

Congratulations to the Officers installed on June 23, 2017



Cantor Tilem with (back row) Jill Kantor, Michael Goldberg, Michael Robinson, Lisa Eig,
(front row) Stephen Friedman, President Amy Abrams, Flip Bernard, and Rabbi Sirbu

HAPPY NEW YEAR High Holidays September 2017 Worship Calendar

Selichot—Saturday, September 16
7:30 Selichot Concert and Service

Rosh Hashanah Eve—Wednesday, September 20
8:00 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah First Day—Thursday, September 21
10:00 Morning Service
10:00 K-7 Junior Congregation
11:15 Teen Activity
3:00 Family and Tot Service
4:00 Tashlich

Rosh Hashanah Second Day—
Friday, September 22
10:00 Morning Service



Yom Kippur Eve—Friday, September 29
8:00 Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Day—Saturday, September 30
10:00 Morning Service (Junior
Congregation at same time)
11:15 Teen Activity
1:00 Discussion
2:30 Family and Tot Service
3:45 Afternoon Service
5:30 (approx.) Yizkor
6:00 (approx.) Neilah Concluding
Service

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May	April 15	May 1	May 8	May 15
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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

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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

The High Holy Days offer us, as both individuals and a community, a chance to reflect on the world and our opportunities to heal it in accordance with our values. We get to consider how we can make a difference in improving our world under the sovereignty of God.

In 5777, the cause of Reform Judaism in Israel suffered a setback. A deal to create a designated space at the Kotel (Western Wall) for non-Orthodox prayer was canceled. The deal was announced in February 2016 after years of negotiation. It is common for implementation of deals like this to be delayed, but many of us were shocked to learn that Prime Minister Netanyahu, under pressure from ultra-Orthodox parties, canceled the agreement altogether.

It has left Reform leaders wondering what our next step is to create a foundation for religious pluralism in Israel. At Temple Emeth, we have thought of one.

Every year on Yom Kippur Morning we show solidarity for the greater Jewish community by raising funds for a Jewish organization. On odd-numbered years, we make an appeal to invest in State of Israel Bonds, while in even-numbered years we ask you to support an organization whose work is essential to the Jewish community. By this schedule, we should be asking you to invest in Israel Bonds this year, but we are not. Instead, like in an even-numbered year, we are asking you to support a different organization whose work is essential.

After being in Israel this summer and reading extensively on the situation at the Kotel, I believe the greatest need in Israel is to support the Reform movement,

specifically the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), the umbrella organization for Reform Judaism in Israel. The IMPJ serves Israeli Reform congregations and rabbis, and it is the main organization pushing back against the Government's decision to cancel the Kotel agreement. On July 1 (just a day before our Temple trip arrived) the IMPJ led a large demonstration in front of the Prime Minister's official residence. Their advocacy work needs to continue to promote pluralism and resist religious coercion.

For some of you, this change to our Yom Kippur appeal is a minor one; for others, it may be a big deal not to support Israel Bonds as a congregation. There is no question that Israel Bonds fund infrastructure programs that boost Israel's economy.

But in assessing how our congregation can best support Israel, the Board of Trustees and I felt that it was important to articulate and live by our values. So on Yom Kippur morning, I hope that you will listen closely as you hear about the work of the IMPJ. If you like what you hear, I

ask you to give generously.

I also hope that your commitment to the IMPJ will extend beyond the holidays. You can read more about the work of the IMPJ by going to www.reform.org.il/Eng/ On December 3, Rabbi Gilad Kariv, the president and CEO of the IMPJ will be in River Edge to speak at an event that Temple Emeth is co-sponsoring.

I thank you in advance for joining with me in support of Reform Judaism in Israel. We can take pride in being part of a congregation that promotes religious pluralism both at home and in our homeland. Shanah Tovah!



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



Presentation of the Matthew Feldman Community Relations Award to Rabbi Sirbu at services on June 23rd with Wendy Wineburgh Dessanti, Township Councilman Alan Sohn, State Senator Loretta Weinberg, and David Langford.



Temple trip to the Czech Republic and Israel.
Memorial service at the Jewish Cemetery in Terezin
and the Bat Mitzvah of Emma Eig at the Nevorah Synagogue
in the Biryá Forest.

From the Religious School

"First become a blessing to yourself, so that you may be a blessing to others" From our Tradition

Welcome to our school year 5777 – 5778. A new school year at Temple Emeth is always an exciting and challenging journey. The holiday season of Rosh Hashana is a perfect road map for school beginnings. What is "Rosh" as in Rosh Hashana? It means "head" – the New Year's headline telling us what will follow. "Rosh" is the pinnacle – a "heads-up," a place where you can see clearly what lies ahead.

As we begin the new school year, we affirm our commitment to *Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Chasadim*, i.e. Torah, Worship, and Acts of Loving Kindness. Our teachers will teach and model the concept that mitzvot and midot (values) are opportunities for all of us to get closer to God and to each other. We will also emphasize the connection between Jewish holiday celebrations and *Tikkun Olam*.

Our 6th and 7th grade families will continue to be part of *Kehilla*, an innovative congregational learning program. This program includes students from Reform and Conservative congregations in Bergen County. We are honored to be a part of this community initiative.

Our overall goal this year is for all of our students to discover and strengthen their personal ties to Torah, mitzvot, and acts of *Gemilut Chasadim* as pathways for living a good and just life.



