



Rabbi Marc's Message

We have entered that darker time of year. The days are short. Thanks to the time change several weeks ago, the sun sets very early. Too early for me. The long nights and darkness have a great effect on us,

our physical stamina, our mood, and our relationships. The past month has been a slow time on the Jewish calendar as well. Nothing has happened since the Sukkah came down, and we are waiting, maybe a little anxiously, for the light of Chanukah. The slow pace adds to the weight of the darkness. Also, things are happening in our world that are confusing and frightening, maybe we might even say, dark. Some will say that these things are unprecedented. I beg to differ. Our weariness at hearing the news cycle tells us we've been here before. Throughout history, Jews have been witness to acts of senseless violence. The story of Chanukah is really no exception.

I call it a story because the part we most recognize in our ritual practice is the lighting of the Chanukiah, the eight candel menorah. This tradition is not connected to the real happenings in the times of the Hasmoneans, but rather to the Talmudic tale told to explain our ritual. In the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat 21b, we find the story of the single cruse of oil sufficient for lighting the Temple lamps for only one day but a miracle happened and it lasted for eight days. The more real story of Chanukah was one of political squabbling that turned to violence. It is a story of zealots and extremists. The Talmud doesn't recount that part of the story; maybe because it just doesn't seem to be the greatest moment for Jews even if it did appear to be like a victory over oppressors.

We do have other accounts of Chanukah that appear more like a history in the apocryphal books. The books of first and second Maccabees recount from different perspectives the internal and external struggle with the surrounding Hellenistic culture. There is another apocryphal book that is associated with Chanukah, the book of Judith. What makes Judith different and interesting is that in contrast to the writers of Maccabees and Josephus who were trying to relate a history, the writer of the book of Judith is clearly creating a ficti-

tious story with a grand purpose. The author juxtaposes fictional and real places, fictional and real historical figures drawn from disparate times.

The heroine Judith is a warrior comparable to Yael; a leader of her people comparable to Deborah; faithful and reverent, comparable to Hannah. She is as her name, Yehudit, suggests a model daughter of Israel. Judith uses all of her resources to overcome Israel's enemies, her faith, her beauty, her strength, and her intellect. When the Israelites are about to give in and surrender unless they have a sign from God, Judith rebukes them for leaving their fate to such an appeal. She arouses them saying, "Therefore, my brothers, let us set an example for our kindred, for their lives depend upon us, and the sanctuary – both the Temple and the altar – rests upon us. In spite of everything, let us give thanks to the Lord our God, who is putting us to the test as he did our ancestors."

Her speech reminded the Israelites that God depends upon them, not they upon God. She tells them, "within days after which you have promised to surrender the town to our enemies, the Lord will deliver Israel by my hand." She will be the agent of God.

And so it is with us to this day. We are not powerless against the tests of our time. Our religion, our faith, our culture does not save us from things in our world that threaten us. Rather, they are the tools with which we confront a complicated world that seems to be dark and dangerous. As we approach Chanukah and remember the miracle of the cruse of oil, let us also remember we are a people continually committed to shining the light of justice and righteousness throughout the world. When we place the Chanukiah in our windows, let it be a reminder to us of this mission, and let us be a beacon to the world.

*I the Lord, in My grace, have summoned you,
And I have grasped you by the hand.
I created you, and appointed you
A covenant people, a light to the nations.*

– Isaiah 42:6

L'shalom,

Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

Trivia Question: How many sons of
Matisyahu (also called Mattathias)
fought the Greeks?

President's Message



It's Getting Cold Out. I Better Put On My Empathy Hat.

As you know, Temple Emanu-El and Congregation Beth El agreed to a rental agreement that will open our sanctuary to them on Saturday mornings while they determine their long-term plans. The process took about six months, though it

felt much longer at times. Emotions and anxiety ran high throughout. Many times, slow progress and lapses in communication left voids that soon filled with rumors and ill will. Shortly after the High Holy Days, rumors over the rent led to a near collapse of the process.

It would have been easy to say, "well, we tried." I made a call to Judi Goldberg letting her know that Emanu-El would support Beth El regardless of where they rented. Then I figured I would wait for their decision. However, at the last minute Rabbi Marc suggested that we reach out to the Beth El board directly. Faced with preparing to actually talk to their board members, I remembered the importance of empathy.

