



Rabbi Marc's Message

Summer and Israel

Just a short time ago, I received in my email inbox my daily dose of ReformJudaism.org's *Ten Minutes of Torah*. I was sad to see that one of

my favorite contributors, Rabbi Marc Rosenstein, was writing his last column for a while. Many of you already know that for many years he has been writing *The Galilee Diary*. Even before I had an idea of making the transition from engineer to rabbi, I was captivated by his engaging descriptions of Israeli life and his approach to spirituality, religion, history, community, food and politics.

When I spent my first year of rabbinical school in Israel, my classmates and I had the great privilege to travel to Moshav Shorashim. There Rabbi Rosenstein had created the Galilee Circus where young Jews and Arabs come together to learn circus arts while breaking down barriers that often keep them apart. This still stands out from the hundreds, maybe thousands, of things that filled me with hope for Israel, the Jewish people, and even the world during that year.

I had never been to Israel before spending the year there in 2011-12. Picking up and moving to any foreign country for a year is a daunting task which takes months of preparation. I remember thinking in the months leading up – ok, I'll go, I'll come back, no big deal. I could not have been further off base. It hit me like a ton of bricks on the sheirut (van) ride from Ben Gurion to Jerusalem. Looking out the window as the Sharon Plains gave way to the Judean Hills, I did cry. I was overwhelmed by an undeniable sense of connection to a land that I had never before seen. The engineer in me found this totally illogical. The rabbi in me said, of course! There is an undeniable beauty to Israel that has captivated me since. I am forever changed by my time in Israel.

My last trip to Israel this past November with my newly ordained colleagues was very challenging. The trip was organized by Hebrew Union College and the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was meant to be challenging. As rabbis and cantors, we are necessarily unofficial ambassadors for Israel in our local communities. The College and the Ministry

brought us to Israel, just as we were entering our first congregational positions. It was designed to give us an opportunity to further develop our own authentic view of Israel, as it is, with all of its challenges and all of its radiance.

We are very lucky in our community to have one of Israel's best ambassadors, Jerry Fischer. Under his leadership and the loving guidance of Marcia Reinhard, we are also blessed to have two young emissaries join our community each year. They all help bring Israel here to us in Eastern CT. But there is nothing like going there. Jerry has led too many missions to Israel to count. Jerry's knowledge and first hand engagement with Israeli life and culture is a blessing to our community that makes each mission unique. If you have not gone on one of Jerry's missions, you should. If you have never been to Israel, save your shekels, it will change you.

Jerry and I have been speaking for the past several months about a unique mission to Israel. We want to help our families with tweens and teens engage with Israel, have their own authentic relationship with Israel.

In the summer of 2018, tentatively June 26 to July 8, will be our TE/JFEC family mission to Israel open to the entire community. Having a large family myself, I know how overwhelming such a trip may seem. Jerry continues to work hard to make this mission as affordable as possible. Start saving. This can be a spiritual recharging and awakening for your family. It will provide you and your children with your own authentic view of our homeland. Israel will captivate you.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30PM for an informational meeting where we will discuss the itinerary and costs. Pizza, salad and drinks will be served. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and traveling with you.

Wishing you a *kayitz na'im*,
a pleasant summer,

Rabbi Marc

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President's Message



Sympathy for a Tweeter

*The most important men in town would
come to fawn on me!*

*They would ask me to advise them,
Like a Solomon the Wise.*

"If you please, Reb Tevye..."

"Pardon me, Reb Tevye..."

*Posing problems that would cross a rabbi's eyes!
And it won't make one bit of difference if I answer
right or wrong.*

When you're rich, they think you really know!

His timing and his words make us cringe, but I can sympathize with another President's impulse to tweet.

We are a congregation existing in exciting but uncertain times. The sale of Beth El's building offers Temple Emanu-El opportunities and challenges. Potential streams of rental revenue come with opening our home to other Jewish organizations. Do we fight for our identity so hard that we alienate ourselves from the other congregations in New London County? We have also been presented with challenges to support less capable organizations that still serve our Jewish community. Do we turn our back on an organization in need when it's possible to help them without necessarily benefiting from it?