Dora Geld Friedman

Please join us on Sunday, September 10th as we celebrate the beginning of our Religious School year. On behalf of our faculty and staff, and from my family to yours, may the coming year be a time of inspiration and renewal, of discovery and learning, of good health and joy.

B'yiracha

Dora Geld Friedman

"Bruchim Habaim" (Welcome Back) First Day Schedule

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Kindergarten - 7th Grade Schedule

9:00 - 9:30 All students and parents will assemble in the Sanctuary for a Welcome Back Service with Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, Mora Dora and faculty. Class assignments will be given at the conclusion of the service.

9:30 Students go to class. All parents are invited to the Social Hall for a "Meet & Greet."

At 10:00 all parents are asked to join the Temple community for the 4th annual Park Clean-up and Harvest celebration.

NOTE: All grade K – 3 students must be accompanied by a parent to participate in the outdoor activities.



NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS 5778 *L'Shana Tovah from your Temple family*



Amy Abrams, Arnie Graber and Family
Ruth, Peter, Susan, and Ellen Adler
Susan and Richard Barnett
Teri Binder
Stan and Barbara Blumenfeld and Family
Elinor Buchbinder
Fran Butensky
The Chaiken Family
Dione Danis and Ben Ward and families
Judy and Walter Distler
Gwen and Marty Dubno and Family
Rachel, Mike, and Amanda Eastman
Leslee and Gerald Fetner
Dan, Joy, Jenna, Jessica, Kerry, and Zev Firshein
Stephen Friedman and Julie Weisman, Ariel and Naomi
Michael and Gayle Goldberg and Family
Micki and Mike Grunstein
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Robbie Liblit
Sylvia, Anna, and Arin Lustberg
Hal and Betty Ann Marcus
Bea Podorefsky and Family
Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Polishook
Elaine and Joe Pollack
Marlene and Edward Rosenbaum
Risa Rosenberg and Family
Barbara and Harvey Rosenfeld
Robin Rolfe and Arnie Saltzman
Marilyn and Carl Shapiro
Carla and Larry Silver and Family
Ina and Michael Silverstein and Family
Rachael and Jeal Sugarman
Mary Jane Tucker
Naomi and Jerry Weber
Senator Loretta Weinberg
The Wertheimer and Wertheimer-Lopez Families
Sydell Yegelowel and Family
Barbara and Irwin Yellowitz

Message from President Amy Abrams

I know, I know. You take a few months off for the summer and everything changes. But many of you already know we've had all kinds of *good* changes at Temple Emeth this summer.

First of all, I hope you saw the Bergen Record article highlighting our Temple on the front page, above the fold! If you didn't see it in the paper, there's a link to the story on the Temple Emeth website. The reporter did a great job of explaining our new Voluntary Commitment model and why we think it's the right thing to do. The story has brought us a number of inquiries from potential members, and makes us even prouder of our new initiative.

The implementation of the Voluntary Dues Model has been exciting and revitalizing. I am pleased to say that so far it has also been quite successful! Marc Chelemer, Lynn Chaiken and the whole Nuts and Bolts team, Larry Silver, Jim Sandler, and Rabbi Sirbu have done an incredible job in getting this program up and running. I will be giving you updates as the year progresses, so you can stay fully apprised of our situation from time to time.

Secondly, you may notice that this article is coming from a different person; as of July 1 I've been your new President. Quick background on who I am: I grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago (Glencoe, if any of you are familiar with it), stayed in the Midwest for college and law school (Grinnell College and The University of Chicago), and practiced law for thirteen years in the Chicago area, specializing in real estate finance and workouts. I'm not admitted to the bar here in New Jersey, so I haven't practiced since we moved here in 1998. Along the way I married Arnie Graber, and we have three children, all surprisingly grown up now: Scott, age 26; Elizabeth, age 24; and Melinda, age 22. They currently live at varying distances from home, but all in interesting places to visit. Once they've helped you with technology, travel is the primary benefit of having children.

I have been involved at Temple Emeth since shortly after we joined in 2001. I was on the first Strategic Planning Committee in 2002, co-chaired the committee with David Fox the next year, then started serving on the Board and have done so ever since. I have served as

an Executive Officer since whenever Bill Graizel was president, holding every non-financial position there is. With all of this experience, I have a good grounding for the Presidency.

Thirdly, Rabbi Sirbu led an extremely successful trip to Prague and Israel this summer. I was so pleased to be able to participate on this trip. There were 22 congregants who went to Prague, and then met the rest of our group in Israel, bringing our numbers up to 36. Our guide had an amazing knowledge of both Israeli and Biblical history, which gave an added dimension to our trip. We had a fun, interesting, spiritual, and educational trip, including a beautiful Bat Mitzvah for Emma Eig at an ancient synagogue in the Birya Forest.

When we got home, we got right back in the swing of things with our annual "Fourth of July" BBQ, which took place on July 14 this year, followed by a truly impressive concert by Eric Clark, a talented pianist who moonlights as our accompanist, to our great delight.

Shabbat Services have continued as usual, with lay leaders ably stepping in to lead services, substitute for the Cantor, and read Torah. We enjoyed shared services with Avodat Shalom for Tisha B'Av and on a Friday night, as well as our annual Prayers on the Palisades services shared with Temple Beth El, which were moved inside due to rain.

And here we are back at the start of a new cycle, getting ready for Rosh Hashanah and all the fall holidays.

With the voluntary commitment model in place, we are in the enviable position of being able to focus on the non-financial aspects of our community. We want your membership to be fulfilling in as many ways as possible, so I invite you to think about what the Temple can do to be a more satisfying community for you, and to pass on to me any suggestions you may have.

