

# Bulletin

### OCTOBER 2017 TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5778



# Rabbi Marc's Message

For the past month or so, we have been wishing each other, I'shana tova. I shall not comment on the grammatical issues with this greeting. You can refer to any number of niggling articles pointing to this

imperfect colloquial shortening of some longer greetings such as I'shanah tovah tikatevu v'teichateimu, may you be written and sealed [in the book of life]. Or if you are not disposed to the personification implied, maybe you might like I'shanah tovah u'mitukah, for a good and sweet year. But perhaps good and sweet is not enough and you might want to add instead of 'sweet', 'health' by appending u'briah. Either way you do it, the short way, the long way, it's nice to have blessings of hope for the coming year.

One might wonder when to start giving such blessings. Some say as early as nearly two months ago on tu b'Av, the fifteenth of the Hebrew month of Av. This date has become something of a Jewish Valentine's day. More importantly, it is associated with the beginning of the preparation for the coming Yom Kippur, for it is the day that the generation that was destined to die in the wilderness, the matei midbar, ceased dying and then God began speaking to Moses once again. From here on, the preparations for the entry into the promised land begin.

I welcome blessings for a good, sweet, healthy new year. I can use as much goodness, sweetness, and health as I can get. However, when I give the blessing myself, I do always hesitate – even more so when in front of the congregation or some public event. My hesitation is because I am all to aware of the words contained in the untaneh tokef prayer. 'On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on the fast of Yom Kippur it is sealed...who will be born into this world and who will die...' This followed by a litany of ways in which we might suffer or pass from this world.

The fact is that despite our blessings and hopes, and even our actions to try to make the coming year a good one for the people in our community, there are some who are necessarily looking forward to a tough year. Among these are mourners who will have to endure a year of firsts without their loved ones – the first Thanksgiving, the first Chanukah, the first Pesach sedar with one less place setting, the first anniversary alone, or a birthday with no need to make or buy a card or seek that special little unique gift. All of those bitter firsts. There are also those who may spend the year suffering while battling some type of cancer, Crohn's disease, depression, or addictions. It will be a year of struggle for them. And, most tragically, there are those who will loose their battle.

All of this passes through my mind as I say I'shana tovah mitukah u'briah, and my heart rises and sinks simultaneously because I know there will be great joy in the year to come, great hope, tremendous sadness and pain and hurt. But, what can we do – we who are the hopeful, and we who are the sufferers? We can be in community, be in relationship, have compassion, sympathy, and if possible empathy. God lives in the spaces between us. When we celebrate together, worship together, work together for the betterment of our communities, strive for justice together, grieve together, mourn together, and comfort one another, God is in that space between us. So whatever awaits us in the coming year, I want to be there with you, and I hope you'll be there with me. It's a little past the New Year but continually wishing you, I'shana tovah mitukah u'briah.

### Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

Trivia Question: Born in New York City, her career began in 1961 when she won a New York talent contest. In 1962 she made her Broadway debut, in 1964 her movie debut, and in 1968 she won an Oscar.

Who was she?

Answer on inside page.

## President's Message



Wow... talk about writer's block. It's already the 18<sup>th</sup> and I'm just getting to business writing this month's message. Really, I've spent most of my prep time getting ready for my Rosh Hashanah speech. I heard that it was great:-)

For inspiration this month, I took a look at my article from this time last year, and thought that I'd look

at highlights from 1978 and see how they might echo for us favorably in 5778.

As Jews, the signing of the Camp David Accords in 1978 was certainly a highlight. We're certainly on better terms with our friends at Beth El, but here's hoping that we start 5778 with a rental agreement with them.

In May 1978, a bomb exploded at Northwestern University. Sadly, this was the first Unabomber attack. Let's resolve in 5778 to shun hate and violence in our political discord in favor of understanding and respect.

1978 saw the Midwest, Middle Atlantic, and New England buried by snow. Well... we can live without another Blizzard of '78, I suppose.

In 1978, three American balloonists made the first crossing of the Atlantic by hot-air balloon in Double Eagle II. Perhaps in 5778 our families will cross the Atlantic with Rabbi Ekstrand on the mission to Israel that he is planning.

So, another year is upon us at Temple Emanu-El. I'm looking forward to a year of joy, excitement, and new possibilities. Please join us at the Temple, and we can enjoy the new year together.

## **Social Action**

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe, and fruitful 5778 filled with Mitzvahs.

As we begin the New Year, the Social Action Committee is planning a Mini-Mitzvah Day to be held on October 29. The theme of this year's Mitzvah Day will be "Cleaning Up and Moving On." In this respect, we will be cleaning up the Temple, the grounds and the surrounding area. Perhaps we can also do a little bit of beautification. In addition, we will also be assisting Beth-El congregants as they move from their historic home in early November. Finally, if we get enough Mitzvah Day Volunteers and a manageable project, we will do some work on the Jewish Federation Building in New London. All these plans, call them dreams if you will, are dependent on lots of volunteers and decent weather. Everyone is welcome and as the day draws closer, we will be more specific about our plans. If you are on the fence about whether to join us, JUST DO IT. It will be both fun and rewarding.

