



Rabbi Marc's Message

Looking Back and Looking Forward

At this time last year, I had just been ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. I was packing up our house and getting ready to hit the road while Polly was off in California studying at the HUC-JIR LA campus. I was filled with confidence of everything my new home could be in Southeastern Connecticut. My confidence was fueled by warm greetings, great people I met, and wonderful things I experienced during the search process. I so underestimated what things would be like. From the minute we crossed the Connecticut state line, everything has fallen into place for the most part.

If you were at the annual meeting last summer, you will remember that I spoke to the congregation. In part, I said, "I selected Temple Emanu-El because I believe that this is a strong congregation. I believe that you have showed great strength in the deliberate nature of your search for a rabbi. I believe that you have shown initiative in exploring the possibilities of collaboration within the regional Jewish community. I believe that you have shown great respect and love for your rabbinic leadership. I believe you value your Reform Jewish identity. I believe that you take pride in nurturing and educating your children. I believe that you shine a light of loving kindness and compassion within the greater community. I believe that you live Torah. I have come here because I believe there is a strong foundation upon which to grow a beautiful future." At each turn, you have shown your dedication to our community. You have shown me that just as you cherish your traditions and history, you are ready to move forward.

Over the course of my first several months at Temple Emanu-El, I listened closely, explored our community, and tried some new things. As I spoke to you at my installation, I didn't bring a vision to Emanu-El. Rather, I wanted us to create a vision together. What I have discovered in my short time here is that our future is much brighter and more exciting

than I could have anticipated from afar.

We are moving forward. In this last year we have accomplished so much in our sanctuary. The High Holy Days were exceedingly meaningful. Sherry Barnes and I have been working hard to bring our own ruach to our Shabbat and festival worship. Sherry and I are constantly working with the Religious Practices Committee to create meaningful, engaging, and spirited programs for each holiday. Sean Bendick and I have been very deliberate in strengthening the role of committees. Several committees have been created or reinvigorated to strengthen our community. The Board of Trustees, through the work of an ad hoc committee, developed a new mission statement that reflects succinctly what Emanu-El is doing – building a vibrant community through Reform Judaism. Our Finance Committee has worked hard to define our financial state of affairs and chart a path to realizing our congregational aspirations and a secure future. Our Communications Committee is helping define the most effective ways to communicate with both our current members, prospective members, and the larger community. The Religious School Committee is committed to capitalizing on our success in building the only liberal Jewish religious school in SE Connecticut and making it even better. Our Social Action Committee is constantly assessing how we can be engaged and effective in our own community and in Israel. The Fundraising Committee has steadily continued its vital work of raising the necessary funds to keep both the electrical and spiritual lights shining brightly. There are a great number of concrete actions that have come out of these committees and the many conversations that you and I have had during this past year. More important, there has been a great deal of dreaming about what our community can look like in the future.

Over the coming year, we will be challenged to start making our future happen. I believe that this process will be exciting. I believe that our membership can grow. I believe our Reform values will be strengthened. So too, will our partnerships within the Jewish community, the Greater New London community, and Israel. Realizing our future will require us to continually remind ourselves of our mission and values.

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This has been an unbelievable year of growth for us. Every single thing that I said at last year's annual meeting has been reinforced during my first year at Temple Emanu-El. You have gotten to know me and I have gotten to know you. You have embraced me and my family. We have shared celebrations and good times. We have been there for one another in support through tough times. I look forward to another exciting, challenging, and meaningful year with you.

President's Message



May is almost behind us. We're a couple of days past the Auction, and a of couple weeks from the Annual Meeting. It's almost June and Roberta is in the Temple Office gnashing her teeth because I still haven't written this month's bulletin article!

Really, it's not almost June, it's almost the end of our fiscal year. Since this is the end of my second year as president, I wanted to look at what I wrote in last June's bulletin article and reflect on our progress in the same areas that I discussed last year. This will be a preview of our Annual Meeting on June 4.

Spirituality: Last year I was excited to remind everybody that we had a new rabbi coming in the fall. We celebrated Rabbi Ekstrand's installment in September, and he and Sherry Barnes have led our services all year. He, along with his wife (Rabbi!) Polly Berg, have helped to educate our Religious School students. If you haven't been a regular at Services, you owe it to yourself to see Rabbi Marc in action. This most important aspect of our congregational life has been a rousing success. In the coming year, we will welcome Jo Michaelson as our new VP of Religious Practices. I'm looking forward to seeing her work with the Rabbi on continuing our spiritual growth.

