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## Celebrating Sukkot



### Coming up in October

Sukkot - October 4th



Simchat Torah - October 11th



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# Message From the Rabbi

## A Tale of Three Israels

This summer I read three novels in which Israel was herself a character. And in each book Israel's portrayal is vastly different.

The first book I read is, "Here I Am," by Jonathan Safran Foer. The book is set in the United States, as the protagonist is hosting Israeli cousins in preparation for his son's Bar Mitzvah. Israel experiences a catastrophic earthquake, which cuts off communication, destroys roads, and isolates cities. The leader of Iran sees this as a sign from God that the time has come to destroy Israel once and for all. The Prime Minister of Israel gets on television and calls upon Jews from the Diaspora to "come home" to enlist in disaster relief and in the defense of the country against the promised invasion.

Jacob—who is going through a divorce, who is not sure his son's Bar Mitzvah will actually happen, whose grandfather is failing, whose dog is dying—decides to answer the Prime Minister's call. He goes to a far-flung airport to be interviewed before he can board the charter flight to Israel. But in the end he cannot bring himself to go.

In "A Horse Walks Into A Bar," by David Grossman, the main character is Dovaleh G., a stand-up comic who, true to type, has chosen his career in part to wrestle with his demons. Grossman's son was killed in action in Lebanon in 2006, and he deals with that head-on in his previous novel. In this book, the roles are reversed in a way. Dovaleh is playing a gig in Netanya (think of it as an Israeli Schenectady) and as his act starts to bomb, he tells the story of the formative event of his childhood—being driven from a school field trip for an army orientation to attend a family funeral. But no one will tell him which of his parents has died, only that they have to hurry because the funeral will start with or without him.

Dovaleh G. is a misfit and a terrible comedian, but David Grossman is a wonderful storyteller, weaving together people from the comic's childhood and perfect strangers who have come to a comedy show to forget about life for a while. Dovaleh's life has unraveled, and so has his performance.

Finally, toward the end of the summer I read "Judas," by Amos Oz. The novel asks what it takes to be a traitor to the Jewish people, an accusation that has frequently been flung at the author because of his activism in left-wing causes. The book is set in Jerusalem in 1959. The

main character, Shmuel Ash, is a university student studying Jewish views of Jesus, including the treatment of the ultimate traitor, Judas. Shmuel finds himself living improbably as a boarder in the home of the late Shealtiel Abravanel. His housemates are Abravanel's 40-something daughter Atalia and her elderly father-in-law, whose son she was married to for only a couple of years before he was killed in the War of Independence.

Shmuel must use the information he gleaned from speaking with them along with the scant information about Abravanel in the public archives to determine whether Abravanel deserves the label of "traitor," the same question he asks about Judas.

Each author offers a facet of the complex country we call Israel. To Foer, Israel is the Jewish homeland that American Jews are accustomed to supporting with words and dollars. When the crisis arrives that requires him to give more, to give blood, sweat and tears, Jacob cannot bring himself to board the plane that will carry him "home." To Grossman, Israel is a place where the army bureaucracy cannot even tell a 14-year-old boy which of his parents has died, where no one is authorized to tell the rabbi to hold the funeral until the deceased's young son can arrive. When 40 years later, Dovaleh tries to work out these emotions as part of a stand-up act, one member of his audience storms out saying, "You wanna clear your head and this guy gives us Yom Kippur." And to Oz, Israel is a place where Zionism flourishes but also has a dark underside. If Abravanel truly believed that more Jews would live if the state were not declared, was that truly a mortal sin? If he honestly thought that Jews would be more likely to co-exist with Arabs if they didn't fight a war, why was he essentially excommunicated?