Still, even as we work with our internal structures to reflect our inclusive values, some in the outside world are trying to normalize chilling expressions of hate, against Jews as well as so many others. We will be challenged to determine how our community should react to these events as Reform Jews.

I'm looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year for all of us.

Amy Abrams



Amy Abrams

July 14th
barbecue plus a
concert by Eric Clark



Western Wall
Jerusalem



Wilford Weill Memorial Essay Contest Winner

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on August 17, 1905, Wilford Weill worked in the textile industry in Manhattan while diligently pursuing his true passion as a writer of short stories, novels and light verse. The Wilford Weill Memorial Essay Contest was created by his widow, Ethel. It is now supported by his son, Donald, and his grandchildren - Wendi, Steve, Jeff and Kenny - whom he never knew, having passed away at the age of 50 on April 14, 1956. Until his death, Wilford Weill was a devoted member of Temple Emeth.

A Jewish Heart by Michael Brestin, Confirmation Class of 5777

My Bar Mitzvah has been the most memorable milestone of my life so far, an event that I awaited eagerly since I was in elementary school. In fact, becoming a Bar Mitzvah was the main reason I joined Hebrew School. It was in the beginning of fourth grade that I began my Jewish education. Over the course of several years, I learned to read and write in Hebrew, and also learned the history and culture of the Jewish people. Unknowingly, I was finding and embracing my Jewish identity. It was at my Bar Mitzvah service that I was constantly reminded that it was not the conclusion of my Jewish education, but only the beginning of a lifetime of discovering the uniqueness of the Jewish community and heritage. It was not until I joined the confirmation class that I realized that the “lifetime of discoveries” had already begun.



During a confirmation class session, we read and discussed an anonymous poem that describes the story of why Mount Sinai was chosen to host the deliverance of the Ten Commandments to Moses. The poem explains that while Mount Tabor and Mount Carmel boasted of their exterior appearances and suggested that they be chosen to house G-d, Mount Sinai knew that he was not as great as the other mountains. He stated that G-d deserves the tallest mountain, so he is surely not to be chosen. However, for that very reason, G-d chose Mount Sinai and destroyed the other two pretentious mountains. This poem helped me understand the importance of humility and embrace this trait as part of my Jewish identity. Rabbi Sirbu further demonstrated this sense of modesty by explaining the reason why G-d chose Mount Sinai. This lesson instilled in me as well as other members of my community a strong connection with G-d.

While attending another confirmation session, the topic of “Jewish travel” was discussed. The class read a passage explaining that “Jewish travel” meant exploring with a purpose—to feel closer to G-d. The passage depicts the climbing of a mountain as a way to feel closer to G-d and to pray. Of the wide variety of topics discussed in class, the concept of “Jewish travel” has had a great impact on my view of G-d. After reading this story several times, I began to understand that it was not just climbing a mountain or being higher in elevation that brought one closer to G-d. Exploring the beauty of G-d’s creations with the purpose of appreciating the vast art of nature is what brings one closer to G-d spiritually. In my Bar Mitzvah speech, I made everyone giggle, especially Rabbi Sirbu, by somehow connecting me as a scuba diver to Moses as a shepherd. Ironically, I still feel it is appropriate to mention scuba diving. Starting at ten years old, I simply went diving because I thought it was awesome to see all types of fish, coral reefs, and shipwrecks. However, while diving recently this spring, I saw the ocean very differently. Seeing the diverse marine animals, plants, and reefs, I began to think about when I learned of “Jewish travel.” Appreciating the art of nature and the work of G-d from 80 feet below the surface, I automatically felt a strong connection to G-d, and realized that this too was “Jewish travel.” This new way of viewing the sport has shaped my Jewish identity into one of a spiritual connection and appreciation of G-d.

While class discussions helped me understand the depth of the Jewish faith, it was outside the classroom where I truly found and embraced my Jewish identity. During the confirmation process, I had the opportunity to take part in the Religious Action Center’s L’taken trip to Washington, D.C. Over the course of three days, I worked with fellow Jewish teenagers from all parts of the United States attending seminars, services, museums, and social events. The main theme of being a member of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism is to be an advocate for any issue for which one feels passionate. Attending several seminars, I was educated in a wide range of national issues and was shown how to become an influential voice in the American government for those whose voices are not heard. This concept helped me understand that being an advocate is key to finding one’s Jewish identity. The Religious Action Center taught me, as a Jew, the importance of fighting for what is right and for the rights of others. This part of the trip concluded with me delivering a speech to Dylan Sodaro, Legislative Aide to Representative Bill Pascrell regarding gun violence prevention. The social aspect of this trip was just as prominent. As previously mentioned, Jewish teenagers from throughout the country attended this event at our nation’s capital. As one of only two Jewish students in my school, this experience was enlightening. Having a common link of Judaism made social gatherings so much more powerful and effective. Whether it was meeting at meals, or participating in activities such as attending museums or seminars, my Jewish identity, as well as the other 400 attendees’ Jewish identities worked at its finest. As reform Jews, we have learned that the most powerful aspect of our Jewish faith is the kindness and friendliness of our hearts. I found and embraced those characteristics of a Jewish heart while attending this life changing experience.