Education: While we still run the biggest and best Hebrew School in the area under the guidance of Barbara Kallan and Marc Goldsmith, we are thinking about how we can further improve our house of learning. We've formed an Education Committee with Armi Rowe as the chair to explore improvements to our curriculum. Armi and Rabbi Eckstrand have started a series of meetings with religious school parents in this effort. Adult Bible Study still meets every Sunday, but we want to spend the coming year addressing new ways to enrich our adult congregants.

Programming: I took a deep breath when I saw this heading since we were lacking a major event like the 2016 retreat with Temple Shalom. I'm pleased to report that we held many of our popular events, such as the Cabaret Night and our annual auction. Purim was a lot of fun as well. We also participated in several community events such as Yom Ha'atzmaut at Beth El and a screening of "The Sharp's War" at Connecticut College hosted by All Souls Unitarian Church. We're also hosting the community Shavuot service in June. Still, I'd love to see us branch out with more original programs next year. Let us know what ideas you might have!

Securing Our Future: When you come to the Annual Meeting in June, we're going to discuss our financial status. It's our responsibility to let you know how we're doing in that area. We have set aggressive pledge and fundraising goals intended to allow us to continue to serve you and the community. We're still maintaining our Gift of the Heart dues structure, and we recognize that many members may not have the means to support us with their pledges. However, maybe you've got skills that would help us maintain the building. Maybe you like supporting our community service and social action activities. Maybe you've got friends that you would like to have join us. There are so many ways to support our congregation.

I've been thrilled to have led Temple Emanu-El for these past two years, and it was my pleasure to volunteer to serve another two years as your president. Here's to another great year behind us and an even greater year ahead!

Notes from Sherry Barnes



I joined Temple Emanu-El in 1987, and since then I have had the honor of listening to, and working with, three wonderful organists, Roberta Bitgood, Elizabeth Limkemann, and Susan Jones. Each of these talented ladies brought her own personality and love of music to our congregation. I am very thankful that they were a part of our congregation. Susan Jones was very kind to fill in after she retired until we could find another organist. I'm happy to announce, with her help, thank you, Susan, we were able to hire our new organist, Leslie Merwin. Leslie, the organist at St. Mary Star of the Sea in New London,

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has accompanied the Mystic River Chorale, and is also the accompanist for the Gilbert and Sullivan Society. You can welcome Leslie to the Temple Emanu-El family at the Shabbat Evening Service on Friday, June 23, when she will be accompanying the many voices of our Temple Emanu-El choir. The choir and I are looking forward to working with her. I hope you will come celebrate Shabbat with us that evening and also introduce yourself to Leslie.

I want to wish a happy 1st anniversary to Rabbi Marc Ekstrand. It was a little over a year ago that you became an ordained rabbi and came to Southeastern Connecticut to be our spiritual leader. I enjoyed working with you this year and look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Continuing Education

Food for Thought with Rabbi Ekstrand

Bring a bag lunch and join Rabbi Ekstrand in discussion on **Wednesday, June 14 from 12 noon to 1:00 pm** at the temple. **Bring a kosher-for Passover bag lunch.**



Religious School 860-439-0406



Religious School has just completed another successful year. We have had interesting classes and enjoyable

programs throughout the year. Now is a chance to step back, evaluate our year, and start planning for September

.In anticipation of a Midweek Hebrew School opening on Wednesday, September 6, and Sunday Religious School on September 10, we are starting to gather our staff and research ideas to keep our programs fresh and interesting for all.

We have seen a trend in the past few years of increasing numbers of students in the younger grades and we are delighted. We want to see families with younger children showing an interest in the Temple and of course the Religious School.

Last year we instituted Pre-School twice a month and that has been well received. We are planning to continue that once again in the upcoming year. Please encourage any friends you might have who have younger children to give the Pre-School a try. Temple affiliation is not required to attend Pre-School. It is a chance to see what we have to offer, and then hopefully decide to join the Temple and send the children to our Religious School.

It is sad for us to say "Shalom" to Tal Gilboa and Guy Carmi, our Israeli emissaries from this past year. They brought so much enthusiasm and excitement to our Religious School classes this year, and our children gained knowledge about and a love for Israel. They worked hard, and each program

they presented was well prepared and delivered in such a way that one could not help but be inspired by all they introduced. We will really miss them. However, shortly, we should find out who our emissaries for next year will be. In most cases we have been inspired by each new group of emissaries who arrive and although we always miss and fondly remember our previous ones, we are able to welcome our new pair to the Temple Emanu-El Family.

