

# TEMPLE EL EMETH BULLETIN

February 2024 10 Shevat—7 Adar I, 5784



## FROM MY DESK....

### What a Man thinks about on his birthday

The eminent mid-20th century rabbi, Abba Hillel Silver, delivered a sermon titled, What a Man Thinks About on His Birthday. I read it many years ago, so I do not remember the specifics of his sermon. But I have never forgotten the title, and it seems appropriate, as I face a “milestone” birthday, to borrow it. For the majority of humanity, three emotions characterize everyone’s life- regrets, satisfactions, and hopes. The poet Robert Frost, in “The Road Not taken” speaks of his regrets. “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both....

Life is filled with choices, and we must decide which we will take, and which must be left for a later time. We choose a particular path, for we believe it has “the better claim....”. Yet, after we have walked down that path, we often find that, “for the passing, Had worn them really about the same”....

Frost has taken a look at his life, and apparently concluded that, even had he chosen the other path, his life would not have been that much different. So, there's no need for regret, he seems to suggest. Yet, he isn't absolutely certain. He keeps the first path (apparently the one he did not take) in mind:

“Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.”

Frost admits his sadness that he may never have the chance to return to that first path. Perhaps he has some regrets, after all.

Over the years, I have met a number of people who acknowledged that they harbor regrets. Some said they were pressured into taking a certain path because their parents expected it of them, or, they weren't sure that their own career plans would be successful, so they squelched their dreams for a path with “better claims”. I can sympathize with them. I began my post-college journey engaged in work that others claimed would yield great success. I eventually realized such work would not bring me satisfaction. I was most fortunate to leave that path, and return to that “first for another day”. That change allowed me to pursue two of my dreams: To become a rabbi, and to sing professionally.

I managed to do both, and credit my dear wife, Marsha, with her frequent and enthusiastic encouragement. Because of her optimism and enthusiastic support, I took that other path, and reduced rocky obstacles that surely would have become treacherous mountains, had I walked yet another mile down the wrong path. Another great American poet, Henry David Thoreau, put it well. “The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation. What is called resignation is confirmed desperation....”

I, too, faced desperation in my youth. Remaining on the “approved path” caused me great anxiety. I knew that, sooner, rather than later, I would have to make a change. Because of my encounter with desperation, I have tried to become more sympathetic to those who experience this serious life crisis.

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Friday Evening (5:45 PM) and  
Saturday Morning (10:00 AM)  
Services are *HYBRID*.

Monday and Thursday Evening  
(5:45 PM) Services are *VIRTUAL*.

## SHABBAT

### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, February 2	5:22 pm
Friday, February 9	5:30 pm
Friday, February 16	5:39 pm
Friday, February 23	5:47 pm

## HAVDALAH

Saturday, February 3	6:21 pm
Saturday, February 10	6:30 pm
Saturday, February 17	6:39 pm
Saturday, February 23	6:47 pm

## Baruch Dayan Ha-Emet

We note with sorrow the passing of

### Mary Lou Finesilver

(Member)

And

### Roberta Rome

(Member)

*We extend our deepest condolences to all  
their family members. May G-d help them  
with strength, comfort and healing.  
May G-d comfort and sustain you among  
the mourners of Zion and  
Jerusalem.*

## RABBI STERNSTEIN

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 10:00 AM—7:00 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

## Temple Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM—4:00 PM

(Afternoons by appointment)

Friday

9 am—Noon

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI'S DESK, *cont'd from page 1...*

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I therefore count myself more fortunate than many, in that I can look forward to my birthday with few regrets. I would also hope that a few people have benefitted from my experience, and have changed the course of their lives.

As far as satisfactions are concerned: Thank G-d, my sons are leading lives which contribute greatly to my happiness. They have chosen their own careers, and their own personal paths. And, my happiness grows as I watch them develop greater and stronger bonds with the Jewish people. Marsha and I have devoted our lives to Jewish values, and together, we raised boys who highly value their own connection to those values, and, their own contributions to the Jewish people. In this regard, my satisfactions are, thankfully, great. And, I think of the advice of our sages of blessed memory, who highly elevated the position of teacher. "Raise up many disciples". I certainly have had the pleasure of teaching many hundreds of teenagers and adults during my life (another personal benefit of my switching careers). When I see those people who have strengthened their ties with Judaism and the Jewish people, I realize how satisfying a life as a teacher has been for me. One more reason to face my upcoming birthday with satisfaction.