Every year, the confirmation class attends a show or trip with the Rabbi. This year, I had the privilege to see the Broadway comedy, *Not That Jewish*, starring Monica Piper. In this hilarious comedy, Piper tackles the difficulties of defining her Jewish identity. She discusses the many events that occurred in her life and that in the end, she realized that one did not need to attend services often or live a conservative or orthodox lifestyle in order to be Jewish. She emphasized the importance of having a Jewish heart- one of compassion, humor, and understanding. This show tied the knot in explaining the importance of having a Jewish heart.

The entire confirmation process has helped me find and embrace my Jewish identity. While attending Hebrew School and preparing for my Bar Mitzvah, I learned not only Jewish history and how to read and write in Hebrew, but also the reasons for the many traditions that have been observed in my home since I was born. However, during the confirmation process, I developed a deeper appreciation for these traditions and values with a desire to expand upon my Jewish identity. The culmination of class discussions and other activities has solidified my Jewish identity as one that is constantly expanding and reaching new heights of appreciation for the Jewish faith and heart.



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 Book Group Selections 2017-2018

September 14th: Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough

October 19th: Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

November 16th: Commonwealth by Ann Patchet

December 21st: And After the Fire by Lauren Belfer

January 18th: Crossing to Safety by William Stegner

February 15th: The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara
by David L. Kertzer



March 15th: Judas by Amos Oz

April 19th: Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout

May 24th: The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

June 21st: Planning Meeting

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____ Driving a congregant to services or a Temple Emeth event

____ Lending medical equipment to a congregant in need (specify type):

____ Assisting at a house of mourning:

____ Helping at a Minyan ____ Set up before ____ Clean up after

____ Attending a Minyan

____ Baking or buying a cake for Shiva

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

____ I would like to join the Social Action Committee

____ I would like to participate in Temple Emeth's community outreach:

When the Temple becomes a family homeless shelter (specify)

____ Cook for ____ Shop for ____ Sleep over

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TEMPLE EMETH'S OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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Services and S'machot

(for High Holy Day Schedule, see cover)

11th of Elul 5777
Friday, September 1

Shabbat Ki Teitzei
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 2

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

Torah Portion - Ki Teitzei: Deut. 21:10-25:19

Haftarah - Isaiah 54:1-10

18th of Elul 5777
Friday, September 8

Shabbat Ki Tavo
Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 9

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

Torah Portion - Ki Tavo: Deut. 26:1-29:8

Haftarah - Isaiah 60:1-22

25th of Elul 5777
Friday, September 15

Shabbat Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

*The Oneg is being sponsored by Svetlana and Peter Norr
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Bridgitte Norr*

Saturday, September 16

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Bridgitte Norr at 10:30 a.m.
Dessert and Concert at 7:30 p.m.
Selichot Service at 9:00 p.m.

Torah Portion - Nitzavim/Vayeilech: 29:9-31:30

Haftarah - Isaiah 61:10-63:9

29th of Elul 5777
Wednesday, September 20

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at 8:00 p.m.

1st of Tishrei 5778
Thursday, September 21

First Day of Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.

2nd of Tishrei 5778
Friday, September 22
3rd of Tishrei 5778
Friday, September 22

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Shuva
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23

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

Torah Portion - Haazinu: Deut. 32:1-52

Haftarah - Hos. 14:2-10, Mic. 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27

10th of Tishrei 5778
Friday, September 29
Saturday, September 30

Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre Service at 8:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur
Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.

Torah, Deuteronomy 29:9-14; 30:1-20

Haftarah, Isaiah 58:1-14

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10th of Elul 5777 7:09pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service	2 11th of Elul 5777 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
3 12th of Elul 5777	4 13th of Elul 5777 Building Closed Labor Day	5 14th of Elul 5777	6 15th of Elul 5777 6:00pm - 7:00pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	7 16th of Elul 5777	8 17th of Elul 5777 6:57pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Family Shabbat Service	9 18th of Elul 5777 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service
10 19th of Elul 5777 9:00am - 11:00am First Day of Religious School 9:00am - 9:30am Welcome Back T'filah and Shirah 9:30am - 10:00am RS Parents Meet and Greet 10:00am - 11:30am Environmental Action Day 10:00am - 2:00pm Garage Sale 11:00am ETC on the Road: Grow-a-Row	11 20th of Elul 5777 10:30am - 12:00pm Yiddish Class	12 21st of Elul 5777 7:00pm - 9:00pm Adult Ed - Film Screening of "The Young Lions"	13 22nd of Elul 5777 4:00pm - 6:00pm Religious School Grades 3-7 6:00pm - 7:00pm Etz Chayim Pizza and Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm Caring Committee Meeting 7:45pm - 9:15pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	14 23rd of Elul 5777 7:30pm - 9:00pm Book Group: "Mornings on Horseback" 7:45pm - 9:00pm Board of Trustees' Meeting	15 24th of Elul 5777 6:45pm Candle Lighting 8:00pm - 9:00pm Shabbat Service	16 25th of Elul, Selichot 9:00am - 10:15am Torah Study 10:30am - 12:00pm Shabbat Morning Service - Bat Mitzvah of Bridgitte Norr 7:30pm - 10:00pm Selichot Concert and Service
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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

The congregation mourns the loss of member
Abe Badian and sends condolences to his wife, Nan.

Condolences to...

Ruth and Peter Adler on the loss of their cousin,
Edwin Robert Rose.

Debra Rodriguez on the loss of her nephew,
Michael Luckow.

Pauline and Stan Hecht on the loss of their nephew,
and **Tammy Hecht's** cousin, Douglas Pfeffer.

Jay Perlis on the loss of his mother, Marie Josephine Perlis.

Bev Lazar on the loss of her brother, Irwin Brownstein.