At our final Religious School Session in May, we honored our Eighth-Grade Class which will be moving up to the Jewish Community High School. This group of young students has been very close as a class, and it is our hope that they will remain that way and we will see them as Confirmants in a few years. We wish Jack Haynes, Amanda Rowe, Gabrielle Zettler, Hannah Linder, Regan Kaye, and Talia Masson the very best as they move on. We hope they will remain active in the Jewish community for years to come.

We also honored our dedicated staff who come to school religiously every Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon. They are the glue that keeps the seams of our school together. If you think it is an easy job, please consider joining us as a substitute and see what it is like. It is fun and rewarding but not always easy!!

We also cannot forget to mention our faculty assistants who do various tasks each Sunday morning so that our teachers can focus on working directly with our students. Several of our assistants, Nathaniel Rowe, David Hausmann, Megan Dame, and Sam Sher are graduating seniors

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and will not be returning next year. We will certainly miss them and their help but wish them well at whatever they pursue in the years to come. We hope to see Amanda Zettler, Elannora Lerner, Kaitlyn Bendick, and Trevor Fornara again next year. We could not run the school without their help.

We also would like to offer a hearty Mazel Tov to our eighth-grade teacher, Polly Berg. Polly was not at our final Religious School morning as she was in Cincinnati with Rabbi Marc, Nava and Elon, being ordained as a rabbi. We wish Rabbi Polly only the best.

It is with a touch of sadness that we must say “Shalom” to Iris and Gary Freeman. Iris and Gary have relocated to Massachusetts for Gary’s job. Iris has been active in our Temple and our Religious School for over 15 years and she and Gary have been an integral part of our temple family, especially in Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and the Religious School. We wish them much happiness and want them to know that we hope they will always find reasons to come and visit.

Thank you to Scott Zettler and his Bar-B-Que crew who help to make our final Religious School Day memorable with our family cookout. We appreciate his willingness to do this.

Have an enjoyable summer and keep watching your mail and e-mail for information on our 2017-2018 Religious School Year. Our registration forms should be coming shortly as well as the 2017-2018 Religious School Calendar.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to give us a call, 860-439-0406. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Barbara Kallan & Marc Goldsmith
Co-Administrators



Thank You to . . .
May Oneg Helpers

The Masson Family for the Dinner on May 5
Temple Emanu-El 3rd grade religious school class

Terri and Marc Goldsmith

Jody and Merrill Katz

Pat and Alvin Sher

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

Michele and Harvey Snitkin

in honor of Iris Freeman receiving
the Howard Ilson Award

Susan Hausman and Geoff Hausmann
for their hard work in the kitchen

Elsa Freeman

Norma Hollanderksy

Harriet Lesko

Merrill Mazzella

Jo Michaelson

Barbara Senges

Irene Brickman Smith

And Everyone else who brought anonymously

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Event Dates

Movie Night: Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 pm • Niantic Cinema • Movie TBD

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop is not open when religious school is not in session, so it will not have regular hours during the summer, starting May 21. We are happy to open by appointment, so please contact us at tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com or 860-625-6618 to arrange a time. Regular hours will resume in the fall.

Don't miss... The Excitement! The Food! The Prizes! The Laughs! The Camaraderie!

Mah Jong Tournament

Monday, June 12, 2016

9:00 to 4:30, starting with Continental Breakfast at 8:30 A.M.

See the registration flyer for all the details. Registration and payment deadline is June 8 (non-refundable).

We will again have our Relaxed Tables for those who are newer to the game, can't stay all day, or don't want to play at the tournament pace of a 15-minute game. Contact Iris with any questions at ifreegang@aol.com or 860.460.3081(cell).

HELP SISTERHOOD WITH OUR BIGGEST FUND-RAISER OF THE YEAR

There are several ways you can support our **Mah Jongg Tournament** even if you are NOT a man jongg player, and you can do more than one. We are most successful if it's a team effort. You'll feel good and have fun.

Play!

Volunteer for food prep and setup on Sunday, June 11: morning and/or early afternoon!

Volunteer to serve on Monday, June 12, around lunchtime!

Solicit just one gift donation for the raffle (restaurant, hair or nail salon, gift shop, theater, service, etc.) or donate a gift card. Buy raffle tickets (\$5 each, 3 for \$10).

Contact Iris to help in any of these ways at ifreegang@aol.com or 860.460.3081(cell).