Empathy is a powerful tool; one that I think is misunderstood and under-practiced in a political climate that is increasingly self-absorbed and binary. Empathy is the opposite, where one willingly puts them self in the mind of the other party and tries to ascertain their motivations. What do they want? What do they fear? Clichés like "walking in another man's shoes" or platitudes like "I feel your pain" come to mind. But being able to leave your ego behind and try to see a situation from the other's point of view is the beginning of understanding and compromise. Being able to successfully point out the other's fear and letting them know that you might be able to help them opens the door to partnership. It takes work. There's a hard spot that I have learned... empathy can be given, but it cannot be demanded. How many times have you been ordered to "try to see this from my point of view"? How many times was that effective? Your "empathy hat" is something you have to knit yourself.

With Beth El, I realized two things. First, the Congregation is heartbroken in saying goodbye to their building. Second, a decision to rent from us that should have been easy became hard because we weren't talking enough. Their board really needed to hear from us that we were trying to understand what they were going through and that we were there for them. We offered them more than a room to worship in; we offered them a relationship just by opening up our building to them. The expression of understanding turned a bitter situation around in one evening.

As always, I'm mindful that sharing our Temple home with others might be stressful for some of you too. I have had my

misgivings as well, but I hold fast that a strong bond with Beth El is in the best interest of our Jewish Community, and that all our hard work will make Temple Emanu-El stronger. My first duty is to make sure that Temple Emanu-El is serving you emotionally and spiritually. I will continue to do my best to be open minded to all of your concerns.

It's getting cold out, and I've got my empathy hat on!

Sean Bendick

Notes from Sherry Barnes



Chanukah is almost here! And the best Chanukah gift ever....a chance to go to the Biennial! The URJ Biennial is, well, this headline on the URJ website says it all!

2017 URJ Biennial to Bring 5,000 Reform Jewish Leaders to Boston December 6-10 For Learning, Leadership Development, Spirited Worship, Entertainment, and Much More

There will be over 200 learning sessions, three dozen of our leading musicians and groups performing, world renowned speakers like Elizabeth Warren, and worshipping on Shabbat with 5,000 other Jews will be amazing! In fact, I just read that the event has sold out! Reading through the list of performers is like looking through the old Sears Toy Catalog when I was a kid. The excitement is overwhelming! Some of the music we have sung at services is written by Nava Tehila, Noah Aronson, Elana Arian, Ellen Allard, Steve Dropkin, Susan Colin, Sue Horowitz, Dan Nichols, and Julie Silver. All will be performing at Biennial this year, along with many more talented artists. I will be in music heaven! I'm looking forward to telling you all about it and maybe even bringing back some new music!

It's that time! Time for you to get ready and let us know what your act is going to be for this year's Cabaret! Time goes by really fast, so don't put off signing up for a spot in our show!

The Temple Emanu-El Choir will be singing at Shabbat Evening services on January 26th. If you are an interested congregant, please give me a call or send me an email. We are always looking for altos, tenors, and especially basses!

B'shir,

Sherry



Adult Continuing Education

Adult Talmud Study — Sundays at 11:00 AM

Adult Talmud Study 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 Roberta at 860.443.3005.

Beginning Hebrew

Beginning Hebrew is on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. Adult Beginning Hebrew will be taught by Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes. Please contact the Temple (860-443-3005) if you are interested in attending.

Food For Thought — Thurs., Dec. 14

Food for Thought will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next date is November 9. Rabbi Marc Ekstrand will be leading the Food for Thought discussion group from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. in Room 7 in the school wing. Please enter the building through the atrium door by the school.



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

Additional dates for 2017-2018: 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.



Preschool

Preschool will be held on **December 3 and 17, at 10:30 am.**

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

Religious School 860-439-0406



Where is this year going? It seems to have taken off and is flying right by.

We are planning a

few December programs before we begin our winter break.

First though, we must look back at November and report on several things. **We held the drawing for the 8th grade basket raffle and would like to congratulate the following winners** of the beautiful decorated baskets, thanks to the 8th graders, under the direction of their teacher, Jennifer Zettler, and with contributions from the students in grades three through eight. Halloween # 1: Jillian Parad; Halloween # 2: Amanda Zettler; Football: John Murphy; School Supplies: Rabbi Marc Ekstrand; Winter: Ethan Johnson; and Candy: the Kaplan Family. The raffle took in \$213 and that, combined with tzedakah for the first two months of Religious School enabled us to send \$445 to “Americares Foundation” in Stamford, CT. to be used toward hurricane relief.