## Notes from Sherry Barnes



As I write this, we are in the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Looking to a new year, a clean slate, a new beginning. How can I make my life more "G'd-like"? It's funny, when you are young and time means nothing, you live life to its fullest, no worries, no stress. I mean young like being a child. I used to go outside from morning until evening to play

with friends. To imagine dragons, castles, princes and princess. I used to lie in the grass and look up at the clouds and watch them change into different shapes, and always felt close to G'd. Maybe it's because I did spend so much time outdoors. Now that I'm older, I still feel close to G'd, but I don't spend as much time outdoors enjoying the clouds or sunsets, or day dreaming, or living life to its fullest. So this year, I would like to make that a priority. To spend more time outdoors, time with friends, time with family, time reflecting on how each person is made in the image of G'd, time remembering to let go of worries and stress, counting blessings, time allowing myself to live life to its fullest. We are only here for such short time. It's funny when you are older and time seems fleeting. How do I make my life more "G'd-like"? By living it!

Just a few things on the horizon. I hope you will join us on Sukkot evening starting with a potluck dinner and then Sukkot morning for a potluck lunch in the Sukkah! Come sing with the band and dance with the Torah on Simchat Torah!

Thank you so much to the Temple Emanu-El Choir for all the time they volunteered to enhance our High Holy Day worship. Thank you to Harvey Snitkin for playing flute, Leslie Merwin at the organ, and Kaitlyn Bendick on Shofar. We are so grateful for your musical talents! Many thanks to those who chanted Torah, Haftarah, and blessings. Todah Rabah!

### B'shir, **Sherry**

Social Action at the Temple has had an historic need/desire to attract younger people. In regard to getting to that goal, we are preparing a survey of volunteer programs/projects/ agencies in this area hoping to make such volunteer opportunities more accessible for the congregation be they young folk, middle folk or not-so-young folk. When completed, the survey will be given wide distribution. We are also hopeful to work with the B'nai Mitzvah class to give them the maximum number of possibilities to consider for their Mitzvah projects.

Through all this our Core Projects; Community Meals in New London; Start Fresh working with refugee families; and Habitat Sunday Builds (we can always use new volunteers and our next Sunday Build is October 8) all are functioning very well

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MINI-MITZVAH DAY ON OCT 29.

## **Adult Continuing Education**

### Adult Talmud Study — Sundays at 11:00 AM

Adult Talmud Study with Barry Feldman meets on Sundays at 11:00 A.M. in the Temple sanctuary. This is open to everyone. If you have any questions, you may contact Barry at (860) 739-0474.

### **Beginning Hebrew**

Starting in November, on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 Adult Beginning Hebrew will be taught by Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes. Please contact the Temple if you are interested in attending.

### Food For Thought — Wed., Oct. 11

Food for Thought will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next date is October 11. Rabbi Marc Ekstrand will be leading the Food for Thought discussion group from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Temple social hall.



## Preschool

Preschool begins on October 8, 2017, at 10:30 A.M.

Monica Goldstein is the teacher. The program includes music with Cantorial Soloist Sherry

Barnes, and special programing for holidays with K-2.

**Additional dates for 2017-2018:** Oct. 22, Nov. 5 and 19, Dec. 3 and 17, Jan. 14 and 28, Feb. 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, April 8 and 29, May 6 and 13.

If you are interested in signing your child up for class, please contact the office at 860-443-3005.

## Religious School 860-439-0406



We are happy to report that Temple Emanu-El Religious School is off to a very good start. We have all

adjusted to our new classrooms and to having another group sharing our space. We'd like to thank everyone who helped to make the transition an easy one for our staff and students alike. We are happy to report that we see lots of smiling faces in the classrooms and at our special programs.

### Staff update

After our September bulletin went to print, we hired a couple of new Religious School teachers. Rebecca Reinhard is now our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Hebrew teacher on Sunday and Wednesday, and Jake Reinhard has taken over the second hour of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We'd also like to welcome back Jennifer Zettler who is our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Judaics teacher and will teach the first hour of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Snack options**

By now everyone should have chosen their snack option for the year. We have noticed that some of our younger students who have chosen whole bagels as an option are having a hard time finishing them in the 15 minutes that we allow for snack. If the teachers notice that this is an ongoing problem with some students, we might approach you for permission to change a whole bagel to a half (they are rather large). Also, we ask that if your child expresses the desire to change a snack option, speak to Marc or Barbara and we'll take care of it. We don't want children to go into class on Sunday and say "My mom says I can have cookies instead of bagel." The teachers have been instructed to tell the children to ask Mom or Dad to tell us. Thanks

