## TEMPLE EMETH BEAUTIFICATION FUND

**Judy and Walter Distler** in memory of Doris Pape's niece, Mary Helfer  
in celebration of Jim and Linda Rothenberg's new granddaughter, Justine Skye

**Larry and Carla Silver**

**Fran LaBarbera**

## YAHREZEIT FUND

**Stephanie and Robert Kwait** in memory of Stephanie's mother, Mary Zappin

**Stephanie and Robert Kwait** in memory of Robert's mother, Anne Kwait

**Sylvia Pollack** in memory of her husband, Cecil W. Pollack

**Joseph and Elaine Pollack** in memory of their son, Neil D. Pollack

**Lenore Berck** in memory of her husband, Martin Berck

**Julian Hyman** in memory of his brother, George Hyman

**Michael and Ina Silverstein** in memory of Michael's mother, Anna Silverstein

**Sabrina and Arthur Lerman** in memory of Mollie Lerman

**Sabrina and Arthur Lerman** in memory of Frances M. Polishook, sister of Irwin Polishook

**Jane and Chuck Lund** in memory of our wonderful mother, Irma Moskowitz

**Joan Rubenstein** in memory of her mother, Beatrice Abrams

**Joan Rubenstein** in memory of her grandfather, Samuel Abrams

**Joan Rubenstein** in memory of her grandmother, Esther Abrams

**Amy Abrams and Arnold Graber** in memory of Sylvia R. Graber, mother of Arnold Graber

**Nathan and Bernice Ritzer** in memory of Nathan's father, Morris Ritzer

**David M. Bloom** in memory of his father, Michael Bloom

# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Love It or Leave It

By Marion Wolf

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What does it mean to be a Jew? What is it about Judaism that makes it worth our while...or not? If you surveyed ten Jews, you'd get at least ten different answers to these questions. You could also consult two new books in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library. In these books you can find very different but equally fascinating responses to these questions.

Judaism's 10 Best Ideas: A Brief Guide for Seekers by Rabbi Arthur Green is a short course in Jewish wisdom, the fifth book written by this leading spiritual teacher. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Green is a professor at the non-denominational Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in Boston. In his book's introduction, Rabbi Green promises to share "the core of Jewish teaching, the ideas that represent the Jewish people's greatest ongoing contribution to human civilization." And this he delivers succinctly with down-to-earth explanations, humor, and lots of illustrative stories. According to Rabbi Rachel Cowan the book is "as valuable for one beginning to explore Judaism as for one who needs renewal of soul and purpose." Each chapter is devoted to one central tenet of Judaism, such as Shabbat, Torah, or *Tikkun Olam*. Judaism's 10 Best Ideas is the text we are using in Lunch and Learn. It is a tiny handbook, stimulating and informative.

Rabbi Arthur Green finds much of his inspiration in

Hasidic teachings. Shulem Deen, on the other hand, was raised a Hasid, lost his faith, and left his community.

Deen tells his story in All Who Go Do Not Return, a 2015 National Jewish Book Award Winner. Deen's earliest years were spent in Borough Park, where he attended a *cheder* that was open to Hasidim of all different sorts. There he had a couple of years of English and math. But then his family moved to New Square and joined the Skverer sect, which is considered fanatical even by the Satmars (themselves extremists). His education focused exclusively on ancient Jewish texts. Deen spoke only Yiddish. He married at 18; it was an arranged marriage and just about his first contact with a girl his age. Soon he was the father of five children, and he had no skills whatsoever to support his family. What Deen **did** have was an intellectual curiosity about the outside world. This led him to sample forbidden pleasures. Listening to the radio was just the start. Soon he was reading the encyclopedia in the children's section of the public library, watching movies, and questioning his life with the Skverers. Labeled a heretic and ousted from New Square, Deen paid a heavy price: he ultimately lost all contact with the children he loved. His memoir is beautifully written and poignant.