While I prefer to deal with these situations based on the hard facts – money and square footage – it's impossible to address these opportunities without having emotions come into the equation. Many of you feel the same way, and have written to me expressing your support, but also your own opinions on how we should deal with Beth El and Solomon Schechter. Since all of you seem to want to know what I'm thinking, maybe I should take to Twitter and share my wisdom!

It's tempting to tweet. It's tempting to answer each and every e-mail and let the sender know what I'm thinking. It's tempting to take up an argument when I hear something that I don't agree with. Every e-mail I receive, every phone call that I get, and every question sent in my direction at an Oneg is an invitation to share my wisdom. However, I'm not really all that wise; I'm just the guy who's responsible. So, every conversation I have is an opportunity for me to send mixed messages.

Naturally, the wise thing to do is to keep my mouth shut, but I know that I often fail at this. Like Tevye, I crave for my opinion to be valued, even if I don't know what I'm talking about. This is often why I talk - I want to hear what you're thinking. Even if I decide that I don't agree, I value your opinions and participation.

I sympathize with the other President. It's hard to be alone with your opinions when the whole world is trying to pry them from you. Having the ability to let everybody know what you're thinking at that very moment is a great temptation, but we all can see from the other President that doing that is fraught with peril. I hope you will all have the patience for me to keep my opinion to myself from time to time.

Sean Bendick

Notes from Sherry Barnes



Though summer isn't my favorite weather, I love that time slows down. Things aren't as busy, you are able to be "in the moment" more. During the year I am always looking ahead to the next service, the next holiday, the next program, and I am not always aware that I live in the future and not the moment. It makes life go

by in a blur.

July and August are still filled with things that need to be done, but it's all on simmer and not a high boil. I'm very grateful for these eight weeks. I love to find a quiet place, preferably by the ocean, to go and meditate, read, relax. I was flipping through a book called *All Breathing Life Adores Your Name*, written by a Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, a Jewish Renewal Rabbi, and came across a prayer of gratitude. We are supposed to thank G-d 100 times a day. I might make it to 15, but I try to be thankful whenever I remember to be aware and in the moment. I'd like to share Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi's "A Thank You Prayer" with you.

A Thank You Prayer

By Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

Thank You, G-d of Eternity, For the great wonder of Your creation, for the earth, the stars, the sun and the moon, and the beauty of Your universe, with which in Your great kindness You have blessed me. Thank you for granting me life, in all its richness, for its brilliant moments of joy, which allow me to soar as the birds, and even for its anguish and pain, which somehow seem to precipitate inner growth and change. For all these things, G-d, I am grateful.

But thank you, especially, G-d, in Your abundant love, for having chosen to make me a human being, blessed, among all the fruits of Your creation, with a mind to reason and seek truth and justice; with a soul

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which can feel pain, ecstasy, and compassion, and has the freedom to choose life and goodness over cruelty and destruction; and with a heart which can love and care, and reach out to touch the hearts of my brothers and sisters, as together we walk through the years of our lives.

Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi's words touched my soul. I am grateful for such a rich life. I have, as I think we all have, soared with the birds and felt the anguish and pain of sorrow. It's life...I'm grateful for all those that have touched and enriched my life along the way. Enjoy the prayer; use it when you feel grateful, enjoy your family, friends, quiet places by the ocean, and live life "in the moment" this summer.

B'shir,

Sherry

Continuing Education

Bible Study Group Invites You...

The Sunday Bible Study Group is sponsoring and inviting everyone to join us on a road trip on **Sunday, July 23** to the **Yiddish Book Center** in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The Schedule for the day:

9:00 AM Meet at Temple Emanu-El (Carpooling)

11:00-12:30 Tour the facility

12:30 Lunch—Bring lunch. There is a market close if you want to purchase lunch.

2:00 Lecture - Rabbi Akiva - Sage of the Talmud

Please have \$8 exact "cash" with you the morning of the trip. The book center would like one check for the entire group. So I will pay.

The center needs an approximate number for the tour so please RSVP by Saturday, July 15 to **Edee Smith by text 860 501 0382 or email ejsmith1969@gmail.com**

Come join us!