### Tzedakah - alive and giving

We have begun a new ritual for collecting our weekly Tzedakah. At our "Boker Tov" assembly on Sunday mornings, one of our Faculty Assistants carries around our Tzedakah container and the children have an opportunity to contribute what they have brought with them. It was decided that the first month of Tzedakah would be donated to one of the funds collecting to help the survivors of "Harvey and Irma." Along with that, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has decided to hold a fundraiser to also collect money for that fund. They are going to be conducting a basket raffle. They have asked the students in grades 3-8 to pick themes and make a basket centered on that theme. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be selling raffle tickets and the drawing will take place in early November. The money raised will be donated along with our Tzedakah collected to a special fund to help those victims who have suffered so much damage in the past month. Please help to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade project as well as have the children contribute generously to Tzedakah.

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### Celebrating holidays with family and friends

October is another holiday month. There is no Religious School on October 1 as it is the day after Yom Kippur.

October 4, Erev Sukkot, we will have midweek Hebrew as usual and it will be followed immediately by our Sukkot Potluck Supper and service. This is a perfect opportunity for our families to get together, share dinner, help decorate the Sukkah and attend the service. We hope your family will all take that opportunity to spend the evening here at the Temple. Children will have been making decorations in class to hang on the Sukkah and there will also be an opportunity to make more while dinner is winding down. Please check the information about what is needed for the Potluck supper. We hope to see a great turnout for this evening.

Wednesday, October 11, is Simchat Torah. There isn't any Midweek Hebrew that afternoon and we hope that everyone will attend our Simchat Torah Service. This is when we march around and dance with the Torahs, and we welcome the youngest members of Religious School as they begin their Jewish education. The Consecration will begin at 6:00 PM.

We'd like to extend a hearty mazel tov to our consecrants and their families: **Kindergarten:** Emma Arruda, Autumn Hicks, Gavin Holwitt, Sam Selkie, Noga Zeevi, 1<sup>st</sup> **grade:** Olivia Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Grade:** Veronica (Vee) Sherman. We know this will be just the beginning of wonderful memories as members of Temple Emanu-El Religious School.

### Parent help in classrooms

We have checked our registration forms and are compiling a list of the many parents who have offered to be room parents during the year. This is being done in response to those who filled out the survey last year and said they'd like to help but had not been contacted. This list has been given to the teachers and they will be contacting you for help with the variety of events and activities that are held during the year. If you should receive a call and are unavailable for a specific event, please indicate that to the caller so that they will contact you for something in the future.

### Using "Remind" app

In addition, in response to another survey question, we are going to be using the "Remind app." this year, to make necessary school announcements. This is not going to replace our notices going home about most events; however, in the event of an unexpected school cancellation because of weather, or a special event reminder, we will send this message to your phone. You must join this app. for you to receive it. We have sent home notices with directions on how to join. So, if you are interested, please take a moment to

check it out. For those of you who do not choose to join, we will still have a message on our Religious School phone, 860 -439-0406, for any important information or changes in schedule. What we will probably eliminate will be the TV and radio weather alerts. If you have any questions about this App., please contact Sue Fornara or her son Trevor who helped us set this up.

### Young Emissaries introduce themselves

Our Israeli Emissaries Sivan and Ziv have begun to do programs with our students in Pre-K to Grade 2 as well as working with grades 3-8 with some of our 10:30 special programs. They will be touching on many different topics trying to help us expand our knowledge of Israel and also increasing our ability to use Hebrew as a spoken language. In addition, they will be helping individual students as needed, mostly as part of our midweek program. Very shortly the emissaries will be visiting the upper grades individually and working on special programs with them.

### Book Fair is back - we need your help

Great news!! Our Book Fair is coming!! Please mark your calendar for November 1, 5, and 8 for our Book Fair during Religious School hours. The books will be arriving on Monday, Oct. 30. Thea Johnson, our Book Fair Chairperson, will need help setting this up. We will be using a different location in the building. It will be challenging to maximize the space to display as much as possible. Please contact Thea to see when you can help her. Her cell # is 860-235-0963 and her e-mail is <a href="mailto:theakj@att.net">theakj@att.net</a>. She will also need help during the Fair as well as on the evening of Wed., Nov.8, when we must break it down and prepare for the company to pick the books up on Thurs., Nov. 9. Thank You.

### Religious school bulletin board

We hope you take the opportunity to check out our Religious School Bulletin Board in the Atrium. We will try and keep it current with student work as well as important school notices. We'd like to thank Sarah Straus for taking the beautiful picture of our Religious School students last spring. She so generously donated a copy which we have put on the Bulletin Board. This month Terri Goldsmith's class made some New Year signs which are just beautiful. Check them out!

As always, we welcome your input. If you have any questions or concerns about the Religious School, please don't hesitate to call or stop by. Our Religious School office is always open.