The story, like Israel itself, is always more complicated.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

# From the Religious School

*Spread Over Us a Shelter of Peace*

The Religious School year is well under way, and we are in the midst of the joyous celebration of Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Students in grades K – 7 are learning and experiencing the sights, sounds, and flavors of these inspiring holidays. All of our students will snack and sing in the sukkah and chant special blessings for the lulav (palm branch), etrog (citron), hadas (myrtle), and arava (willow). Sukkot in particular provides our Religious School community with a special opportunity to show appreciation and thankfulness for all our blessings.

We thank our returning faculty, Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, Wendy Filowitz, Allyson Gur-Aryeh, Shoshana Ishayik, Naomi Klein, Jill Kravitz, Nancy Lederman-Scher, and Marla Levine for their hard work, inspiration, and commitment.

Todah Rabah to our specialists Marc Klausner and Idajeen Fisher for providing Religious School support wherever and whenever it is needed. Their knowledge, dedication, and kindness enrich all of the students and

Temple Emeth families. Thank you to Barbara Shater, Religious School Administrator, for her tireless efforts and special talent in coordinating all the elements of our busy school. Our thanks to Danielle Feuer and Tammy Hecht, our Religious School Committee co-chairs, for enriching our school with special events, creative ideas, and assistance whenever needed.



Dora Geld Friedman

It is truly a blessing to see all the eager students back at school. What a wonderful Jewish adventure awaits us all in the coming year!

B'vracha,  
Dora Geld Friedman



Religious School opening day services



Religious School parents at the Meet and Greet



Looking Ahead:  
Regular classes grades 3 – 7,  
**Wednesday, October 4th**  
followed by  
**Pizza in the Hut**  
at 5:30 p.m.  
and Sukkot Services  
and Consecration at 6:15 p.m.



Harvest Celebration  
and Planting on September 10th

David Kohane accompanied  
celebratory singing. Julie  
Weisman presented the vegetable  
harvest and helped the  
Religious School students  
plant new  
hydrangeas.





## Message from President Amy Abrams

Here we are in fall. Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are over, and we are looking forward to Sukkot and Simchat Torah. It's harvest and renewal, the natural cycle of our year, beginning anew as the previous season has barely faded away.

The harvest season went quite well. Our garden delivered quantities of vegetables and herbs to the food pantry over the summer; kudos to Julie Weisman and all of the the hard-working gardeners who planted, weeded, watered, and harvested throughout the summer! In honor of another successful season, the gardeners contributed and planted two beautiful flowering plants to enhance the wall of the Temple near the garden.

The Windsor Park cleanup on September 10 was also very successful, with almost all of our available equipment taken out for use. I don't know the acreage that was cleaned, but I have heard that some very interesting items were discovered. Next year we may have to bill this event as part archaeology.

The Garage Sale was tremendously successful under the leadership of Laaren Brown Hort and Ellen Monane. They pulled in a total of \$1400, which is 150% of last year's profits. Thanks to all who donated items, and a big yasher koach to Laaren, Ellen, and their incredible team of volunteers who sorted and sold!

And Religious School has started! As one who spent a lot of time at a very quiet Temple over the summer, it was so lovely to hear student and parental voices raised in prayer, song, and conversations along with a lot of running feet. I'm so glad to have everyone back again.

Our wonderful Emeth teens will build our beautiful custom-designed Sukkah in our courtyard on October 1 as part of the ETC Mitzvah program. Remember to come back with the kids for our annual Pizza in the Hut from 5:30-6:15 on October 4, and again the next week at 6:30 for our joyous Simchat Torah service and Hakafot.

So naturally, with all these wonderful things going on, everyone's mind is on one question: How is the volun-

tary commitment model working for us?

Generally, we are quite optimistic about our status so far. 33% of our members have pledged more than they paid in dues last year, and another 24% pledged the same as they paid last year. 28% pledged less, and only 15% have not sent us their pledges yet. Our current status thus would put us only about \$5000 below last year's cash receipts, and the story isn't finished yet. Remember that you can always make additional donations or increase your pledge amount as you rediscover how amazing Temple Emeth is!