We’d like to thank everyone for their generosity and we know that this money will be greatly appreciated as medical supplies are sent to many people in need.

Our annual Book Fair took place the first week in November and we’d like to thank everyone who shopped and made **this one of the most successful Book Fairs we have had.** We moved to a new location in the Temple this year and found that having all the books in the same location made it

more compact and very convenient.

We were also very satisfied with the collection of Judaic books that were included this year which enhanced its popularity. Our **Religious School/Temple library has acquired many new books to update our collection.** We have also included a copy of **Lisa Greenwald’s newest book, “before 12**, so that our older students would have a chance to read it. (Lisa is Aaron and Karen Rosenberg’s daughter-in-law who has written a wonderful collection of books for middle-school-aged students.) **Thank you to Thea Johnson and Ann Kronisch** who set up, manned and dismantled the Book Fair. We certainly appreciate their help.

Our Fourth-Grade students, under the direction of Terri Goldsmith, had their own class collection to benefit an area family at Thanksgiving. The students planned a collection of Thanksgiving items to fill a basket that was delivered to a family in need. They were very excited as they planned what they wanted to include and brought in and organized their basket. What a wonderful way to celebrate and extend the Thanksgiving holiday beyond their own homes.

Looking ahead, **December 1 is the next Family Shabbat and our 6th grade** will have the opportunity to participate in parts of the Shabbat Service. We hope to see many of our families join us for dinner and services that evening.

On December 10 our students in grades 3 - 8 will be starting a new activity during some of the 10:30 A.M. pro-

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grams. It will be led by our emissaries Sivan and Ziv, and the goal is **to have our children begin to learn, recognize, and have a simple conversation in Hebrew.** We are hoping that this will carry over into our regular Religious School activities and also perhaps at home. We will be doing this activity twice a month, and we hope that the students will be as excited about this as we are. As we start this new activity, we welcome any feedback that you hear from your children.

Since Chanukah begins on the evening of December 12, we will gather the last 15 minutes of Religious School on December 13 and light the Chanukah candles, sing some Chanukah songs, and have Sufganyot as a treat.

We will be holding our **Religious School Chanukah celebration on Sunday, December 17.** Right now, plans are in the works for a SPECIAL CHANUKAH PROGRAM that morning. Please watch for more information that will be coming shortly. Please save the date and plan to join us for part of the program.

As always, in lieu of a Chanukah grab bag, we ask everyone to **please bring in an unwrapped toy or book that we will donate to "Toys for Tots."** We will need helpers to prepare latkes for that morning. Thea Johnson will be contacting people who expressed an interest in being Room Parents to see if they can help in any way.

Although our Chanukah celebration is on December 17 there is midweek Hebrew on December 20. This will be our last class meeting prior to our winter break. **Religious School will be on break December 24, 27, and 31.** Religious School will **resume on Wed., January 3, and Sunday School on Sunday, January 7.**

With the weather getting colder and the chance of snow arriving, we are thinking about the possibility of having a snow day or two (hopefully not but need to plan). Should that happen we will be sending out our notification on "Remind," which many of you have signed up for. If you have not, please request a notice on how to sign up. We will try to also put it on our phone voice mail; however, the Religious School phone is no longer on AT&T and I don't have Atlantic Broad Band at home, so I cannot automatically change the phone message if we cannot get to the Temple. Since that is true, **"Remind" will be our most reliable source of contacting you with that information.**

We wish you all a very wonderful school break. Enjoy time with your family and friends.

*A very Happy New Year to all
from the entire Religious School Staff*

Barbara Kallan & Marc Goldsmith
Co-Administrators

Social Action

Despite precarious weather, the Mini-Mitzvah Day on October 29 was successful in all respects. It even generated a published letter to the editor of The Day newspaper. The rain and fierce wind held off until the very end of the day. All aspects of Mitzvah Day worked well. We gave meaningful help to Beth El as they are moving from their historic home; good outdoor work was done on the Temple grounds as well as the picking up of litter up and down Dayton Road; the inside of the Temple was cleaned and spruced up from the doors to the rest rooms. A big thank you to all who participated. The Social Action Committee is planning to do three more Mini Mitzvah Days between now and next summer.

In upcoming months, the Social Action Committee intends to make our Mitzvah Corps better organized and more effective. It is imperative that the Mitzvah Corps be able to meet the emergency and ongoing needs of the Temple Community and be able to have those needs identified and responded to. If anyone knows of someone with such needs or has ideas of how those needs can be met, please contact

the Social Action Committee.