### Marc Goldsmith & Barbara Kallan

Co-Administrators

### Sisterhood

### Janine Sitko, President / janinesitko@gmail.com

### **Membership Kick-Off Event!**

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood Invites

## YOU to our MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF EVENT! JOIN US FOR DINNER & DESSERT

Tuesday, October 24, at 6 P.M.
at the home of Merrill Mazzella
5 Gada Road • Niantic, CT

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood welcomes all women
of Southeastern Connecticut for membership.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 18, to Janine
at 860-739-9488 or janinesitko@gmail.com.
Yearly membership cost is \$36.

## There is no cost for the dinner. Save the dates!

Movie Night: Wednesday, November 15 • Niantic Cinema

Approximately 6 P.M. • Movie TBD

**Dinner Club:** Thursday, November 30 • 6:30 P.M. • Location

TBD

### Do you need a ride to attend a Sisterhood event?

If you do, please e-mail Merrill at <a href="mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net">mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net</a>.

### **Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop**

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop is open for regular hours on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 12. We are proud of being the exclusive full-service Judaica Shop in our area. Come browse our extensive collection of Judaic items and jewelry. We often beat Internet pricing and never collect sales tax or shipping costs.

Special hours can be arranged by contacting <u>tewater-fordgiftshop@gmail.com</u> or 860-625-6618.

**Mark your calendar** – our popular **Hanukkah Fair** is scheduled for **December 3.** 

### Mah Jongg Tournament another success!

Thanks to all the many folks who helped to make the Sep-



tember Mah Jongg Tournament so successful!

Despite being a few days before Rosh Hashanah, we had a full house with 90 players, coming from as far as New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island,

as well as all corners of Connecticut. In addition, a third were people who hadn't been at our June tournament, when we set a record with 115 attendees.

We couldn't do this without a team effort. With a well-run kitchen orchestrated by Robbin Alpert (I could swear she had military training she is keeping secret), registration and computer operation by Shelley Arenson, and raffle design and oversight by Barbara Garry, all the moving parts came together.

Thank you to those who donated their time and raffle items. This list includes: the "Karen trio" of Karen Rosenberg, Caren Linden, and Karen Bloustine, Merrill Mazzella, Susan Hausmann, Hali Keeler, Norma Hollandersky, Armi Rowe, Janine Sitko, Shelley Weiss, Lesley Ginsburg, Kim Fischburg, and Brian Alpert.

Thanks,

### Iris Freeman

### Watch for 2018 Mah Jongg Cards going on sale soon.

2018 Mah Jongg Cards will be on sale shortly. I haven't gotten the new prices yet, but please remember to order through us when you get notice that NMJL has begun sales.

Iris Freeman, Ifreegang@aol.com

### **Brotherhood**

### Jonathan Rowe, President / bioconsultants@yahoo.com

Hello All. November continues the Brotherhood's tradition of free bagels and coffee on Sundays from 9:30am-12pm when religious school meets. There's no more grass to mow, and leaving the leaves on the ground makes for good mulch. So, no excuses. You can even have seconds.

Last June Temple Emanu-El held a successful fundraiser with the CT Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. In continuing that partnership, the CCFA will be using Temple Emanu-El's building to host an educational event on **Tues**  day, November 14 from 6:30-8:30pm.

If you, or a friend or family member suffer from Crohn's or Colitis, or even if you are curious to know more about the diseases, please join us. It is free to the public.



On **Sunday, December 17 from 5-8pm** our annual **Latke Dinner and Travel Raffle** will be held. It's the best latke party...well, anywhere. Please contact me if you can help set up.

## Putting Up the Sukkah

For Sukkot, we will need volunteers to put up and take down the Sukkah. Help build the Sukkah on **Sunday, October 1, at 10:00 A.M**. Please contact Jonathan Rowe at Bioconsultants@yahoo.com or 860-501-3231 for further details.

## **Sukkot Pot Luck Dinner and Pot Luck Oneg**

Please join us for the Temple Sukkot Celebration on **Wednesday, October 4, at 5:45 P.M.** We will decorate the Sukkah, share dinner, and enjoy the Sukkot worship service. For decorating, please bring any dry corn stalks, pasta with holes, vegetables, popcorn, colored construction paper and string that you have.

The pot luck dinner will begin at 5:45 P.M. If your name begins with A-M, please bring a main course. If it begins with N-Z, please bring a side dish or salad. Everyone is asked to bring something to share for dessert as well.

There will be a charge of \$3 per person or \$5 per family. The Sukkot Service will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The Sukkot Morning Service is on Thursday, October 5, at 10:30 A.M., followed by a potluck lunch in the Sukkah.