Religious School 860-439-0406



Although Religious School has been over for the season since May, it has not been a quiet time. We are

working hard to prepare for 2017-2018 with several committees meeting to institute some new plans. Right now, one of the most exciting things happening is that we are in the process of welcoming the Solomon Schechter Academy to our Religious School building. Solomon Schechter will no longer be able to meet at Congregation Beth El. Since our building is basically available weekdays during the day, we are able to help them out. Right now, we are working hard to devise a plan so that we can both get the best use of our building and share our space comfortably.

You will hear more over the summer as plans start to evolve. Since this is the only bulletin published during the summer we will communicate using: e-mail, our web site as well as school newsletters. Please check for Religious School news as frequently as possible so that you are not missing important information.

Right now, what we need from our Religious School families is for you to send in your temple membership packet and religious school registration form(s) as soon as possible. This will enable us to ensure we have enough staff for

our school. Our school calendars are just about complete and ready to be printed. We will send you one just as soon as your child/children are registered.

If you are aware of new families moving into your neighborhood or into your schools, please give us their contact information. We had some growth in our Religious School last year, and we hope that we can welcome some new families again this year.

Midweek Hebrew will begin on **Wednesday September 6 at 4:30 PM and end at 5:45 PM**. Sunday Religious School will begin on **September 10 at 9:30 AM and end at 12:00 PM**. Pre-School will meet twice a month again this year and that calendar will be published shortly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. The Religious School phone number is 860-439-0406. Although the office isn't staffed daily, we will check our messages and get back to you as soon as possible.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to greeting you in September, if not before.

Barbara Kallan & Marc Goldsmith
Co-Administrators



Bagels & Brachas at Bluff Point

Sunday, August 6 at 9:30 AM

The Temple Emanu-El Religious Practices Committee invites you to join them for a picnic near the parking lot of Bluff Point in Groton on **Sunday, August 6 at 9:30 AM**. At 10:30 AM we will hike out to the Point, where Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes will lead us in songs and Rabbi Marc Ekstrand will share Jewish quotes on nature. The breakfast is provided, but you are welcome to augment it if you like. **No RSVP necessary**. Come and enjoy!

Watch you mail for

Gift of the Heart Membership Packets and Religious School Packets

You should receive them by the end of June. If you do not, please contact Roberta at temanu-el@sbcglobal.net or call the office 860-443-3005

Dessert & Havdalah

Join us for

Dessert and Havdalah

Saturday, July 22 at

Steve and Gail Weber's home

Brotherhood

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Scott Zettler, 860-439-0676, scottzettler@gmail.com | **Alvin Sher**, 860-460-0491, sherster@gmail.com

Thanks to all of you for helping the Brotherhood make breakfast for the June 4 annual membership meeting.

We will be looking for guys who would like to be ushers for the High Holidays which begin in September, contact us.

Summer activities

We're looking forward to a possible softball game, a picnic, maybe a fishing trip, a couples night out for dinner, and monthly summer card games.

We are looking for volunteers to host or help to get an event going.

Let us know what interests you, and keep in touch.

Let us know if you'd like to get involved with

Coffee and Bagels on Sunday mornings starting in September.

We are starting to think about next year, so please let Alvin or Scott know if you have any ideas for events, speaker volunteer or activities. We are always looking for new ideas. Remember if you are a Temple member then you are automatically a brotherhood member! No dues or forms to fill out.

Mazel Tov to . .

Michael and Crystal Roseman
on their marriage



Thank You to . . June Oneg Helpers

Elsa Freedman

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Sisterhood

June Mahj Tournament a Wonderful Success

Thank you to all the people who helped make the June tourney such a big success, on so many levels! We had our largest number of players ever, and our most financially profitable tournament to date. This is a team effort and we have an amazing group that work so well together.

First off, there were all the Sisterhood members who made gift or gift card donations to the raffle, so that we were able to bring in over \$1200 in raffle ticket sales. Barbara Garry again worked her magic to create a beautiful array of gift baskets that made it hard to resist buying a few extra tickets. Then there were the kitchen helpers who prepared a glorious lunch for over 120 people, and the folks who served and cleaned up from the event.

Robbin Alpert has been in a leadership role since the early years of the tournament. Shelley Arenson is a more recent inductee. From registration and score-keeping, to kitchen management, they make it all look easy. And Roberta Reisner-Winograd is always there to provide assistance at every step of the way.