Our core projects continue to go well. These include volunteer work at the Meal Center in New London; helping to build homes in the region through Habitat for Humanity; working with area refugees through Fresh Start and making Home visits to congregants. Anyone who is interested in joining in on this or other important projects we are working on, should contact the Social Action Committee and you too can be involved. And young folks are especially encouraged to join in so that a next generation can begin rolling up their sleeves and become socially aware and involved in the needs of our Community.

Finally, **Happy Hannukah or is that Chanukah or is that Hanukah or is that Channukah to all.** I don't know but my spell-check says single "n"s are OK while double "n"s or "k"s are not. In any event, enjoy the Festival of Lights.

Martin Zeldis

Sisterhood

Janine Sitko, President / janinesitko@gmail.com

Chanukah is coming!



Visit the Temple Emanu-El Chanukah Fair on Sunday, December 3, from 9 – 12:30.

Browse for great traditional and innovative gift ideas, and items for entertaining. Visit while the children are in religious school. Children will be given an opportunity to shop during school time. Free wrapping! Cash or check only please.

Can't make the Chanukah Fair?

The Temple Emanu-El Judaica Shop is open on Sunday mornings, from 9:30 - Noon. or, e-mail tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com or call Susan at 860-625-6618 to arrange another time.

Brotherhood

Jonathan Rowe, President
bioconsultants@yahoo.com

Sunday, December 17 at 5 P.M. is the annual travel raffle and



Brotherhood latke dinner. The only thing possibly better than the Brotherhood latke dinner would be an entire Brotherhood latke day. Since that isn't happening, come to the dinner! We will be preparing all day so if you'd like to learn about the

magic (mystery?) that goes into the brisket and other goodies, feel free to join us.

The next **Shabbat After Hours Oneg** will be on

December 8.

The November 10 inaugural event at the Social in New London was well attended and a lot of fun.

All are welcome.

Location to be announced soon.

2018 Mahj Cards

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood will again be selling MahJongg Cards for the new year. The price will be the same as last year: **\$8 for standard cards and \$9 for large cards.**

Please plan to make your purchase through us. The National Mah Jongg League gives us a portion of our sales back as a donation, but the cost to you is the same. They will be mailed directly from the NMJL in New York to anywhere in the country, so consider collecting orders from friends and family in other locations and placing them through Sisterhood.

Send orders to Temple EmanuEl, PO Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385, with checks made out to TE Sisterhood. If you've ordered from me before and address is unchanged, all I need is the check. If there is a change in your address or your email, please include that information with your check.

Deadline for orders is January 21, 2018. (I have to send all orders at one time.)

Thanks,

Iris Freeman,

ifreegang@aol.com



Answer to Trivia Question from page 1

5 sons

Matisyahu was an elder of the Jewish town of Modi'in. When the Greeks tried to force the Jews to sacrifice to the Greek gods, Matisyahu refused - and slew the first Jew who betrayed his religion to do so. 'Follow me, all of you who are for God's law and stand by the covenant!'

All those who followed him and his five sons (Yehuda (Judah), Eliezer (Elazar), Yohanan, Yonaton, and Shimon) formed a guerrilla army.

Travel Raffle

Last Chance to get 2017 raffle tickets

Please help Temple Emanu-El sell out and raise \$18,000 as all the prizes have been sponsored (see flyer). Tickets are still only \$25 each and out of the 720 there are only a few left.

If you need tickets contact:

John Murphy (jem37@atlanticbb.net or 860-608-0774),

Temple Office 860-443-3005 or

Scott Wolfe (scottwolfe14@gmail.com)

Lifetime Membership Update

Temple Emanu-El is very excited to report that we've had our first major contribution in response to the new policy on lifetime membership! If there are other thoughtful and generous families who may be considering this, please contact Scott Wolfe at 860-449-3009 or e-mail him at scottfwolfe14@gmail.com.

Lifetime Temple Emanu-El Membership

At a recent Temple Emanu-El Board meeting, a new and historic policy was unanimously passed that will permit Temple members who care deeply about the future of our temple to make a large and meaningful contribution:

"Henceforth, and immediately commencing, a donation of \$150,000 or more from any individual or family, regardless of size, will be cherished and honored by providing the donor (and his or her direct descendants and their immediate families continuing for one generation) a lifetime membership at Temple Emanu-El.

"The dispersal of the donation funds will be solely determined at the discretion of the Temple finance committee with the consent of the Temple Board.