Amy Abrams

Meanwhile, we are delighted to have 23 new member units! I am very excited to have this new pool of volunteers and I hope that they will each find several activities that bring them further into the community. To help them become a part of our community, we have revisited our procedures for welcoming new members. Each one gets a personal phone call from either myself or our

Membership Chair, Caryn Diuguid, as well as a welcoming handwritten note from our notewriter extraordinaire, Judy Distler, and a second welcoming note from The Caring Community Committee. Audrey Seares reviews the interests identified on new membership applications and notifies the appropriate committee chairs, who immediately follow up with a phone call. I would encourage all members old and new to keep an eye out for interesting initiatives we'll introduce this year.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Town Hall on November 19, from 9:30 - 11:00. The agenda has not yet been finalized but will certainly include another update on voluntary commitment. If you have questions you would like addressed, please email them to me in advance, and I will try to have the answers for you then.

I myself am always looking to meet more people when I am at Temple. If I don't find you, whether you are a new member or an existing one, please come introduce yourself to me. I see all the names, but I need the faces to go with them! I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Amy Abrams



Join us for our Sunday  
morning Breakfast and  
Discussion on October 15th  
at 10:30 a.m. to Noon

**Dr. Sharon Goldman will speak on  
"Being an Israeli Advocate in 2017 -  
Navigating the Challenges as  
American Zionists"**



Dr. Sharon Goldman currently serves as the Deputy Director for AIPAC's Northeast Region. In this capacity, Sharon is responsible for managing an overall strategy for AIPAC's political, development, and communication efforts across NY, NJ, and CT, advancing their policy agenda throughout the region, and training staff and lay leaders on how to be effective advocates on behalf of Israel. Prior to accepting this position, Sharon served as AIPAC's Northeast Regional Political Director, where she managed AIPAC's legislative mobilizations; conducted educational briefings with candidates for federal office; and tracked and analyzed local campaign activity.

Dr. Sharon Goldman received her doctorate in political science from Yale University in 2001 and was a National Science Foundation fellow. From 2001-2006, Sharon was an assistant professor of political science at Ramapo College of New Jersey. She has three children, one of whom is enlisted in the IDF. She lives in NJ with her husband.

This RSVP form must be filled out and returned with the \$6 fee per person by October 8, 2017 for the breakfast. If you RSVP after that date, the cost 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. Please return this form by 10/8/17 to the Temple office.

B'yachad RSVP for October 15th

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Temple Emeth invites you to  
The Annual Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg  
Memorial Lecture**

**Dr. YOSSI CHAJES, Ph.D.  
of Haifa University**

**Friday Evening, October 20  
at 7:30 p.m.**



**Dr. Chajes will speak on Jewish  
Magic and Magical Judaism**

Dr. Chajes is Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in the Department of Jewish History of the University of Haifa. A former recipient of Fulbright, Rothschild, Wexner, and Hartman Fellowships, Chajes was also Visiting Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and has been a returning fellow at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. His book, "Between Worlds: Dybbuks, Exorcists, and Early Modern Judaism," (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003) was listed by the Wall Street Journal as among the top five books ever written on spirit possession, alongside Aldous Huxley's "The Devils of Loudun."

This lecture will provide a broad perspective on the place of magic in Judaism from ancient to modern times. Dr. Chajes will focus on seminal biblical and rabbinic sources, with a view to exposing and explaining why rabbis have tended not only to believe in the reality and efficacy of magic, but to treat it with surprising lenience. He will also reflect on the tremendous contribution made by Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg to the history of Jewish magic, touching both upon the ways in which it is still unsurpassed and upon the developments in the field since his "Jewish Magic and Superstition" was published in 1939.