Lastly, thank you to all the folks that show their support by coming to play, promoting the event to their friends, and expanding our registration.

And just in case you think we are going to rest on our laurels, we've set the date for our next tournament, which will be Monday, September 18, 2017.

Kudos for your support:

Donations: Caryn Novick, Andrea Fenton, Patti Hans, Michele Snitkin, Sheryl Reagan, Karen Rosenberg, Claire Warren, Barbara Wolfe, Judi Deglin, Barbara Sen- ges, Donna Goldman, Wendy Ladd, Kim Fischburg, Pat Sher, Amy Perry

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Thank you all,

Iris

FALL Full-Day Mah Jongg Tournament --

Monday, September 18

Yes, we are already planning for our fall Mahj Tourna- ment!

With the holidays coming in late September into Octo- ber, we selected September 18 for our fall tournament so that we could be sure to get it in before folks start heading to warmer climates.

You will see the registration flyer enclosed in this bulle- tin. We exceeded all prior attendance records for our June tournament and did turn people away, so early registration is encouraged!

We will again be asking for your kind assistance in pre- paring for the tournament. Donations for the raffle are appreciated, along with event volunteers. **Contact Iris regarding ways you can help, or with any questions about the tournament, ifreegang@aol.com or 860-460-3081.**

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop is not open when reli- gious school is not in session.

We are happy to open by appointment, so please con- tact us at tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com or 860-625-6618 to arrange a time.

Regular hours will resume in the fall.

Nar-Anon

As you may know, Temple Emanu-El now hosts Nar-Anon meetings every Thursday from 7:30-9:00 P.M. Nar-Anon meetings are primarily for those who know or have known a feeling of desperation concerning the addiction problem of someone close to them. If you are one of these people, come join us on Thursday evenings. This is your opportunity to engage in your own process of recovery.

If you would like more information or need help determin- ing if Nar-Anon is right for you, contact Rabbi Ekstrand.



Auction and Fundraising Thanks

The Auction was May 20 and ran smoothly with Armi Rowe, Sean Bendick, Mimi Perl, Caren Linden, Terri Goldsmith, Geoff and Susan Hausmann with Jonathan Rowe and Scott Zettler handling the auctioneering while I was in Michigan handling family matters. I am grateful to them and everyone else who helped during the auction (see flyer in bulletin). In addition I would like to thank all the donors (see additional flyers).

I am stepping down as VP of Fundraising and passing the torch to Scott Wolfe. I hope you give him all the support you have given me in helping Temple Emanu-El by supporting all the fundraising as I will continue to do in the future.



Thanks again for all your support and well wishes.

John Murphy

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Registration/Breakfast 8:30 – 9:00; Tournament begins at 9:00

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- Cash prizes for top scores



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Deadline: Thurs., September 14th, 2017. Register early to ensure a spot! No refunds.

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Mah Jongg Tournament - September 18th— full day

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BBYO & Junior Youth Group Year End Events

Election Bonfire- Yachad BBYO

By Trevor Fornara

The elections for the new board of our local chapter of BBYO were held this past Thursday around the firepit at Annalise McCaffrey's house. It was nice to catch up with everyone, but we had work to do. With the help of our Associate Regional Director, Jennifer Kruzansky, we began the election with each candidate reading a speech and handing out copies of their platform. The election results are as follows:

The N'siah (President) is Annalise McCaffrey. This will be Annalise's third year on the board, and her second year as N'siah. The S'gan (Vice President of Programming) is Hunter Rock, who is going to start his second year on the board but in a different position than last year. The Moreh (Vice President of Membership) is Andy Dezjot, the Shaliach (Vice President of Jewish Heritage) is Jared Linder and Anna Greenwald is the Gizborit (Treasurer), all beginning their first year on the board. The Mazkir (Secretary) is me, Trevor Fornara, and I, too, am joining the board for the first time.

Although we're all excited to be a part of Yachad's new board, it's sad to see all our retiring board members go. We wish farewell to Nathaniel Rowe, David Kohanski, Leah Berke, and Kyra Dezjot. Thankfully, however, David and Leah will be around for one more year as active members of our chapter. A special mention and best wishes to Nathaniel and Kyra as they are seniors and will be leaving us for good. We wish them well as they go off to college.