Finally, hope. Hope is an indispensable ingredient to living a meaningful life. Like every other man, I hope that G-d will grant me and my loved ones many more years of health so that we can enjoy each other's company. I also look forward to more productive years (G-d willing); to continue joining in, and contributing to the building up of my Jewish community, for many years to come. My hope and prayer is that on this birthday, I recognize all the important work that is yet to be done on behalf of my people, and that G-d will grant me the health and strength equal to the task.

I wish all of my friends many more birthday celebrations filled with few regrets, many satisfactions, and bright hopes to fuel a productive future.

**Rabbi Seth Sternstein**

## PROGRAMMING

### *Hybrid* TORAH TUESDAYS WITH RABBI STERNSTEIN

Dear Friends,

I invite you to Torah Tuesdays.

We will explore a topic found in that week's Torah portion.

Sessions run about an hour and begin at 10:30 am.

While basic Hebrew reading ability is not required, it will be helpful

**The next session is Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

Please call the Temple office if you are planning to attend or would like the Link sent to you.



### LIBERTY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Churchill United Methodist Church 189 Churchill Hubbard Road—near Belmont Ave.

**Volunteers are needed for the February  
food distribution**

**Friday, February 2, 2024  
9:30 am —12:30 pm**

Call the Temple office and we will pass your name on to the Pantry chairs



# PROGRAMMING

## SHABBAT SERVICE AND KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Services begin at 10 AM, followed by Luncheon

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by  
**Warren and Jill Rogers**  
Celebrating the Anniversary of  
Warren's Bar Mitzvah  
Please RSVP to Temple by  
January 30



Join us as we celebrate  
**RABBI STERNSTEIN'S BIRTHDAY!**  
Saturday, February 10, 2024  
Services begin at 10:00 am  
Birthday luncheon immediately following



Please RSVP to Temple by February 6<sup>th</sup>  
330-759-1429

# PROGRAMMING



## Upcoming events at Temple El Emeth...

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Food Distribution at Liberty Food Pantry
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Warren and Jill Rogers
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, Torah Tuesday with Rabbi Sternstein at 10:30 am
- February 10<sup>th</sup>, Service & Birthday Luncheon honoring Rabbi Sternstein
- March 24<sup>th</sup>, El Emeth and JCC Community Purim Celebration at JCC
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>, El Emeth Second Seder & dinner catered by Jeffrey Chrystal Catering

## SISTERHOOD

TORAH FUND  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM  
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Dear Friends,

Although our days are long and may be dreary, let us remember the teachings of the Torah. May these enlighten our minds and guide us in difficult times. Let us continue to support our Jewish institutions that prepare the way for future generations to observe and uphold the teachings of the Torah.

Sincerely,

Louise Kline Torah Fund Chairman

## Condolences...

We extend our condolences to  
**Terri Anderson and Jerry Kinast**  
and their families on the death  
their step-mother,  
**Gisela Kinast**

## NEWS AND NOTES

### MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating a Birthday in February

- |    |                       |    |                  |
|----|-----------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Mary Kazimir          | 15 | Bobbie Berkowitz |
| 4  | Warren Rogers         |    | Sophie Alper     |
| 6  | Lexi Burdman          | 17 | Harriet Schor    |
|    | Diane Finesilver      |    | Tyler Spey       |
|    | Jacob Wilschek        | 19 | Geri Newman      |
| 7  | Elle Hendricks        | 21 | Jerry Kinast     |
| 8  | Jeffrey Marlin        | 22 | Jack Anderson    |
| 9  | Marcia Levy           |    | Claudia Moss     |
|    | Megan Vickers         | 26 | Wendy Aron       |
| 10 | Rabbi Seth Sternstein |    | Paula Muir       |
| 13 | Sam H. Miller         | 28 | Terri Anderson   |
| 14 | Marty Solomon         |    |                  |

### MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating an Anniversary in February

- 19 Harry and Elyse Silverman 47<sup>th</sup>





# Yahrzeits

## February 1—February 9 22 Shevat—30 Shevat

Ethel Elinsky Allen\*  
Sadie Axelrod\*  
Jennie L. Bender\*  
Zachary Berlin  
Maer Bradlyn\*  
Pearl Bunshaft\*  
Bernard A. Chawenson\*  
Elsie Cohen\*  
Max Cohen\*  
Samuel Copperman\*  
Nancy Darsky\*  
Annabelle Davidow\*  
Margaret Davis\*  
Solomon Drajinsky\*  
Rose Elinsky\*  
Morris Furedi\*  
Lori Glass  
George Goldberg\*  
Rebecca Golden\*  
Morris Goodman\*  
Anna Guterman  
Sam Harshman\*  
Bertha Heselov\*  
Tillie Heyman\*  
Max Jacobson\*  
Ralph Kanfer\*  
Leonard Kesselman\*  
Dora Kirkorsky\*  
Amelia Klekner\*  
Betty Kramer  
Ann B. Lazar\*  
Gregory Lerman  
Anna Lockshin\*  
Samuel Luntz\*  
Harry Magid\*  
Anna Malkoff\*  
Joseph Malkoff\*

## February 1—February 9 22 Shevat—30 Shevat

Solomon (Sol) Malkoff\*  
Fay Freed Margolis\*  
Alfred Miller\*  
Esther Leah Mirkin\*  
Marvin Moranz\*  
Nathan Nichol\*  
Harry E. Prigosin\*  
Abe Revzin  
Adolph Rock\*  
David Arthur Roth\*  
Rhea Schwartz\*  
Stanley Bruce Segall  
Florence Sepanik  
Etta Sniderman\*  
Rose Sobkowski\*  
Lillian Schan Solomon\*  
Chona Spector\*  
Blanche Stern\*  
Bertram Ungar\*  
Philip Wagman\*  
Saul Weber\*  
Charlotte Wittman\*

## February 10—February 16 1 Adar 1—7 Adar 1

Abe Abramovitz\*  
Ruth Bender  
Hilda Fish Broida\*  
Mollie Burach\*  
Rose Farbman\*  
Morris Grossman\*  
Chayim Zelig Kurant\*  
Helen Meenihan  
Fay Knox Meyer\*  
Mildred Ruth L. Naft\*  
Alice Rosen\*  
Jack David Wagman\*  
Max Weber\*

## February 17—February 23 8 Adar 1—14 Adar 1

Benjamin Altshuler\*  
Phillip Berkowitz\*  
Benjamin Bunshaft\*  
Beverly Ann Chevlen\*  
Sarah Eisenstot\*  
Lillian Holtzman\*  
Fran Heyman Iseman  
Harvey Itzkovitz\*  
Susan Smith Kanterman\*  
Maurice P. Kaufman\*  
Elena Kostinsky\*  
Sylvia Meister\*  
Samuel Moskowitz\*  
Max Nelson\*  
Jacob Regenstreich\*  
Risa H. Solomon\*  
Sam Solomon\*  
Doris Spector\*  
Fred Wolfram

## February 24—February 29 15 Adar 1—20 Adar 1

Martha K. Braunstein\*  
Samuel Crow\*  
Bessie Evzovitch\*  
Herman Gossoff\*  
Sophie L. Katzman\*  
Harry Kaufman\*  
Hattie Regenstreich\*  
Sadie Goldie Wilkof\*

\* denotes those  
who have  
Memorial  
Plaques



## CLUB

**In Memory of Mary Lou Finesilver**

By Lenore Ackerman  
Lisa & Randy Mirman

**In Memory of Mary Lou Finesilver**

Lori Mirkin  
Neil Schor  
By Jack & Tirtza Kohan

CHAI CLUB DONORS

contribute a minimum of \$18.00 to Temple's Kiddush Luncheon Fund. The Gelbman Memorial Fund helps in subsidizing the Luncheon Fund.