These two books are available in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

### Annual Congregational Seder April 11th.



Photos by Carla Silver

### Gardeners

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### One Book One Community

The culminating event, featuring author Seth M. Siegel, will be held on **Wednesday, May 10** at The Frisch School in Paramus. Come and hear the author speak about global water issues, how Israel has successfully addressed them, and the impacts for all of us. This event is co-sponsored by Jewish National Fund. Cost is \$18 per ticket. RSVP at [www.jfnj.org/oboc](http://www.jfnj.org/oboc)





## Summary of Minutes from the March 16, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

### 1. Rabbi Sirbu's Report

Purim skit, services, and carnival went well last Saturday night. Rabbi pleased that thirteen teens volunteered to run the booths at the Purim Carnival. "This is Hunger" - Mazon Traveling Exhibit – at Temple Emeth from April 3rd to 5th: Up to thirty members of the combined boards of Temple Emeth and Congregation Beth Shalom will meet in the "Mazon Truck," on Monday, April 3 at 8:00 p.m. This is a mobile classroom used to educate the public about hunger issues. Congregants will be encouraged to visit.

Passover Second Night Seder – Tuesday, April 11 BEETY, a joint program with Temple Beth El will not be continued. Rabbi Sirbu will concentrate on the ETC programs:

ETC on the Road – will continue with monthly trips  
ETC Mitzvah – New Program to be held on Sundays at Temple Emeth as a complement to ETC on the Road.  
Ron and Jackie Arams will co-chair the Camp Youth Scholarship Committee.

The Bimah Accessibility Committee is studying the concept of a twelve inch high extension to the Bimah with a twelve foot long ramp. Jill Kantor will contact an architect who specializes in handicap access at religious institutions. Rochelle stated that digital plans of the existing Bimah and Sanctuary are available.

### 2. Financial Secretary's Report – Jim Sandler

Membership: 32 new members, 21 resigned, 4 passed away. Projecting a slight shortfall in dues collection. If all outstanding dues are collected, we will receive \$375,000 out of \$400,000 budgeted.

### 3. Treasurer's Report – Larry Silver

The Budget will be presented at the April Board Meeting  
NOTE: *Subsequent to the Board meeting, the Finance Committee requested additional time on the budget. Therefore, the budget will NOT be presented at the April Board Meeting.*

### 4. Voluntary Commitment Model (VCM) Update – Mel Sandler and Lynn Chaiken

Mel reported on behalf of the committee chairs (Howard Lieberman, Andrea Winters, and Mel)

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## 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 March 16, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting (continued from page 13)

Approx. 75 congregants attended presentations (not including those given to the board and committees). Calls made and emails sent to 200 congregants, encouraging them to attend an upcoming gathering.

Thirteen gatherings were scheduled, three were cancelled, three remain. Will schedule additional gatherings, if necessary. Lynn reported that "Nuts and Bolts" will meet next week to discuss

a. Religious School fees in relation to the VCM

b. The "Pledge Form"

c. Educating former members about our VCM and encouraging them to re-join.

### 5. Administrator's Report – Rochelle Rudnick

A leak at our water meter pit (outside of the building, under the lawn) was discovered. Rochelle coordinating effort to determine if the leak is on the street side or property side of pit. In a related issue, Suez Water wants to change our water meter, which cannot be performed until the pit is dry (the leak is fixed).

### 6. PSEG Direct Install Update – Rochelle Rudnick

PSEG Revenue Neutral Proposal to include:

Replace all lighting except Sanctuary and Social Hall (currently being replaced) and entrance lighting

that has no LED replacement. Replace 12 HVAC Units. New controls for the remaining 6 HVAC Units to increase efficiency. New controls on the boiler to increase efficiency.

Approximate cost for above work (awaiting official proposal from PSEG): Total cost - \$239,000.

Cost to Temple Emeth - \$71,700 (30% of total cost)

36 Monthly No-Interest Payments at \$1,992 per month.

MOTION – Option to use the \$65,000, previously approved by the Board for the Lime Energy proposal, for the PSEG alternate - PASSED.

### 7. Casino Night - Spring Gala – June 3, 2017 - Marc

Chelemer Julie Weisman and Jaime Rubin are the co-chairs. Board requested to "Give or Get" a minimum of 3 services: Sponsor a Gaming Table, Place a Personal or Business Ad in the Ad Journal, Donate a prize/service for the Silent Auction, Make a Cash Contribution.