### **Simchat Torah**

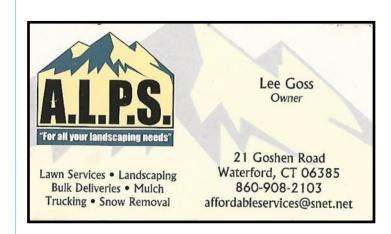
After the solemn high holidays, participate in a truly joyful celebration. If you haven't been to our Simchat Torah service, "You ain't seen nothin' yet." Come join us at **6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 11, in the celebration of the Joy of Torah** as we acknowledge our youngest congregants as they mark the beginning of their Jewish education in a Consecration Service, and we complete the yearly cycle of Torah reading and begin again.

Light refreshments and dancing will be offered.

Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor Service is Thursday, October 12, at 10:30 A.M.

### **Building and Grounds**

- 1)A huge thank-you to all the people who came out to assist with our big cleanout and moving the furniture to the storage container. In the end, we had 40 people who volunteered to do the work. Again, thank you.
- 2)The Brotherhood will be at the Temple on Saturday, October 7, and Sunday, October 8, to work on the "Honey to-do list." There are light fixtures that need updating, faucets that are leaking, gutter cleaning and then some. Please bring your tools and ladders.
- 3) Potluck BBQ luncheon Saturday, October 7. After the projects are completed on Saturday, we are planning a potluck lunch. You bring it; we will cook it! Yum!
- 4) Special thank-you to Lee Goss of Affordable Lawn Services. At no cost to the Temple, Lee assisted with the land preparation for the storage container. If you are need of any landscaping, call Lee.



## Bar Mitzvah — Zachary O'Brien — Saturday, October 14



Zachary Conor O'Brien will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 10:30 A.M. at Temple Emanu-El. He will assist Rabbi Marc Ekstrand, and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes in leading the service as well as chanting both Torah and Haftorah.

Zachary is the son of Michael and Rachel O'Brien. He attends

East Lyme Middle School where for the past 3 trimesters he has achieved "Faculty Commendation," the highest academic honor awarded. Zachary has many admirable qualities. Aside from being an attentive and nurturing "big" brother and role model to his younger sister Mikayla, he is a gifted pianist. Playing since he was 7 years old, his determination and hard work is evident every year at the New London Piano Festival where he continually receives perfect scores on his solo performances.

### Mazel Tov to...

Lois and Steve Panikoff
on the birth of their grandchild
Eliana Ariele Panikoff, daughter of
Jonathan and Jessica Panikoff

Zachary likes to play soccer and basketball, enjoys drawing, and is an avid reader. This year Zachary is excited to be joining the Eastern Regional Choir and he hopes to be a part of the East Lyme High School Track Team next year.

Zachary is a sensitive and compassionate young man and has made room in his very busy academic and extracurricular calendar to assist at the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantry in Old Saybrook on Tuesday afternoons.

Currently, he has taken his love for baking and joined up with Ziv Lavi, Young Emissary, who his family is hosting, and selling baked goods in the Temple's atrium every Sunday after religious school in order to help raise funds for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantry.

He prides himself on being "available" when a friend is in need and is always ready to lend support or advice. The joy and laughter he brings to his friends and family is immeasurable.

### Condolences to...

**The Leader Family** on the death of Edna (Roz) Leader

Anne and Louis Kronisch on the death of Anne's mother, Bernice Moeller

Marcia and Michael Reinhard on the death of Marcia's Uncles, Rabbi Chaim Feuerman and Michael Manson.

### Mazel Tov to David Kohanski as He Makes the Mark



**2** avid Kohanski '20 competed in the Nutmeg Games last June for marksmanship. He was awarded two bronze medals for his skills in the Men's 10 Meter Air Rifle and 3 Position 50 Yard competitions, and he finished with a silver medal for the 50 Yard, 50 Meter, and 100 Yard Prone competition.

He also participated in the Junior Olympic Regional Championships in January, and hopes to make it out to Colorado Springs to participate nationally at the Olympic Training Center. "I'd like to eventually make it to the Olympics, but Colorado Springs is first," he said.

David comes from a military family and a long line of marksmen, including his father, uncle, and both grandfathers.

"Not a lot of people realize it's actually a sport," he shared, and then explained a little about how he prepares before

competing. "You have to sit down and slow your heart rate down and just think about your targets. Get on all your gear, get your ammo block set up, then get your sights set and go for a record."

## **October Birthdays**

Deborah Abcug Marla Renee Barnett Jacob Bendick Marcia Brensilver Jean Brown Allyson Carlow Christopher Coleman Norman Cooper Evan Cooper Linda Cordero Karen Dinsfriend Rachel Discko Anne Doyle Adam Engelman Andrew Feldman Alexis Fenton Jo-el Fernandez Dina Fields Matthew Fields

Kenneth Fischburg Kimberly Fischburg Stuart Fishbone Chris Fornara Arthur Fox Aleah Fox Barbara Gierer Samuel Gipstein Paul Goldstein Monica Goldstein Jeffrey Gordon Seymour Hendel Morgan Hicks Leslie Johnson Jennifer Kaplan David Raymond Kaplan Rachel Kayla Kaplan Rick Kaye Mitchell Krasney Alicia Krieger