Do you need a ride to attend a Sisterhood event? If you do, please email Merrill at mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net



Brotherhood

Co-Presidents

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

The Brotherhood will be serving a FREE BREAKFAST at the Temple's ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, June 4, 10:00 A.M.

The breakfast and speaker events have been a big hit. We plan to continue this Brotherhood Temple tradition for us all after the High Holidays. Contact us if you have an idea or would like to speak about your work or interests.

Remember, as a Temple member, you are automatically a Brotherhood member; no dues, no application, no secret hand shake, and no rules.

A BIG Thank You to All Who Worked So Hard to Make This Year's AUCTION SUCCESSFUL!



Lottery Tickets & Auction

Food Donations

Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees

Auction Item, Ad & Cash Donation

Solicitors

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Anne Luner
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Auction Data & Book Proofing

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Auctioneers—Jonathan Rowe & Scott Zettler

Set-Up of Auction Items, Silent Auction Management, Winner Item Retrieval

Brotherhood - Alvin Sher, Scott Zettler, Mike Reinhard, Brian Alpert, Stan Bloustine and Tom Smith

Auction Check-In

Caren Linden / Mimi & Ed Perl

Catering Event/Party Committee

Sue & Trevor Fornara	Hannah Linder
Lesly Ginsberg	Tal Gilboa
Allison Glickman	Guy Carmi
Terri Goldsmith	Amanda Zettler
Geoff & Sue Hausmann	Mitch Shapiro-Albert
Thea Johnson	
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Deborah Linder	
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Auction Tech Support

Sean, Anne & Kaitlyn Bendick
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Auction Winner Boards and Check-out

Brian Alpert
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Scott Ringer
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Alvin Sher
Tom Smith
Geoff Hausmann

General Auction Office Support

Roberta Reisner-Winograd
Hannah Winograd

June Birthdays

Francis Baskey
Kaitlyn Bendick
Hilary Bokoff
Lila Bridgman
Molly Cooper
Malia-Lin Cordero
Matthew Daniels
Hanna DeBruyn
Nava Ekstrand
Ilan Ekstrand
Jeffrey P. Elkin
Matthew Elkin
Aliza Elkin
Laurie Engelman
David M. Fearer
David Feldman
Emily Feldman
Ben Flax
Daimon Flax

Jameson Foulke
Charlotte Frank
Meika Freeman
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Marlene Frydel
Judith Glickstein
Heidi Gordon
Owen Grant
Yona Gregory
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Melissa Kallan
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Natalie Kil
Norman Kozek
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Tessa Lasser
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Robin LeVine
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Lori Lindfors
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James Taylor Michalove
Lynne Miner
Kyla Orce
Sherri Panikoff
Richard Pascal

Noah Pascal
Marcia Reinhard
Jonathan Rowe
Ben Schaperow
Carol Seeman
Eileen Shapiro
Betsy Sharack
Stuart Sharack
Aline Shulman
Wayne Silver
Edee Smith
Deena Bess Snoke
David Stein
Dr. Kenneth Sunshine
Steve Weber
Joseph Weiss
Daniel Wolfe
Scott Zettler

June Anniversaries



Dr. Barry and Phyllis
Bienstock
Douglas and Catherine Brandt
Lynn and Jean Brown
Evan and Amy Cooper
Arthur Fox and Pamela
Kilbey-Fox
Gary and Iris Freeman
Richard and Myra Gipstein
Paul and Andrea Kanfer
Aaron and Jennifer Kaplan
Brian Kent and Deborah
Finco-Kent
Michael and Claire Krieger
Bob and Caren Linden
Gregory Morea and Barbara
Luftglass-Morea
John Murphy and
Barbara Senges
Steven and Caryn Novick
Charles and Susan Seeman
William and Ellen Seeman
Joseph and Barbara Segal
Robert and Nancy Trostler
Henry and Jane Weinberg

June Yahrzeits

June 2

Ellen Abrahms
Milton Ballot
Harry Brandt
Rose Cantor
Katherine Edgar
Leon Elston
Irving Gordon
Michael Green
John Greenhalgh
Jacob Hartman
David Kornstein
David Levin
Marcelle Levine
George Orenstein
Margaret Ratner
Paul Robin
Sarah Sakowitz
Edgar Sevilla
Hazel Shaw
Alfred Sunshine
Anita Thorp

June 9

George Bor
Matthew Edgar
Joseph Farran
Zachary Fradkin
Sadie Garfinkel
Michael Glazer
Barney Goldstein
Israel Kaminsky