Marc strongly encouraged board members to step up for this event. A "Food Coordinator" is needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Goldberg  
Board Secretary

## Committee Reports

### Annual Giving Rob Staffin

To date Annual Giving has received \$63,860 in pledges, \$57,090 of which has been collected.

### Bazaar Laaren Hort

Ellen Monane is our new co-chair for the Bazaar committee, replacing David Wolinsky. Many thanks to David for all his hard work on the Bazaar! We are considering a modest Back-to-School Sale on September 10. Bazaar 2017 is scheduled for December 10, so please mark your calendars and set time aside!

### B'Yachad Gayle Goldberg

Please send us your suggestions for breakfast speakers / topics for next year.

### Museum Barbara Balkin

The new Museum exhibit is a Member Showcase. There will be a Meet the Artist reception on May 12th at the Oneg.

### Kol Emet Marcia Bronsnick

Kol Emet is rehearsing for our concert on Friday April 28, 2017 celebrating Jacqueline Guttman's Chai (18th) Anniversary as Director of Kol Emet. In addition, we will sing on Friday May 19, 2017 with the Temple Emeth Band at the Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

### Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Committee Robin Rolfe and Karen Wertheimer, Co-chairs

During March, the Meals subcommittee team leaders, Marian and Rubin Ferziger, together with others, who are interested in Karen's idea for providing meals to members in need, met to discuss the concept. There was a consensus that it would be a mitzvah to be able to offer meals to members who are ill, in mourning or down in spirit, as a short-term bridge and for support and connectivity to Temple Emeth (working title "The Weekly Portion"). The group generated many ideas and was enthusiastic about developing such a program but recognized that any going-forward should be by starting small and then expanding, based on experience. Issues to be addressed, including liability and insurance, were among the next steps to be taken. Notes of the meeting are available from Karen Wertheimer.

### Religious School Danielle Feuer

March was a very busy month for Religious School, as we learned and celebrated Purim and then Passover. March started with extra rehearsals for the children in our Purim skit, "I am Esther" by Rachel Maddock. The children worked very hard learning their lines, and it showed! The skit was a huge success as part of the Purim night at Emeth.

After the Purim skit, Rabbi Sirbu and the teen choir performed their version of Hamilton (Hamaniton) to a full house. It was wonderful and a great way to start the Purim service. After the Purim service, we had our carnival. Our teens volunteered to run the booths. The children, dressed in costumes, had amazing fun at the carnival. The prizes were a huge hit too! Adults enjoyed the time to relax and schmooze. Finally the Rabbi had to tell everyone it was time to go home! Purim at Emeth was successful because it had something for everyone.

On March 19th our 6th grade attended the final kehilla for the year. We hope that Federation gives the ten participating schools the grant to continue for next year. It is a great opportunity for our tweens to mix with other Jewish children in the area, and it makes the learning fun for all. Our 5th graders led services on the 19th with Adam Kohane leading the music. On March 24th we had our annual 5th-7th grade dinner, followed by the 7th graders leading Shabbat services. It was very well attended. In addition, our Confirmation students shared their experiences on the Israel advocacy workshop they attended and the RAC trip. On March 26th, we had the second part of our B'nai Mitzvah orientation. Finally, we have a student attending NFTY on the 31st. We are so proud that our students are participating in Jewish life outside of Temple Emeth.

**Shalach Manot** Judy and David Fox, Eva Tobias Shalach Manot turned a profit of about \$16,500 this year. This money goes directly to Operating for the Temple. Besides being a fundraiser, Shalach Manot is also a community builder and general morale-raiser for the Temple. We are proud that this year, more Shalach Manot was sent within the community than ever before; that we also sold about 90 bags for people to deliver to non-Emeth friends and neighbors, and that, as always, the packing and delivery days were happy, congenial, inclusive events. Every year, we make a contribution to Mazon (this year, \$450, which is deducted from the "take" before calculating the profit mentioned above). This year, we are delighted to have the opportunity to do so in person, during the visit of "This is Hunger" to our parking lot. Thanks to all who supported us, and to the leadership for almost 100% participation.

**Viewpoints** Karen Rappaport Viewpoints had a successful event on Sunday March 26. The storyteller, Milbre Burch, gave a one woman show entitled "Changing Skins". The show and the positive discussion that followed was very enlightening.





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