Jamie Kriger **Gregory Kronisch** Simone Lerner Sheldon H. Levine Barbara Luftglass-Morea Steve Mann Nola Masson Jo Michaelson Caryn Novick Michael O'Brien Rachel O'Brien Nathan Paulson Rebecca Powell Mike Reinhard Roberta Reisner-Winograd

Rebecca Ringer Jared Ringer Katherine Rosen Moira Ross Evan Seeman Sara Seeman Jennifer Segal Anna Seidner Sophia Selke Barbara Senges Haley Sharack Samuel Sher Adam Sheriff Jacoby Shiling Danny Sitko Thomas Smith Sanford Solomon Martin Trehub Laurie Wickson Scott Wolfe

## October **Anniversaries**



Fred and Andrea Fenton Susan and Chris Fornara Lawrence and Susan Goldman Mike and Rebecca Haynes Adam Kaufman and Rebecca Woodward Louis and Anne Kronisch Robin Margolis Silsby and John Silsby Amy and Dan Orce Nathan and Naomi Paulson Joseph Quaratella Jr. and Barbara Quaratella Bradley and Rachel Sherman Joel and Sarah Straus



### October 6

**Betty Bendick** 

David Bialer Eleanor Comforti William Dibner Jeffrey Gleit Stanley Gordon Bill Kosseff Adele Panikoff Sarah Resnick Michael Ronay Sarah Salowitz Russell Smith Margaret Yeomans Warren Miles Weinberg

### October 13

Joel Dinsfriend David Edgar Julia Gejdenson Morris Irwin Donald Martin Kelmar Abraham Levine Sarah Belva Lewis Kate Liebling Harry Linden Phillip McCaffrey

## October Yahrzeits

Luke Moreo Louis Ratner Alexander Rosen Joel Sandy Shapiro Dina Sharack Laurene Stewart **Eleanor Torrest** Samuel Werner

### October 20

Anna Beck Jason Becker **Eugene Frank** Sarah Friedman Shirley Gordon Alex Powell Rosella Rappoport Peter Simpson Francis Wiesniewski Max Yavener

### October 27

Monica Andres **Paul Cantor** David Glazer Evan Scott Goldman Meyer Goodman Samuel Goodman

Elizabeth Greenhalgh Eric Jason Hartman Hilbert Hendel Gussie Kaufman Betty Jean Linden Judy Lupkay Yale Orenstein Ludwig Rubinsky Jon Scheiber J. Julius Schnable Max Seeman Klare Selo Arthur Steckler Beatrice Stein





## **Fundraising**

Our temple's fundraising steering committee met again to review ideas and come up with a plan that takes into consideration items from our last meeting, which was published in the September Bulletin. So here's a summary of where we are:

Now that all of the menu planning, food shopping, cooking, plating, entertaining and finally, dishwashing are done, there is one more very important thing to do...

...to thank all our dear Progressive Dinner Hosts!

### **Appetizer Hosts:**

Fred & Andrea Fenton

Rick & Tammy Kaye

### **Dinner Hosts:**

Stan & Karen Bloustine

Geoff & Susan Hausmann

Mike & Marcia Reinhard

Rabbi Emeritus Aaron Rosenberg & Karen Rosenberg

Scott & Barbara Wolfe

#### **Dessert Hosts:**

Jonathan & Armi Rowe

What an awesome tag team our hosts were for each course on Saturday evening! The Progressive Dinner guests were treated to delicious food, great company, personal connections and the warmth of our community. It was a success because our hosts willingly shared their culinary skills and opened their doors. They proved that the old adage is true -- a way to the heart is through delicious food, but more important, a welcoming environment. Thanks also to all of you who participated in the special event.

## Thank you to all who helped provide an Onegs in September

Sean and Anne Bendick

Nancy and Chris Coleman

Elizabeth and Kevin Masson

Erica and Richard McCaffrey

Steven and Caryn Novick

Rachel and Michael O'Brien

Chris and Jennifer Rock

Armi and Jonathan Rowe

We believe somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,300 was raised.

The Travel Raffle is on and we are planning to increase the number of tickets from 700 to 750. More info to come regarding the seven prizes. Thanks again to John Murphy who has generously agreed to coordinate.

We will likely have two golfing fundraisers: one at Great Neck Country Club, and another one, a "mini-golf" fundraiser most likely at the miniature golf course in Montville right next to the Dinosaur Park. If you have any ideas regarding a group that could pair with us to create a more successful golf tournament, please contact me at scottfwolfe14@gmail.com.

Tom Smith and Edee Smith will coordinate a Bluegrass/Folk band, the Hot Flashes and Mental Pause, slated right now to be held in February or March. More info to come.

A "Trivia Night," suggested by Sue Fornara, might be held this fall. Stay tuned for more.

An effort will be made to solicit The Garde's help in partnering with our temple to create a fun and meaningful fundraising event.