Each of the different positions on the board has a very important role to play to ensure that Yachad BBYO functions correctly. The N'siah (President) is the leader of our chapter, who works with each of the other board members to make sure they reach their goals and helps us to unify. The S'gan (VP of Programming) organizes activities and events for us to do as a chapter. The Moreh (VP of Membership) guides those interested in joining our chapter through the registration process and is responsible for the lion's share of recruitment even though we all are responsible to recruit at least one new member each year. The Shaliach (VP of Jewish Heritage) is in charge of organizing events focused on Jewish holidays and traditions. The Gizborit (Treasurer) is in charge of monitoring our chapters funds and fundraising. The Mazkir (Secretary) writes articles for the Jewish Leader, runs our social media pages, and makes sure the board can easily communicate with each other and with our members.

The six of us on the newly elected board have pledged to serve our roles and to help our chapter and community. If we do our jobs right, you'll see us in action throughout the next year. The six of us have already become really good friends through BBYO this year and we are really looking forward to working together and growing our chapter. Thanks to our chapter advisor, Rebecca Reinhard, who was there to encourage us during our elections, and to the Jewish community for all their help and support.

Providence Place Mall Junior Youth Group Trip

By Gabrielle Zettler & The Eighth Grade Class

On Sunday, June 11, the Junior Youth Group of Eastern Connecticut took a trip to Providence Place mall in Rhode Island. This is the end of the year group trip, which meant a lot to the eighth graders, who will be moving onto BBYO next year. This was not only the eighth graders last trip, it was Tal and Guy's as well and we went out with a bang!

The first part of our great trip was the lunch at Dave and Buster's followed by an arcade filled with fun and games. The lunch was buffet style and it was delicious. After lunch, we had a full hour to spend playing a bunch of games and winning points at different parts of the arcade. Then we got to cash in our points at the shop and get lots of different fun prizes.

Everyone walked over to the movie theater, where we all got popcorn, a drink, and our choice of candy. About half of the group went to see "Wonder Woman" and half went to see "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales." Both of the movies were action packed and full of excitement. The people who saw "Wonder Woman" were particularly excited to see Gal Gadot, an Israeli actress, playing the title role.

The fun didn't stop there! We all went to Dairy Queen for some awesome, delicious ice cream. We sat around and ate while talking with each other as the afternoon was winding down. Then Marcia got us up to take some group pictures, as she always does. The day was filled with happiness and fun!

As eighth graders, we're looking forward to being active in BBYO, taking more responsibility for the events and Jewish content, but we will also miss the fun that we've had over the past four years in the Junior Youth Group. We will miss the pumpkin picking event in the fall and the limousine scavenger hunt that we've done at various times in the year with all of the friends we've made over the years, (although rumor has it we might get to do these events with BBYO, as well.)

The eighth graders got to welcome some newcomers and enjoy the day with the oldcomers and, for us, that is something special. The eighth graders, Regan Kaye, Jack Haynes, Talia Masson, Hannah Linder, Amanda Rowe, and Gabrielle Zettler, will never forget the amazing memories we've made at youth group!

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Wed.	July 12	7:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri.	July 14	6:00 PM	Shabbat Outdoor Service led by Rabbi Marc Ekstrand And Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes
		7:00 PM	Shabbat Barbecue
Fri.	July 21	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service, led by Jody Katz, Edee Smith and Norma Hollandersky
Sat.	July 22	8:00 PM	Dessert and Havdalah at Steve and Gail Weber's home
Sun.	July 23	9:00 AM	Trip to Yiddush Book Store in MA (meet at Temple)
Fri.	July 28	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbi Marc Ekstrand And Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes
Fri.	August 4	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbi Marc Ekstrand And Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes
Sun.	August 6	9:30 AM	Bagels and Brachas at Bluff Point in Groton
Fri.	August 11	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Fri.	August 18	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service led by Jonathan Rowe
Sat.	August 19	5:00 PM	Havdalah and Picnic (location to be announced)
Fri.	August 25	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbi Marc Ekstrand And Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes

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