Ellen Schwartz on the loss of her father, Henry K. Schwartz.

Idajean Fisher on the loss of her cousin, Fay Fisher.

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

Mazel Tov to...

Rabbi Sirbu for receiving the Matthew Feldman Award for
Community Relations from the Township of Teaneck.

Paula and Michael Dillon and Geri Kaufman, on the
marriage of their daughter and granddaughter,
Mollie, to Kaedyi Chen.

Ann and Steve Packles on the marriage of their son,
David Packles to Ellie Lammer.

Nancy and David Wolinsky on the graduation of their
daughter, Caroline, from our Emeth Teen
Community program.

Shel and Jeff Grossman on the graduation of their son,
Steven, from the Bergen County High School of
Jewish Studies.

Paula and Robert Newman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son
Jacob, and the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Lillian
in Jerusalem.

Get well wishes to...

Richard Koffler

Social Action in Action

The Social Action Committee is gearing up for a very active year as we again participate in and/or sponsor the following Temple and community activities:

The 4th Annual Park Cleanup and Harvest celebration on September 10th at 10:00 a.m. - joined by Temple Beth Shalom. All Temple members are invited.

High Holiday Food Drive

Packing collected foods on **Sunday, October 1st.**

Teaneck Packathon - collection and packing (in November) of items for children in two schools in Haiti that were devastated in an earthquake six years ago.

Throughout the year - Donations to worthy causes (catastrophes around the world) as they occur and monthly food collections for local food pantries.

The next Social Action Committee meeting is on **September 17 at 9:45 a.m.** All are welcome to join us in performing acts of Tikkun Olam.

HELP WANTED...



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Summary of Minutes from the May 11, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

1. Surprise Announcement – Marc Chelemer

Marc announced that Temple Emeth will be receiving a grant from the Kahn Foundation for \$150,000.

2. Treasurer's Report – Larry Silver

Larry presented the proposed budget in detail and reviewed the Voluntary Commitment Model "Pledge Form"

MOTION – Present the budget, as presented to the Board, to the congregation for approval at the Annual Congregational Meeting - PASSED

3. **Rabbi Sirbu's Report**- Rabbi met parents of the teens last Sunday to discuss the status of the ETC programs. BEETY will be phased out. ETC on the Road will continue. ETC Mitzvah - new teen program will start

4. Administrator's Report – Rochelle Rudnick

NJ Direct Install – PSEG proposal still under review. New funding will be available at the end of the year. RFP (Request for Proposal) documents were sent to vendors for quotes for the security grant related work.

5. Financial Secretary's Report – Michael Robinson

Outstanding dues - \$54,800. Anticipate \$15,000 of outstanding dues will be collected.

6. Nominating Committee Slate for 2017-2018 – Paula Dillon

Paula presented the 2017-2018 Slate of Officers for the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Nominating committee members Seth Ginsberg, Carla Silver, Marion Wolf, Karen Wertheimer.

MOTION – Present the nominating committee slate of the 2017-2018 Board of Trustees, as presented to the Board, to the congregation for approval at the Annual Congregational Meeting - PASSED

Officers:

President	Amy Abrams
First Vice President	Lynn Chaiken
Second Vice President	Flip Bernard
Third Vice President	Stephen Friedman
Treasurer	Jim Sandler
Financial Secretary	Michael Robinson
Assistant Financial Officer	Michael Goldberg
Secretary	Lisa Eig
Assistant Secretary	Jill Kantor

Trustees:

Returning Board of Trustee members finishing 2nd year of a 2-year term are: Mike Eastman, Seth Ginsburg, Risa Rosenberg, and Karen Wertheimer.

Nominated to the Board of Trustee for 2-year term (requires congregational vote): Robert Kahn, Gary Richards, Marilyn Shapiro, and Nancy Steiner.

Past Presidents:

Marc Chelemer (IPP), Dan Kirsch, Paula Dillon

Larry Silver will be stepping down after a third stint as Treasurer, and as a Past President. Mel Sandler and David Wolinsky have completed their 2-year terms on the Board, and will be stepping down. Laura Kirsch will be stepping down after completing her one-year term in the Past Presidents' seat.

The Temple thanks them all for their service and looks forward to their future contributions to Temple life.

7. **Voluntary Commitment Model (VCM) – Nuts and Bolts – Lynn Chaiken** - Press releases and Advertising

8. New Business

Karen Wertheimer reported that the Caring Committee is in need of a new co-chair; Robin Rolfe will be stepping down. The Caring Committee meets every two months

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Goldberg
Board Secretary

CONTRIBUTIONS

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Sabrina and Arthur Lerman in memory of Ruth Meissner wishing Mel Sandler Refuah Shlemah on his surgery
Brenda and Bill Weiss in memory of Irwin Brownstein, brother of Bev Lazar
Gayle and Michael Goldberg in honor of Shana Janoff for organizing the trip to Prague and Israel

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY

Michael Goldberg in appreciation to Cantor Tilem for singing a duet with me
Lisa Eig for preparing Emma for her Israeli Bat Mitzvah
Larry Silver with gratitude to Cantor Tilem
Micki and Mike Grunstein in loving memory of our good friend, Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian
Carlene Fleishman in appreciation of a beautiful concert by Eric Clark in memory of Henry K. Schwartz, father of Ellen Schwartz
Paul Kaufman in appreciation to Eric Clark for presenting an extraordinary concert
Teri Binder in gratitude to Eric Clark for his wonderful concert on July 14th
Ellen Schwartz and David Feldman in gratitude to Cantor for leading us during shiva
Elaine Blitz