Sylvia Katz
Samuel Kronick
Irving Kronisch
Shirley Lebowitz
Bessie Levine
Ben Massman
Katerina Morozenko
Joseph Muchnick
Harry Rollman
Abraham Seidman
Arthur Seidman
Morris Sherman
Jack Stern
Edna Sunshine
Sarah Ziegler

June 16

Julius Cantor
Siebert Feldman
Jerry Freeman
Stuart Glenn
Boris Kil
Charles Kilbey
William Leader
Scott Morganstern
Aaron Nassau
Larry Spees
Abner West
Bob Workman

June 23
Sigmund Beck

Alexander Bochain
Benjamin Brody
Rebecca Feldman
Laura Haggis
Esther Irwin
Max Kallan
Evelyn Kaplan
Beatrice Kosseff
Marie Mange
Dana Stephen Nirenstein
Aaron Parker
Isadore Rosenstein
Alex J-C Shulman

June 30

Dr. Irving Fox
Jack Ginsburg
Sarah Hytone
Israel Lazev
Oscar Panikoff
P. Joseph Reinhard
Diana Rosenthal
Joseph Vail
Margarite Vinick



Social Action

SOCIAL ACTION

With the departure of Gary Freeman as co-chair of the Social Action Committee, Social Action at Temple Emanu-El is going through a period of transition. But first, good travels and good luck, Gary (and of course Iris too). We miss you already.

The Social Action Committee remains vibrant and involved in many ways in the community. What is needed is a better focus and a coordination of our efforts. For that purpose, there will be one more scheduled meeting before the summer arrives. I am tentatively setting Sunday, June 18 at 10 a.m. as the date and time for that meeting. Please join us if you can and I will let everyone know when a firm date is set.

After making the first Mitzvah Day project as the Walk to End Homelessness, the committee needs to decide on an appropriate second Mitzvah Day project for some time in the fall. Please come to our next meeting with any ideas that might work.

As for our ongoing projects, Start Fresh, which makes new lives and new homes possible for refugee families in Eastern Connecticut, continues moving forward in a somewhat adverse political climate. Three families are now mostly settled and Start Fresh is looking to bring a fourth family to our area. At least four temple members are working with Start Fresh. They meet every Thursday at the Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Waterford from 5:30 to 6:30 and are presently conducting orientation sessions. Now would be a good time to get involved. In this regard, Karen Bloustine writes: Start Fresh expects to welcome a new Syrian refugee family to this area in the very near future. Temple Emanu-El is expecting to be involved by providing food to stock the family's shelves, refrigerator and freezer. Rabbi Ekstrand will coordinate this effort and he should be contacted by members. Becoming involved is a mitzvah no matter what form it takes.

The Sunday Habitat Builds are well into their second decade. We presently do our Builds in conjunction with Beth-El and between the two congregations we have always met our quota for the Builds. A developing concern, though, for the Emanu-El contingent is that we have recently lost a number of our regular Build volunteers, and it has now become imperative that we get new volunteers for Habitat from our Congregation. Anyone interested should feel free to join us. If you are, please contact Marty Zeldis. You do not need either building experience or building skills. Our next monthly Habitat Build is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, June 11. Over the years we've worked on over 50 homes and it is always a joy to see a house come together as a home for families that would not normally be able to have their own home.

Our work at the New London Meals Center project is also well into its second decade. Under the leadership of Hali Keeler, the Temple provides all aspects of the dinner meal to

people who come to the Meals Center. The Temple does this normally on the third Tuesday of each month. If interested in volunteering contact Hali Keeler. In June we should be at the Meals Center on June 20.

With limited members, the Social Action Committee continues to try to get involved in many other projects. Please consider joining us as we consider our abilities and limitations when doing social action mitzvahs both in the Jewish community and the community at large. Along the lines of helping in general, we need to revamp our Mitzvah Corps so it can effectively help for emergency needs in the Emanu-El family. Our next meeting is tentatively set for June 18.

Marty Zeldis,

Chair, Social Action Committee

ztr8n@aol.com

Mazel Tov to . . .

CAREN AND BOB LINDEN
on the birth of their grandson.

CHARLES "CHARLIE"
LINDEN CONSTANTINE
was born Friday, April 28 in
LA. His parents are
BETH LINDEN AND
KEVIN CONSTANTINE and
big brother, OLLIE.

Condolences to . . .