*For additional information, please contact:*

*Elaine Pollack at [elaine335@verizon.net](mailto:elaine335@verizon.net)*

**I/we will attend the Shabbat Dinner on Friday  
October 20th at 6:00 p.m.**

Return to the Temple office by October 13th.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending at \$30 per person \_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **I/we will help set-up on Friday morning, October 20th.**

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

The Adult Ed Committee has been overwhelmed by the great success of our film series pilot 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. Due to the overwhelming response by the congregation, we are continuing the program throughout the coming year. Water and cookies will be provided for Tuesday evening movies. Please bring a potluck dessert for the November 11th Saturday event.

**GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT (1947)**  
Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m.



**EXODUS (1960)**  
Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
Please bring a dessert to share for this event.  
Coffee and tea will be served.

**GOODBYE COLUMBUS (1969)**  
Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

**LIES MY FATHER TOLD ME (1975)**  
Tuesday, January 2 at 7:30 p.m.

**HESTER STREET (1975)**  
Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m.

**THE FRISCO KID (1979)**  
Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join in the fun and excitement  
of these stimulating evenings.  
And remember to bring a cush for your tush!  
So come on down and join the fun!

## Garage Sale on September 10th

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered their time, donations, and energy to the Temple Emeth Garage Sale. The sale was a HUGE success, and we're happy to announce that total sales for the day topped \$1,400. The **Bazaar** will be held **Sunday, December 10**, with setup starting the previous Wednesday, December 6th.

We are now actively accepting donations for Bazaar, and sorting sessions will be scheduled for Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

Laaren Hort and Elaine Monane





## Services and S'machot

**15th of Tishri 5778**  
**Wednesday, October 4**

**Erev Sukkot - B'reishit Beginnings Service -**  
**Consecration of New Religious School Students at 6:15 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 5**

**Collaborative Sukkot Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**  
**followed by Kiddush lunch in the Sukkah**

**17th of Tishri 5778**  
**Friday, October 6**

**Chol ha-Moed Sukkot**  
**Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Camp Harlam Shabbat**

**Saturday, October 7**

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

*Torah Portion - Exodus 33:12-34:26*

*Haftarah - Ezekiel 38:18-39:7 (39:16)/Ecclesiastes*

**22nd of Tishri 5778**  
**Wednesday, October 11**

**Erev Simchat Torah Service and Hakafot at 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 12**

**Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor at 10:30 a.m.**

**24th of Tishri 5778**  
**Friday, October 13**

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

**Saturday, October 14**

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

*Torah Portion - B'reishit: Genesis 1:1-6:8*

*Haftarah - Isaiah 42:5-43:10*

**1st of Heshvan 5778**  
**Friday, October 20**

**Shabbat Noach**  
**Music Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture**  
**with Yossi Chajes, Ph.D.**

*Oneg is being sponsored by Renée Conlon*  
*in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Luke*

**Saturday, October 21**

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

*Torah Portion - Noach: Genesis 6:9-11:32*

*Haftarah - Isaiah 66:1-13, 23*

**8th of Heshvan 5778**  
**Friday, October 27th**

**Shabbat Lech L'cha**  
**Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.**

*Oneg is being sponsored by Nancy Steiner and David Steiner*  
*in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Austin*