COLLEGE KIDS FUND

Lynne and Bill Graizel in honor of David Wolinsky and in thanks for his help
Gayle and Michael Goldberg in honor of the recent high school graduates

ILANA HED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Judy and David Fox in honor of Mora Dora and our wonderful Religious School staff
Micki and Mike Grunstein in loving memory of Flora Grunstein, grandmother of Mike Grunstein
Mora Dora and Maryanne Tursi in memory of John Herts, beloved father of Rachel Maddock

LIBRARY FUND

Teri Binder in memory of Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian wishing congratulations to Judy Distler on being honored with the Lizette Parker Award in memory of Irwin Brownstein, beloved brother of Beverly Lazar in memory of her father, Benjamin Weinberger wishing congratulations to Rabbi Sirbu on receiving the Matthew Feldman Community Service Award

MUSIC FUND

Ruth and Peter Adler sending David Kohane get well wishes
Elinor Buchbinder in memory of Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian
Carla and Larry Silver in memory of Henry K. Schwartz, father of Ellen Schwartz
Rachel and Michael Eastman in memory of Marie Perlis, mother of Jay Perlis
Gayle and Michael Goldberg in memory of Henry K. Schwartz, father of Ellen Schwartz

PAUL S. LAZAR CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Jacqueline Guttman in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar
Ruth and Peter Adler in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar
Lenore Berck in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar

Gayle and Michael Goldberg wishing Mazel Tov to the Confirmants: Emily Arams, Michael Brestin, Danielle Norr, and Dylan Rodriguez in memory of Irwin Brownstein, brother of Bev Lazar
Robin Rolfe and Arnold Saltzman in memory of Sy Lazar, who lived the values of the PSLCC by example
Sabrina and Arthur Lerman in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar
Elinor Buchbinder in memory of Irwin Brownstein, brother of Bev Lazar
Carla and Larry Silver in memory of Irwin Brownstein, brother of Bev Lazar in memory of Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian
Nan and Jeff Lehmann in memory of Sy Lazar
Shel and Jeff Grossman in memory of Shel's mother Margot Koopman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Micki and Mike Grunstein in memory of Rita Wolfberg-Crolick and Jeanette Grunstein in honor of Rabbi Sirbu receiving the Matthew Feldman Community Service Award
Lisa Eig in gratitude for providing an opportunity for Emma's Israeli Bat Mitzvah
Jeff and Pam Etzin in memory of Ruth Meissner
Judy and Gidon Yablonka in memory of Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian
Carla and Larry Silver in honor of Rabbi Sirbu receiving the Matthew Feldman Community Service Award
Gayle and Michael Goldberg in appreciation for Rabbi Sirbu leading the trip to Prague and Israel
Nat and Bunny Ritzer in memory of Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian
Geri and Dora Friedman in honor of Rabbi Sirbu receiving the Matthew Feldman Community Service Award
Rochelle Rudnick in honor of Rabbi Sirbu receiving the Matthew Feldman Community Service Award
Jonathan Ross and Merri Adler-Ross in memory of Henry Goldstein's uncle Marvin
Barbara and Stanley Blumenfeld
Elaine Blitz

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Lucy Brody in memory of Sy Lazar, husband of Bev Lazar
Marilyn and Carl Shapiro in honor of Sophie Cohen's 100th Birthday
Carla and Larry Silver in memory of Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian

TEMPLE EMETH FUND

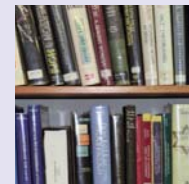
Ron and Karen Wertheimer
Jacqueline Guttman sending wishes for continued recovery to David Kohane sending condolences to Paul Kaufman on the loss of his cousin, Jules Orloff in memory of Irwin Brownstein, brother of Bev Lazar in gratitude to Larry Silver, Lynne and Bill Graizel, and Judy and Walter Distler
Nickie and Douglas Falk wishing Mazel Tov to Sydney Perlow and Paul Wilson on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Cheryl Wilson
Fran LaBarbera in memory of Irwin Brownstein, brother of Beverly Lazar in memory of her father, William Shapiro in memory of her brother-in-law, Frank Tortola

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: Jewish in America

By Marion Wolf

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION



Can we strike a balance as Jews in America? Can we be fully integrated into American life while still maintaining our Jewish identity? If you've ever wondered about this, you might be interested in a new book in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

Jewish in America: Living George Washington's Promise is the work of Dr. Richard Rubin, who retired after 27 years as professor of political science at Swarthmore College, where he taught about race, ethnicity, and the political culture of American Jews. Dr. Rubin differentiates between integration, which allows Jews the full rights of all American citizens, and assimilation, which could wipe out what makes us distinctive. He tells us that George Washington, in his 1790 letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, guaranteed Jews full citizenship. Since then Jews in America have successfully integrated. We have never been subjected to the systematic laws of European governments that put us in ghettos or discriminated against us officially (although in certain

eras we have experienced social anti-Semitism). Dr. Rubin traces American Jewish status from colonial times to the present.

To assess modern-day Jewish life, he turns to the Pew Foundation research on religion in America. He finds that despite intermarriage and declining religious observance, we retain certain beliefs that make us distinct. "Jewish people today are the most politically liberal, the most progressive, of any social group in the country. They are the most tolerant of other groups...the least likely to believe in miracles, the most scientifically oriented." While 60-70% of Christians believe angels and demons are active in this world, only some 20% of Jews would agree with that. Our social attitudes, child-rearing, and voting patterns reflect the unique identity we've maintained in Dr. Rubin's optimistic view.