To JOHN MURPHY on the
death of his mother,
MARY LOUISE MURPHY

To RANDI MARGOLIS, ROBIN
SILSBY AND JOHN SILSBY
on the death of Randi and
Robin's step-mother,
ARLENE MARGOLIS



Donations (Make checks payable to Temple Emanu-El and remit to PO Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385)

Aaron and Pearl Parker Religious School Fund

Charlotte and Larry Freeman
--- in memory of Helen Atkind

Cantor's Fund

Alvin and Irma Flitt
--- in loving memory of Minnie Flitt on her yahrzeit
Michelle and Harvey Snitkin
--- in honor of Ethel Chatkin

Craig Blumsack Fund

Paul and Rosalyn Kline
--- in loving memory of Max Kline on his yahrzeit
--- in memory of Craig Blumsack on his yahrzeit

Essential Services Fund

Barbara Kil
--- in loving memory of Mira Kil on her yahrzeit
Caren and Bob Linden and Family
--- in loving memory of Irene Fox on her yahrzeit
Gail and Steve Weber
--- in loving memory of Elias Altman on his yahrzeit
--- in memory of Jennifer Rock's father, William Mandelbaum
--- in memory of Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg's cousin
--- in honor of Iris Freeman receiving the Howard Ilson Award
--- in honor of Nathaniel Rowe receiving the Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikun Olam Award
--- in honor of David Hausmann receiving the Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikun Olam Award
Jane and Chic Weinberg
--- in loving memory of David Rifkin on his yahrzeit
Jay and Patricia Hans
--- in memory of Mary Louise Murphy
--- in honor of John Murphy's outstanding tenure as V.P. of Fundraising
Jo Michaelson
--- in loving memory of Helen Michaelson on her yahrzeit
Karen Dinsfriend
--- in honor of Iris Freeman receiving the Howard Ilson Award
Marvin and Jane Schnur
--- in memory of Mary Louise Murphy
Paula Garnica
--- in loving memory of James Shleffar on his yahrzeit
Bob and Caren Linden
--- in memory of Mary Louise Murphy
Bob and Caren Linden
--- in honor of Iris Freeman receiving the Howard Ilson Award

Isaaca Siegel Landscaping Fund

Karen Dinsfriend
Barry and Cecile Feldman
--- in celebration of the birth of Charles Linden Constantine
--- in memory of Mary Louise Murphy
Merrill and Jody Katz
--- in honor of Jamie Katz Court's birthday
--- in honor of Renee' Kobe's birthday
--- in honor of Mark Katz's birthday
--- in honor of Merrill Katz's birthday
--- in honor of Jamie and Barnaby Court's anniversary

Lothar Knobel Library Fund

Jody Katz
Roz Etra
Marvin and Jane Schnur
--- in loving memory of Eleanor Samuels Schnur on her yahrzeit

Mitzvah Fund

Alicia Bauer
Jonathan Rowe
Pfizer Foundation Volunteer Program
Edith Ziegler
--- in loving memory of Helen Rosenholtz on her yahrzeit
Ethel Chatkin
--- in memory of Kathy Ingram, sister-in-law of Joanne Pederson
Hali and Gerry Keeler
--- in loving memory of Frank Kelco on his yahrzeit
--- in loving memory of Barbara Kelco on her yahrzeit
--- in honor of Iris Freeman receiving the Howard Ilson Award
--- in honor of Rabbi Polly Berg's ordination
--- in loving memory of Beverly Keeler on her yahrzeit

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Gay Clarkson
--- in loving memory of Carlyn Censer on her yahrzeit
Judi Glickstein
--- in honor of Michael Roseman and Crystal's upcoming wedding
Richard and Myra Gipstein
--- in memory of Fuzzy Gipstein

Ruth Joan Brody Religious School Fund

Leslie Spees and family
--- in loving memory of Howard Segool on his Yahrzeit
Martin Yavener
--- in memory of David Insler



Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
29 Dayton Road (Mail registration to: P.O. Box 288)
Waterford, CT 06385
(860) 443-3005

FULL DAY MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 12th, 2017 9:00 AM– 4:30 PM

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

Our fun day includes:

- Continental Breakfast and Lunch
- Lots of mah jongg - 6 rounds
- Cash prizes for top scores



Tournament play is based on a 15 minute game, using the NMJL card. We will also offer novice tables for players who want a more relaxed game. This is the perfect opportunity to experience a tournament with no pressure but all the fun.

Cost: \$35 per person – includes everything above!

To register: Mail tear-off below with \$35 check to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.
Deadline: Thurs., June 8th, 2017. Register early to ensure a spot! No refunds.

PRE-PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AND AVOID LINES AT THE DOOR!!