**Saturday, October 28th**

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

*Torah Portion - Lech L'cha: Genesis 12:1-17:27*

*Haftarah - Isaiah 40:27-41:16*



# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 11th of Tishri 5778 9:00am - 11:00am HHD Food Sorting 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 11:00am - 12:30pm ETC Builds the Sukkah	<b>2</b> 12th of Tishri 5778	<b>3</b> 13th of Tishri 5778	<b>4</b> 14th of Tishri, Erev Sukkot 4:00pm - 5:30pm Religious School Grades 3-7 5:30pm - 6:15pm Pizza in the Hut 6:15pm - 7:00pm Erev Sukkot - B'reishit Beginnings Service - Consecration of New Religious School Students	<b>5</b> 15th of Tishri, Sukkot 10:30am - 12:00pm Collaborative Sukkot Morning Service Followed by Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah	<b>6</b> 16th of Tishri, Sukkot Office Closing at 1:00 p.m. 6:10pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service - Camp Harlam Shabbat	<b>7</b> 17th of Tishri, Sukkot 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
<b>8</b> 18th of Tishri, Sukkot 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:00am - 10:00am Seventh Grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation 9:45am - 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting 10:00am - 11:00am Seventh Grade Family Ed	<b>9</b> 19th of Tishri, Sukkot Columbus Day	<b>10</b> 20th of Tishri, Sukkot 7:30pm - 9:30pm Adult Ed - Film Screening of "Gentleman's Agreement"	<b>11</b> 21st of Tishri, Erev Simchat Torah Sukkot No Religious School 6:30pm - 7:30pm Erev Simchat Torah Service and Hakafot	<b>12</b> 22nd of Tishri, Simchat Torah 10:30am - 12:30pm Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor	<b>13</b> 23rd of Tishri 5778 Office Closing at 1:00 p.m. 5:59pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service	<b>14</b> 24th of Tishri 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
<b>15</b> 25th of Tishri 5778 9:00am - 11:00am Religious School Classes 9:00am - 11:00am Sixth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation I 10:30am - 12:00pm B'yachad Breakfast	<b>16</b> 26th of Tishri 5778 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class 7:45pm - 9:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>17</b> 27th of Tishri 5778 7:30pm - 8:30pm Adult Ed Mini University: Stories from a Jewish Perspective 8:40pm - 9:40pm Adult Ed Mini- University: The June 1967 War, taught by Rabbi Steven Sirbu	<b>18</b> 28th of Tishri 5778 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 29th of Tishri 5778 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "Hillbilly Elegy" 7:45pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees' Meeting	<b>20</b> 30th of Tishri 5778 5:49pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm - 7:30pm Trachtenberg Dinner 7:30pm - 8:30pm Music Service - Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture with Yossi Chajes, Ph.D.	<b>21</b> 1st of Heshvan 5778 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Luke Conlon
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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 longtime member **Frances Berniker**.*

### **Condolences to...**

**Miriam d'Adolf** on the loss of her father, **Stuart Victor d'Adolf**.

**Stephen Friedman** on the loss of his stepfather, **Michael Kruge**.

**Rachel Maddock** on the loss of her father, **John Herts**.

**David and Nancy Wolinsky** on the loss of their nephew, **Jake Wolinsky**.

**Jill Kantor** of the loss of her cousin, **Isabelle Fefer**.

### **Mazel Tov to...**

**Svetlana and Peter Norr** on their daughter **Bridgitte's Bat Mitzvah**.

### **Get well wishes to...**

**Elinor Buchbinder**

**Carlene Fleishman**

**Judy Yablonka**

**Mel Sandler**

### **Welcome new members...**

**Mollie Dillon and Kaedyi Chen**

**Francine Einiger**

**Jamie Elkin**

**Seymour and Harriet Finder**

**Barbara Finkelstein & Bruce Gionet**

**Marilynn & Joel Friedman**

**Sharon Friedson**

**Bill Helfman**

**Vivian Hesselson**

**Estelle Hopfan**

**Meryl Hopfan**

**Jane Kalfus**

**Keith & Barbara Kornfeld**

**Jeffrey & Nan Lehmann**

**Jeremy Lentz**

**Karen Lowenstein**

**Nancy Jane Mednick**

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**Paul Rosenberg**

**Jeremy & Hayley Ross**

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**Movies that Matter! Nov. 2-5**  
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## Social Action in Action

Our annual Park Cleanup and Harvest Celebration on September 10th was very successful. Over 55 children and adults participated!

We are anticipating, as usual, generous contributions for our annual High Holiday Food drive. Temple members can further help by sorting the foods on Sunday morning October 1st from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

We will be sponsoring a walk-in-dinner in Hackensack on Tuesday, October 24th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cookers and servers will be needed. For more information, contact Karyle Goldstein at [keckpod@aol.com](mailto:keckpod@aol.com)

We will not be formally participating in the Teaneck Packathon this year due to a conflict with a Temple-sponsored program that evening.