To learn more about our American-Jewish balancing act, you can borrow Jewish in America from the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library.

CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

Paul Kaufman in memory of Abe Badian, husband of Nan Badian

Laurel and Seth Kane in honor of the Packles family simchas
Sydell Yegelwel in honor of Susanne Perl's (milestone) birthday

TEMPLE EMETH BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Jacqueline Guttman in honor of Mary Jane Tucker's son Andrew's marriage to Melissa Moyer
in memory of Ruth Meissner

Gayle and Michael Goldberg in memory of Ruth Meissner
Judy and Walter Distler in honor of Larry Silver's retirement as CFO

VIEWPOINTS FUND

Nickie and Douglas Falk in memory of Garie Millman, mother of Nicole Millman-Falk

Gayle and Michael Goldberg in honor of the marriage of Mollie Dillon, daughter of Paula and Michael Dillon and granddaughter of Geri Kaufman

Yahrzeit Fund

Beth and Christopher and Angela Clarke in loving memory of Alexander Joseph Clarke

Harry Krigsman in memory of his mother-in-law, Evelyn Liebowitz

Harry Krigsman in memory of his father, Joseph Krigsman
Marian and Rubin Ferziger in memory of Miriam Fayne
Glenda and Martin Adelman in memory of Alexander Joseph Clarke and Sam Adelman

June Moss Handler in memory of Sy Yegelwel and Maximilian Moss

Barbara and Michael Bias in memory of Michael's brother, David Bias

Barbara and Michael Bias in memory of Michael's father, Herb Bias

Mary Jane Tucker in memory of her father, Harry Albert

Joan Rubenstein in memory of her husband, Mort Rubenstein

Joan Rubenstein in memory of her mother-in-law, Lillian Rubenstein

Susanne Perl in memory of her beloved mother, Elsa Spritzer
Barbara and Irwin Yellowitz in memory of Irwin's father, Mitchell Yellowitz

Lee Rothenberg in memory of her beloved mother, Raye Grossman and her beloved sister, Eve Blattel

Stephen and Phyllis Rosenthal in memory of Stephen's father, Ralph Rosenthal

Carl Nahm in memory of his father, Gerson Nahm

Sabrina and Arthur Lerman in memory of Henry K. Schwartz, father of Ellen Schwartz

Sabrina and Arthur Lerman in memory of Young Tseng Lee

Art and Sabrina Lerman in memory of Art's father, George Lerman

Sue and Phil Keusch in memory of Claire Keusch
Sue and Phil Keusch in memory of Sue's father,

Anthony Hammel

Bea Podorefsky in memory of her husband, Arthur Podorefsky

New Museum Exhibit

See photos of the 2017 Temple trip to Israel by Barbara Balkin and Carla Silver.



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| • College Kids Fund | • Emeth Teen Community Fund | • Environment Fund |
| • Abe Golomb Religious School Scholarship Fund | • Ilana Hed Religious School Fund | • Inscribed Prayerbook Fund (\$50 minimum) |
| • Library Fund | • Museum Fund | • Music Fund |
| • Prayerbook Fund | • Ritual Fund | • Margery Rothschild Memorial Israel Fund |
| • Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Fund | • Social Action Fund | • Straussman Memorial Youth Award Fund |
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Our calendar is quite busy; please be certain to
book your event soon!



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now available at: <http://www.emeth.org/events/green.php>**



Located in the Temple lobby, the Tree of Life provides an opportunity to share life's special occasions with your Temple family. Loved ones, friends and members of the congregation are able to create permanent remembrances of their joyous events so that future generations can look upon our yesterday as having been filled with hopes, dreams and accomplishments. Order yours now! You will enjoy visiting the Temple and finding your leaf. To order, please call Rochelle in the Temple office at (201) 833-1322.

Memorial Plaques

This is a wonderful way to honor your departed loved ones by purchasing a permanent plaque in our Sanctuary. It will evoke fond memories to see their names on our Memorial wall. When you purchase these plaques, one is permanently placed on the Memorial wall and the second larger one is displayed on the actual week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375 FOR BOTH PLAQUES. You may also buy and reserve plaques in advance. See Rochelle Rudnick in the office if you would like to make a purchase.

Summary of Minutes from the June 11, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

1. Introduction of New Trustees – Marc Chelemer

Robert Kahn
Gary Richards
Nancy Steiner
Dan Kirsch – Past President

2. Rabbi Sirbu's Report – Year in Review, Highlights of Special Events

New High Holy Days Prayer Books – Mishkan HaNefesh.
Duets Service – continued success, many volunteers.
Adult Education Sunday morning class – Rabbi Sirbu taught three classes on “What is Reform Judaism.” This provided the opportunity for those unavailable Tuesday nights to attend classes.
Cantor Tilem's concert with beccs, which benefited Sharsheret
Thank you reception for large donors.
“Hamanton” Purim Service with Shir Chadash and Purim Carnival following services.
Camp Harlam recruitment by Rabbi Sirbu.
Prague / Israel Trip – 36 going to Israel, 22 also going to Prague.
Rabbi Sirbu presented the “Talk-Back” at last year's Black Box Performing Arts presentation of “Bad Jews.” Rabbi Sirbu will once again lead the post-show discussion of this year's presentation of “Disgraced” on July 20 at 8:00 p.m.
3. Administrator's Report – Rochelle Rudnick – Year in Review
Custodians – very pleased with the quality of work performed by the combination of our in-house custodians and the custodial service; the building is very clean and organized.