And of course the **annual Cabaret will be held February 3, 2018.** Save the date, and thanks as always to Sherry Barnes and Armi Rowe.

Finally, there have been a lot of questions regarding the future of the auction. It's doubtful that a standalone auction will occur again this year. Janine Sitko and Armi Rowe will be working on an effort to attach an auction with another event.

Stay Tuned! Scott Wolfe, VP, Fundraising



Answer to Trivia Question from page 1

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## Travel Raffle — Tickets on Sale in October

The 2017 Temple Raffle will be drawn on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at annual Brotherhood Hanukah Dinner. Tickets are still only \$25 each. This year we are planning on selling 720 tickets so that we can raise \$18,000 dollars. This is due to our great sponsors for all the prizes listed below.

You can get tickets from the Temple office – 860 443-3005 in addition the will be available from Scott Wolfe, Barry Feldman, Maria Reinhard, Merrill Mazzella, Stu Fishbone, Armi Rowe and John Murphy (860 608-0774 or jem37@atlanticbb.net)

Tickets will be available after Yom Kippur.

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Trip for two to Costa Rica. It includes round trip air, transfers from and to the airport, four nights allinclusive at Riu Guanacaste Hotel.

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- Sound & Light show at the Tower of David
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- 2 nights at Rimonim Eilat or equivalent on b/b

- Transfer from Tel Aviv hotel to Sde Dov airport

including "meet and assist" and hotel to airport - 2 nights at Rimonim Eilat on b/b basis

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- 1 day Petra tour on July 9: Transfer Eilat-Arava border-Eilat/Jordanian English speaking guide border to border/lunch in Petra/1 short horse ride in Petra but excludes the horse boy tips)

Travel insurance Drinks at lunch in Petra

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If you have any questions please let me know.

> John Murphy Travel Raffle Chairman





# SHABBAT Dinner – November 3, 2017

Children and adults of all ages are invited to join us for Shabbat dinner.

### TOT SHABBAT - 5:30 PM SHABBAT DINNER - 6:00 PM SHABBAT SERVICE - 7:00 PM

The Cost of the Dinner: \$18.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child 13 and under. (Thank you to the Bill Bentley Fund for subsidizing the balance of the children's dinners.)

Please RSVP "with payment" by Friday, October 29, for dinner on October 6.				
Name:				
Phone:				
# of Chicken Marsala	#Vegetarian/Vegan			
Total # of Adults x \$18.00 =				
Total # of Children x \$ 5.00 = (Chicken fingers & sweet potato fries)				
Total Enclosed				
Checks should be made payable to:	Temple Emanu-El PO Box 288 Waterford, CT 06385			

## BBYO's B'Yachad Conference - Yachad BBYO

By Trevor Fornara



From left to right: Trevor Fornara, Marcia Reinhard (JFEC Assistant Director), Anna Greenwald, Annalise McCaffrey, Jared

The weekend of Aug. 25-27, the Connecticut Valley Region (CVR) of BBYO had their annual beginning of the year conference, nicknamed B'Yachad. The actual name is RLTI, which stands for Regional Leadership Training Institute. This conference, panning across three days, is a crash course in how to be a "Jewish Leader" as they coincidentally say. Over the course of the weekend, not only did we meet other Jewish teens from all over the state, but participated in Shabbat services, sang countless songs, and went to short talks about how to perform our duties on our chapter's board.

We arrived at the Sheraton Hotel at Bradley International Airport, where the conference was being held, at about 10:30 in the morning. It being my first BBYO convention, the initial experience was like entering another world where, looking back on it now, everything seemed to be a blur. We had lots of fun and got to meet all the great people we'll be working with throughout this year! After some singing, an overview of our membership goals for the upcoming year, and dinner, we changed into some nicer clothes and headed to the ballroom for Friday night services. It was led by song leaders Eric and Happie, a duo that is often seen at BBYO

conventions across the country, running programs and services like this one.

After learning some new melodies and happily singing the classics, we had one final activity and then hit the hay. My friend Jared Linder and I headed to the boy's floor, where we met our roommate, Jerome. He was from the chapter of Exodus (AZA) in New Haven, one of the biggest chapters in the region. "AZA" stands for the Hebrew letters Aleph Zadik Aleph and means that the chapter is boys-only, while BBG stands for B'nai B'rith Girls, and is girls-only.

The next day, Saturday, was packed with informative programming mixed with enthusiasm that was shown by every attendee throughout the whole convention. I went to three different programs, starting with a meeting with all the other "Mazkirim" (secretaries) from other chapters, followed by a short lesson on how to talk about BBYO to nonmembers led by the Regional Director, Tyler Pepe, who organized the conference. Last, I attended a program on public speaking, which was run by BBG's international N'Siah, an elected position held by a teen BBG member to serve as an international spokeswoman. So needless to say, she was very qualified to run the session!