Prizes include a beautiful Mah Jongg Set. Just add payment to your registration check and tickets will be preprinted and waiting for you. **\$5** for one ticket; **\$10** for three tickets.

For more information contact Iris at ifreegang@aol.com or 860-460-3081.

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Mah Jongg Tournament - June 12— full day

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Check any that apply:

_____ I can bring a Mah Jongg set and be East (everyone records their own scores)

_____ Seat me at Novice/Relaxed table only (longer than 15 min./game)

_____ I am including payment for ___ Raffle ticket(s)

***Interfaith Food Locker of
Waterford needs your help!!!***

***Want to feel good? Be a volunteer for the
Interfaith Food Locker of Waterford. If you
have possible interest, contact Stu Sharack
at 860 442-6914 for details.***

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 determining if Nar-Anon is right for you, contact Rabbi Ekstrand.



**OUTDOOR SHABBAT SERVICE AND
BARBECUE
WITH YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY**

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017

Shabbat Service – 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Barbecue – 7:00 p.m.

The Religious Practices Committee invites you and your entire family to partake of our **tenth** annual Shabbat Service and Barbecue. Come share an outdoor service and experience the spirituality of Shabbat combined with the beauty of nature and a summer evening. Services will be led by Rabbi Marc Ekstrand.

Enjoy a delicious Shabbat Barbecue – chicken, hot dogs, veggie burgers, hamburgers, a variety of salads, corn on the cob, fruit, cookies and beverage.

**I/We would like to attend the 10th Annual Shabbat Barbecue on July 14
RSVP by Monday, July 10 with payment**

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

\$16.00/per adult \$10.00/children under 12

Number of Adults _____, Number of Children _____

Number of Vegetarian/Vegan Meals _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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*Please consider making a donation to the event
if you cannot attend, by going to*

<https://ccfacocktailsforacause17ct.auction-bid.org/microsite/donate>

Cocktails for a Cause

When: Saturday, June 10, 2017 | 6pm-10pm

Where: Langley's Restaurant, 28 Lamphere Road, Waterford, CT 06385

Ticket Price: \$120

Table Price (10 seats): \$1,100

Cocktail Attire

RSVP by June 3, 2017

Cocktails for a Cause is a fundraising event to jointly benefit the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation and Temple Emanu-El of Waterford.



The event will include top shelf open bar, plated dinner, auction, entertainment and speaking program.

Dinner entree must be chosen at the time of ticket purchase.

Guests have a choice of broiled salmon, filet mignon, chicken marsala or pasta with fresh vegetables.

Proceeds of the event will equally benefit both the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation and Temple Emanu-El.

You can purchase tickets by visiting <http://online.ccf.org/CocktailsforaCause2017> or sending a check made out to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation - CT Chapter, PO Box 303, Middletown, CT 06457.

Thank you to our Event Committee!

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Roberta Reisner-Winograd

About the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation: Please visit the about us page for more information. For more information about the Connecticut Chapter and our local events and programs.

About Temple Emanu-El: The mission of this Reform Jewish Congregation in Southeastern Connecticut is to build a vibrant community through Reform Judaism. For more than 50 years, Temple Emanu-El has been providing aid to people in need in the greater Southeastern Connecticut region and beyond. Over the last ten years, volunteers from Temple Emanu-El have been working to support treatments and cures for serious diseases. For more information about Temple Emanu-El.

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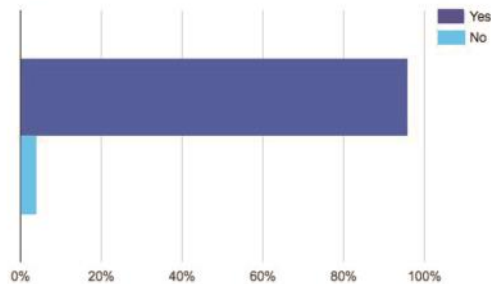
Have questions regarding the event? Contact Whitney Abel at wabel@ccfa.org or (860) 759-0232.

And the Survey Says...

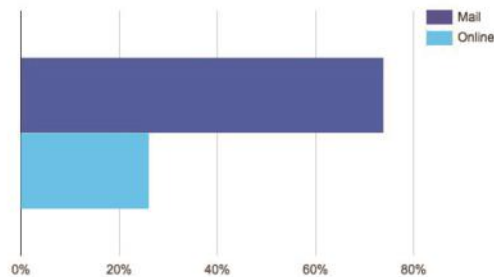
Thank you to all who participated in the Temple Emanu-El Communication Survey. We had **148 responses**, primarily through the Survey Monkey version distributed through email, with some responses sent in using the form in the Temple Bulletin.