Office staff – very efficient and friendly.

Sanctuary and Social Hall Lighting – Thanks again to the generosity of the Kremer family.
Energy Improvements (HVAC and Lighting) - NJ Direct Install / PSEG - new funding will be available at the end of the year.

4. Policy Manual / Constitution Review – Amy Abrams

Goal is to determine and correct conflicts / differences between our Policy Manual and our Constitution.
Seth, Risa, and Flip (with Amy's oversight) will continue with this endeavor.

5. Casino Night Spring Gala Finances – Larry Silver

Unofficial report, awaiting some outstanding numbers
2017 Spring Gala - \$15,500 Net Income vs. Budget of \$18,000.
Combined (Bazaar, Shalach Manot, Spring Gala) - \$48,500 Net Income vs. Budget of \$46,500.

6. Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation (TEEF) – Marc Chelemer / Larry Silver

Marc presented the TEEF “Report to Temple Emeth Board of Trustees, dated June 22, 2017.” Larry explained some of the details.

7. Goodbyes and Thank-Yous to Trustees and Past President – Marc Chelemer

Marc thanked trustees Mel Sandler and David Wolinsky.
Marc thanked Past President Laura Kirsch.
Special Thank You to Larry Silver, our retiring Treasurer.

8. Special Thank You to Marc Chelemer for his

Outstanding Service as our President these past two years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Goldberg
Board Secretary

Summary of Minutes from the July 27, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

1. Board Packet – Amy Abrams

Amy reviewed the Board packet documents which were electronically sent to the Board.

2. Board Responsibilities / Liaisons – Amy Abrams

Each Board member to: Check the Board Liaisons list to determine their committee assignments; contact their assigned Committee Chairs; be an active “Go-Between Liaison” with their assigned committee and the board.

3. Rabbi Sirbu's Report

Very successful Temple trip to Prague and Israel.
Developing list of High Holy Days Torah Readers and Honors.
High Holy Days tickets will double as a Name Badge.
Rabbi will be on staff at Camp Harlam for two weeks, starting August 6.
Six Temple Emeth campers will be in attendance this summer.
Religious School Consecration for new students –expecting 3 to 4 new students once school begins.
Confirmation (10th graders) – There is a possibility that there will not be a Confirmation class this year.
4. Yom Kippur Appeal – Rabbi Sirbu
The norm has been for the appeal to be for Israel Bonds every other year (the odd-numbered years).
In recent months the Reform Movement's relationship with the current Israeli government has been strained, primarily due to Netanyahu's cancellation of his agreement for egalitarian prayer at the Kotel (Western Wall).
MOTION: This year's Yom Kippur Appeal should be for an alternate organization – **PASSED** with 1 abstention
Please note: *This decision is for this year only. It is not the intention of the Board to withdraw the Temple's support from Israel Bonds, but to make a statement against the current Israeli government's position on Reform Judaism.*

Two alternate organizations were recommended by Rabbi Sirbu and their merits were discussed in detail:

HUC-JIR Israeli Rabbinical Program

Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

MOTION: This year's Yom Kippur Appeal will be for the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism – **PASSED** unanimously.

5. Treasurer's/Financial Secretary's Report – Jim Sandler

182 congregants (60%) returned their Voluntary Commitment Model pledge form, with an increase (for those members) of \$26,000. Of these 182: 95 pledged more than last year, 47 same, 40 less. There are eight new family units. Dues received comparison:

July 2016 - \$ 70,000 July 2017 - \$143,000

6. Upcoming Events – Amy Abrams

September 10 – Garage Sale, Environmental Clean-up, First Day of Religious School, ETC on the Road event
October 15 - Strategic Planning Workshop
October 29 (or November 19) – Town Hall

7. Member Engagement – Amy Abrams

Havdalah in the Hoods (out-of-Temple local Havdalah services)

Develop group social activities for our congregants.
Some initial ideas: Bowling, Mahjonn, and Knitting
Please contact Amy with your ideas/interests and availability to run an event.

8. New Business

Temple Emeth's recent article on the front page of the Bergen Record / North Jersey.com about our Voluntary Commitment Model, featuring Rabbi Sirbu, Marc Chelemer, and Amy Abrams. Many thanks to Lynn Chaiken and Judy Distler for their help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Eig
Board Secretary

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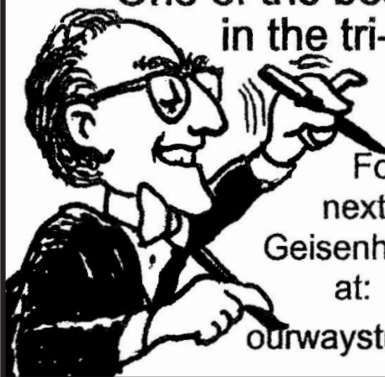


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TIFF'S Wise Older Women Name Two Women of the Year

Wise Older Women (WOW), the unofficial "producers" of a film by and about women each year at the Teaneck International Film Festival, happily announce the selection of two Teaneck residents as recipients of their Woman of the Year Award. **Lynn Chaiken**, the founder of the grass roots group, ActivateNJ, and Olga Newey, a mainstay of the Teaneck Garden Club and Friends of the Teaneck Public Library, will be honored at the WOW movie during the 12th annual TIFF, November 2-5, 2017.

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