In addition to the programs, there was also a morning service and later a Havdalah service, both of which were led by Eric and Happie. Following Havdalah, we had an event where each chapter made a list of prospective members and set goals for the new year. This was probably my favorite activity, as I really got to know our friends in the nearby Madison chapter, Salty BBYO. It was so nice to make friends with them and we hope to have many combined events with them in the future! During the evening, Tyler arranged for us to have an array of quesadillas, which made the experience even better!

It seemed we had just gotten to sleep when we awoke on the morning of our final day. As I looked out the window at all the planes taking off (we were at the Sheraton at Bradley Airport, after all), I reflected on my experience at the conference and unlike most other people who were staying the night at the airport, I wanted to stay and enjoy just a little bit more. From the music-filled services, to the meals with our chapter board and our friends from Salty, I had a great time and was sad to leave. But luckily, there's another convention in just a few months!

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## Lake Compounce Trip — Senior Youth Group

By Trevor Fornara



Around 2 o'clock, the solar eclipse started, and luckily Anna Greenwald and Amanda Zettler thought to bring special NASA-approved sunglasses. The moon covered about 67.5% of the sun, which was nice because it wasn't as hot while waiting in lines. Fortunately, the lines weren't too long, so there wasn't much waiting anyway.

After countless waterslides and trips around the lazy river, Jared, Beca and I decided to dry off and see what the others were doing. We met up with the other groups and decided to head out. It was about 6:00 P.M. when we left the park and everyone was getting hungry, so we stopped to get a bite to eat at Uncle Sam's Restaurant, just minutes from the park. After we filled up on pasta, pizza, sandwiches and wings, we climbed back into the cars for the hour-ride home, arriving at Temple Emanu-El around 9:30. At the end of the day, we all met some new friends and felt a little closer to one another.

The only sad part about this trip was that it will be our last one with our young emissaries, Tal and Guy. Although we'll miss them very much, it was nice to have such a fun last trip with them. On behalf of the Senior Youth Group of Eastern Connecticut, I'd like to sincerely thank you guys for everything you've done for our community this year and for all the fun times we've gotten to share. We wish you good luck and be safe as you begin your army service. We hope you come back to visit us soon!

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### On August 21, our local senior youth group met at Temple Emanu-El, painfully early for a summer morning (9:30), to make the trek up to Bristol, Connecticut, to spend the day at Lake Compounce Amusement Park. Most of the 17 young adults and chaperones attending headed out from Temple Emanu-El, while Guy, our young emissary, departed

from Lebanon and drove to Marlborough to carpool with the Greenwalds.

After a guick pit stop at Dunkin Donuts, the three-car caravan made the hour-long journey northwest, towards the oldest amusement park in the US. We got to the park at about noon and split into groups. My group consisted of 7 people, most of whom weren't fans of roller-coasters. We went on more mellow rides such as the carousel and the Ferris wheel, but after an hour or so, our group split into three. One continued to do the smaller rides, one went to ride some roller-coasters (no thanks), and Jared Linder and I met up with Beca Reinhard to go to the water park! It was great how members of all ages were having fun together, going on roller-coasters and having fun in the sun! This was the first big Senior Youth Group trip that the new freshman went on and everyone, including the seniors, welcomed them as peers, creating the warm environment that we strive for as a youth group.



## **October Services & Schedule of Events**

Note: Excepting holidays, Friday night services the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month will be at 7:00 P.M.

All other services will start at 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 1	Sun.	10:00 A.M.	Brotherhood Sukkah Build and more
Oct. 2	Mon.	6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Oct. 4	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
		5:45 P.M.	Sukkot Potluck
		7:00 P.M.	Sukkot Service
Oct. 5	Thur.	10:30 A.M.	Sukkot Morning Service in the Sukkah Potluck lunch in Sukkah
		7:30 P.M.	Temple Emanu-El Band Rehearsal
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Oct. 6	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
		6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Oct. 8	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Pre-school
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Talmud Study
Oct. 11	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Food for Thought
		6:00 P.M.	Simchat Torah/consecration Service
Oct. 12	Thur.	10:30 A.M.	Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor Service
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Oct. 13	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Oct. 14	Sat.	10:30 A.M.	Shabbat Morning Service
•			Zachary O'Brien Bar Mitzvah
Oct. 15	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Talmud Study
Oct. 16	Mon.	6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Oct. 17	Tues.	7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Oct. 18	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Oct. 19	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Oct. 20	Fri.	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Evening Service
Oct. 22	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Pre-school
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Talmud Study
		2:00 P.M.	Start Fresh Event
Oct. 23	Mon.	6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Oct. 24	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Kickoff Membership Event
Oct. 25	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Oct. 26	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Oct. 27	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Oct. 28	Sat.	6:30 P.M.	Café Israel
Oct. 29	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
2 20. 29	24.11	9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Talmud Study
			Mini Mitzvah Day

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