Temple Emeth has been selected to join in the Reform Movement's Vision for Social Justice, also known as "Brit Olam" for a world of Compassion, Justice and Wholeness. At our meeting we agreed to join the Vision because we are committed to "meeting the urgency of now." This offer came with ten suggestions as to how congregations might participate. We already are involved with at least five of them.

If you are interested in the above and/or any of the many ways in which we assist needy people and vulnerable populations, join us at our next meeting on **Sunday, October 8th at 9:45 a.m.**

For more information about the Social Action Committee, contact Eva Sandrof – [evasan1@msn.com](mailto:evasan1@msn.com) or Elaine Bergman - [ejb173@msn.com](mailto:ejb173@msn.com)



Join us for dancing and sweet treats at the Simchat Torah celebration on October 11th.



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## **TIFF and Emeth: Perfect Together!**

It's the 12th annual Teaneck International Film Festival – November 2-5. Once again, Temple Emeth is providing a beautiful venue and hosting the Centerpiece event, Saturday, November 4, at 8 p.m. The theme of the evening will be "immigration appreciation," and there will be food and wine with an international flavor, plus a fabulous documentary "Dolores," about the little-known and incredible woman, Dolores Huerta. She was an American labor leader and civil rights activist, co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the National Farmworkers Association. The film is being sponsored by Deborah W. Jackson and by WOW (Wise Older Women), which will be honoring two "Women of the Year" – Lynn Chaiken (whom you know well!), the founder of ActivateNJ, and Olga Newey, a mainstay of the Teaneck Garden Club and Teaneck Public Library. (An extra treat on Saturday: giveaways for all - the outstanding tomato sauce products manufactured by a self-made woman entrepreneur whose product was discovered by Emeth's own Eva Tobias). A \$25 donation to TIFF in advance will get you an invitation; the price at the door will be \$35. Checks made out to TIFF may be mailed to Stephanie McCaw, 912 Helen Street, Teaneck.

In a year when the headlines are frightening and the mood is grim, the TIFF program reflects our commitment to activism. Films that will be shown at Emeth on Sunday, November 5 are "Body and Soul: An American Bridge" (exploring the cultural connection between Jews and African-Americans) and "Strange Fruit" (the haunting and important Billie Holiday song), followed by a talkback and a performance by the sponsor – Teaneck Community Chorus; "Birthright: A War Story" (women's rights and a harrowing story of the atrocities currently being perpetuated across the country), sponsored by NCJW and Senator Loretta Weinberg; and "The Women's Balcony," (a group of activist Orthodox women in Israel), sponsored by the Jewish Link.

Check the TIFF website – [www.teaneckfilmfestival.org](http://www.teaneckfilmfestival.org) – for updates about all the films, venues, and ticket sales. Make a donation to TIFF through our Indiegogo campaign (<https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/2017-teaneck-international-film-festival>), and help support the continuation of Movies that Matter!



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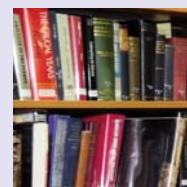


# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

## Monthly News Update: Stories and Histories

By Marion Wolf

### ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION



At the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, we are building our collection by adding...collections! In one volume we have all the short stories of a notable Brazilian author; in another we have an assemblage of fascinating oral histories.

The Complete Stories is a massive tome containing all the short stories of Clarice Lispector. These are translated from the Portuguese by Katrina Dodson and edited by Benjamin Moser, who also wrote a biography of Lispector. Although there are very few overtly Jewish references in her work, Moser considers Clarice Lispector “the most important Jewish writer in the world since Kafka.” He also says of her that she looked like Marlene Dietrich and wrote like Virginia Woolf. Clarice Lispector was born in Ukraine in 1920, a time of pogroms. Her parents emigrated to Brazil when Lispector was an infant. She grew up in Recife and Rio de Janeiro. She lost both of her parents at a young age. Lispector achieved fame with the publication of her first novel when she was only 23. Her intense focus on interior emotional states and her use of language caused a sensation. She married a diplomat and lived in Europe and the United States before returning to Brazil and writing her most well-known works. In *The NY Times* Terrence Rafferty says, “There’s a whiff of madness in the fiction of Clarice Lispector,” which he describes as “exhilaratingly, arrestingly strange.”