We were happy to find that **96%** of you read the Temple Bulletin! We now know it is a meaningful and effective way of relaying information.

Do you read the Temple Bulletin?



Do you prefer to receive the Temple Bulletin by mail or online?



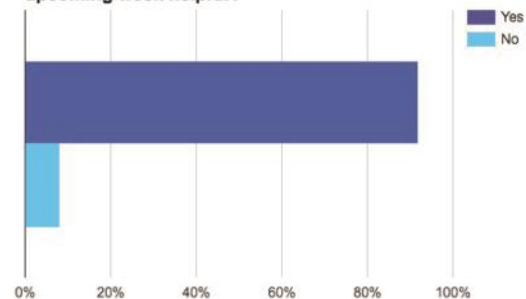
The preference for monthly communication from the Temple was split almost **50/50** between email and the Temple Bulletin. While we would like to save ink and paper, if we mail the Bulletin only to those who prefer to receive it this way, we run the risk of losing our bulk mailing savings. Depending on the quantity mailed, we could pay a higher first class mailing rate. We are looking into it, but now you know why the Temple Bulletin might still arrive in your mailbox.

For weekly or short notice communication, **85%** chose email as their preferred method! 10% indicated text, so we will look into an option like Remind, that gives people the option to subscribe if they would like to receive text alerts.

While 1/3 of the responders did check the calendar and event postings on the Temple website, 2/3 of the responders did not. We are in the process of redesigning and updating our website, and hope that now more of our congregants are aware of this option and will use the website for updates and information.

As for weekly emails from Temple Emanu-El on what is happening in the upcoming week, **92%** said this is helpful! We are glad people like this method of communication, and will continue to send these emails.

Do you find the weekly emails from Temple Emanu-El on what is happening in the upcoming week helpful?



64% of you said you would join the Temple Emanu-El Facebook page! We will work towards keeping it updated and hope more people will check it out!

As for the Temple Board of Trustees calling for holidays and reminders, a little over 1/3 of the responders said they do appreciate the calls, while close to 2/3 of the survey takers responded no to this question. Based on these responses, we plan to discontinue these calls.

We found that **78%** of responders read the Jewish Leader, so know that this is a good way for our congregation to know what is happening within our community and beyond.

Again, thank you to those who responded to the survey, giving us important information on the best methods of communication within our congregation. I would also like to thank those on the Communication Committee, as well as Sean Bendick, Jonathan Rowe and Roberta Winograd for their assistance with producing and compiling this survey.


Sue Fornara
Temple Emanu-El Communications Chair




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June & July Calendar of Events

Thur.	June 1	6:00 PM	Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner at Janine Sitko's home
Fri.	June 2	5:30 PM	Tot Shabbat
		6:00 PM	Multi-Generational Shabbat Dinner For those who made reservations
		7:00 PM	Multi-Generational Shabbat Evening Service
Sun.	June 4	10:00 AM	Annual Meeting — Breakfast served free compliments of the Brotherhood
Fri.	June 9	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Sat.	June 10	6:00 PM	Cocktails for a Cause—Raise funds for Temple Emanu-El and Crohn's & Colitis Foundation (see flyer)
Mon.	June 12	8:30 AM	Mah Jongg Tournament
Wed.	June 14	12:00 PM	Food for Thought with Rabb Marc
Sat.	June 17	8:45 PM	Havdalah at The Mystic Green followed by Mystic Drawbridge Ice Cream
Fri.	June 16	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service—Temple Emanu-El Band will be participating
Fri.	June 23	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Fri.	June 30	7:30 PM	Shabbat Evening Service—Temple Emanu-El Choir will be participating
Every Thursday		7:30 PM	There are Nar Anon Meetings being held at Temple Emanu-El every Thursday starting at 7:30 P.M.
Fri.	July 7	7:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Wed.	July 12	7:30 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri.	July 14	6:00 PM	Outdoor Service
		7:00 PM	Shabbat Barbecue (see flyer)
Fri.	July 21	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service
Sat.	July 22	8:00 PM	Dessert and Havdalah at Steve and Gail Weber's home, please RSVP to the Temple Office
Fri.	July 28	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service
Every Thursday		7:30 PM	There are Nar Anon Meetings being held at Temple Emanu-El every Thursday starting at 7:30 P.M.

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