# DONATIONS

## Yahrzeits

*In Loving Memory of:*

**Alvin Ackerman**  
**Sophie Rose Silver**  
By Lenore Ackerman

**Bonnie Apple**  
**Jean B. Apple**  
**Sally Chudakoff**  
By The Apple Family

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By Marilyn Berchuck

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By Linda & Howard Sniderman

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**Grandmother, Lena Felkowitz**  
**Aunt, Ceil Hassid**  
**Uncle, Jack Falk**  
**Aunt, Rose Selma Felkowitz**  
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By Barbara Palmer  
Nancy Schwachter  
Lynn Skolnick

**Philip Terry Garfield**  
By Sharon Garfield

**Bess Mirkin Haines**  
By Dennis & Jan Haines

## Yahrzeits

*In Loving Memory of:*

**Beloved Father, Bernard L. Linder**  
By Shelley & Harvey Handler  
Lori Linder

**Sara N. Malkin**  
By Seth, Michael, Alexandra & Matt  
Malkin  
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By Stan Meader

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By Elayne Rusnak

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**Howard Solomon**  
By Martin Solomon

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By Marilyn Miller

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By Dick Slate & Family

**Michael Stein**  
By Brad & Judy Levy

**Eugene Ungar**  
By Janet Ungar Udell

**Lillian Weiss**  
By George & Wendy Aron

## TEMPLE FUND

*In Memory of*

**Mary Lou Finesilver**  
By Alice Franklin & Bill Laslo  
Bill & Myra Benedikt  
Barbara Kirkorsky  
Margaret Klein  
Terry & Sam D. Roth

**Roberta Rome**  
By Tina Culp  
Sheila Evenchik  
Don & Phyllis Goldberg  
Carol Gordon  
Terry & Sam D. Roth  
Elayne Rusnak

## RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

**In Appreciation**  
By Stephan & Jodi Stoyak

**In Appreciation**  
By Beth, Diane & Marshall Finesilver

# SISTERHOOD

# DONATIONS

## FLOWER FUND

*In Memory of*

**Robyn Rusnak-Riley on her Birthday**  
By Elayne Rusnak

## GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of*

**Mary Lou Finesilver**  
By Holly & Jere Small

**Roberta Rome**  
By Lenore Ackerman

**Mary Lou Finesilver**  
**Roberta Rome**  
By Mace & Phyllis Landau



# TEMPLE EL EMETH

## February 2024

### 23 Shevat—20 Adar 1 5784



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>January 28</i>	<i>January 29</i>	<i>January 30</i> <b>RSVPs</b> due for February 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kiddush Luncheon	<i>January 31</i>	<b>1</b> 22 Shevat	<b>2</b> 23 Shevat 5:22 pm <b>Liberty Community Food Pantry Distribution</b> 9:30 am—12:30 PM <i>Hybrid Services</i> 5:45 PM	<b>3</b> 24 Shevat Yitro <i>Hybrid Shabbat Services</i> 10:00 am <b>Kiddush Luncheon</b> following services Havdalah 6:21 PM
<b>4</b> 25 Shevat	<b>5</b> 26 Shevat  <i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM	<b>6</b> 27 Shevat <i>Hybrid Torah Tuesday</i> 10:30 AM <i>Hybrid Board of Directors Meeting</i> 7:30 PM <b>RSVPs</b> due for Rabbi Birthday Luncheon	<b>7</b> 28 Shevat	<b>8</b> 29 Shevat  <i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM	<b>9</b> 30 Shevat 5:39 pm Rosh Chodesh—Adar 1  <i>Hybrid Services</i> 5:45 PM	<b>10</b> 1 Adar 1 Mishpatim <i>Hybrid Shabbat Services</i> 10:00 AM <b>Rabbi Birthday Luncheon</b> Following services Havdalah 6:30 PM
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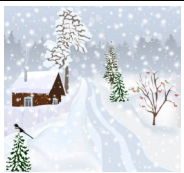


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Rabbi Sternstein wishes to be in contact with anyone in our congregation who (G-d forbid) is ill. Please call the Rabbi directly, **914-960-4653**, and/or the Temple El Emeth office, **330-759-1429**, as soon as possible, if you know of someone ill. Please do *not* assume that someone else has informed the Rabbi or office. Even if we receive multiple calls, it is much preferable to our missing vital information.

*We thank you for your help.*

During inclement weather this Winter, before coming to the office, please call the office to ensure that we are open!



### **Hybrid BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>  
**7:30 p.m.**



### **A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE**

Although we have more than one person proofread the Bulletin before we print it, we make no claims to total accuracy. If you find a mistake, you are welcome to call Nancy in the office so that corrections can be made, when possible.



The deadline for the  
**March Bulletin**  
is **February 15<sup>th</sup>**



Watch your email and the weekly **News You Can Use** for information about this year's Passover celebration.