Trudi Alexy, like Clarice Lispector, was born in the

1920s and experienced early upheavals in her life. During World War II her Jewish family fled from Prague to Paris and then to Barcelona. They hastily became Catholics; assimilated Jews, they converted to ensure their survival. Ultimately Alexy wound up in the United States, the product of a Catholic education. She had many questions about her Jewish heritage and about Spain, where she’d found sanctuary despite the country’s brutal treatment of Jews from the time of the Inquisition. So in the late 1980s, Alexy began research that she compiled into *The Mezuzah in the Madonna’s Foot: Oral Histories Exploring 500 Years in the Paradoxical Relationship of Spain and the Jews*. She spoke to 60 people in five countries on three continents. After recalling her own story in vivid detail, she shares the incredible ordeals of other refugees who survived the Holocaust in Spain, as well as the inspiring tales of those who rescued them. She interviews reformers committed to interfaith understanding. She talks to conversos whose families have hidden their Jewish connections for centuries. (“When a Marrano kissed the foot of the Madonna by his front door, who would have guessed that a mezuzah was concealed in the foot?”) The author finds that she has much in common with these modern conversos, and she increasingly identifies as a Jew. The oral histories in this book are fascinating, and I am grateful that Trudi Alexy had the wisdom to gather them.

Come to our library and check out these collections!

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## SELICHOT CONCERT

An enjoyable Selichot concert on September 16th entitled "With Flute Come to the Mountain of the Lord: Preparing for the Holidays with Flute Music by Jewish Composers," featured Temple member Carol Shansky, with pianist Jim Millar, and clarinetist Joseph d'Auguste.

## Temple Emeth to Co-Sponsor the Scholar-in-Residence Weekend at Congregation Beth Sholom

Temple Emeth members are cordially invited to attend the **Scholar-in-Residence Weekend at Congregation Beth Sholom** in Teaneck, November 3-5, 2017. The guest scholar is **Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Ph.D.**, the visionary curator of the Polin Museum in Warsaw, and an expert on the history of Jews in Poland and the important role of Jewish museums in preserving and conveying Jewish life and culture.

Friday evening, November 3 Dinner at 6:30 p.m., lecture at (approximately) 7:30 p.m.: "Listening with Love: A Daughter Discovers her Father's Childhood in Poland." *This event is co-sponsored with Temple Emeth.*

Saturday morning, November 4 Shabbat Morning Service at 9:00 a.m., Shabbat bima talk (approximately) 10:30 a.m.: "Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland."

Saturday afternoon, November 4 Shabbat lunch at 12:30 p.m., lecture at 1:30 p.m.: "Jewish Identity and Continuity: The Role of Jewish Museums."

Sunday evening, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. (open to the public): "Curating Between Hope and Despair: Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews"

Note: Those who choose not to join in the meals but wish to attend the lectures are welcome to do so.

Meal prices and RSVP info will be available soon.



Park cleanup on September 10th



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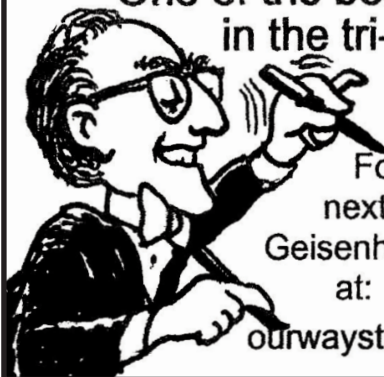


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