"Should any assets be acquired through the sole use of gift funds, the assets should be conspicuously identified as a donation through a gift from the funds, unless anonymity is requested by the donor."

We all know that the Temple's budget can benefit by the generosity of those members who will make this donation. But just as important, your gift of the heart and generosity will directly contribute to the Temple's central core and soul of the Jewish community.

For the first time in many years, we have the ability to set

Religious Practices

Shabbat Onegs Contributors

Many thanks to Marcia and Mike Reinhard, Barbara Luft-glass-Morea and Greg Morea, Michael and Krystile Roseman, Karen and Stan Bloustine, Amy Perry, Gail and Steve Weber, Hali and Gerry Keeler, Donna and Andy Goldman, Lois and Don Steinman and Jo-El Fernandez **who provided the Shabbat onegs in October and November.**

Providing Shabbat Onegs going forward

We would like to continue to have onegs to enhance our Shabbat experience. Please consider doing the mitzvah of contributing to an oneg. A full oneg includes 3 to 5-dozen baked items (cookies, cupcakes, brownies, cake slices), some fruit, and some cheese and crackers or other snack foods. Baked goods can be store bought or homemade. We all appreciate simpler snacks, so don't be intimidated and think gourmet items are required!

The alternative to congregants' contributing items to the onegs is for the Temple to buy items. This is a costly alternative. The Temple would like very much to support the efforts of the Start Fresh kitchen, whose bakers provided us with scrumptious snacks on November 3. However, we will need funds to buy our oneg refreshments from the Start Fresh Kitchen or other bakeries on a routine basis. The estimate for the cost of baked goods for a catered oneg is approximately \$100.00 each week. If you would like to contribute money to help provide onegs, we would be happy to accept contributions in any amount.

Save the Date — December 15

Hanukkah is coming! We are looking forward to continuing our tradition of lighting everyone's own Hannukiot during our service on December 15. The Temple band will be playing too!



aside funding for programs that can drive our cultural, spiritual, musical, and educational programs, as well as other vehicles of community growth.

We hope that those of you who do have this capacity will seriously consider enhancing the vitality and vision of the congregation. We thank you in advance for your generosity and dream of what can be.

Scott Wolfe, VP, Fundraising

December Birthdays

Kenneth Abrahms
Morgan Abrahms
Howard Brensilver
Jillian L. Cedio
Ruth Dunkerley
Andrew Feinstein
Katie Feinstein
Cecile Feldman
Anna Feldman
Casey Flax
Irma Flitt
Susan Fornara
Florence Frank
Max Frischling

Susan Greenhalgh
Jonathan Grossman
Katelyn Haynes
Gavin Holwitt
Ethan Johnson
Andrea Kanfer
Aaron Kaplan
Emily Kil
Jonnie Marks-Wallis
Annalise McCaffrey
Lee Miller
Debra Miller
David Miner
Elijah Mitchell



Joseph Morea
John Murphy
Steven Novick
Ethan Novick
Naomi Paulson
Rebecca Reinhard
Laura Ringer
David Rosenberg
Nathaniel Rowe
Connie Rubin

Barbara Segal
Alvin Sher
Bradley Sherman
Danny Shiling
Julie Snoke
Jay Snoke
Sarah Straus
Eleanor Straus
Mollie Teeter
Rebecca Teeter
Robert Wallis
Frederic West
Joel Wildstein

December Anniversaries



Ann Meitzen and
Joanne Pedersen

Phil and Donna Schneider

Lester and Claudia Shapiro

David and Lee Snyderman

Mazel Tov to...

Amy Perry and Bill Posage on
their engagement

Caren and Bob Linden on the
birth of their grandson, **Samuel**

Bao-Anh (pronounced bough
un). Samuel's nickname is Ziggy.
He was born on October 28. The
proud parents are

Jeremy and Lam Linden.

Barbara and Scott Wolfe
on the marriage of
Jordan and Ashley Bentley

December Yahrzeits

December 1

Ruth Joan Brody
Marvin Broomfield
Rachel Crystal
Isadore Diamond
Nash Feldman
Dorothy Glazer
Dorothy Goldman
Vivian Goldsmith
Pearl Gordon
Herman Gruber
Betty Kallan
Bernard Lieb
Charles Misch
Susan Ronay
Sidney Sakowitz
Marilyn Sherman
Mary Shiers
Hilda Snyderman
Harry Stein
Bessie Tankel
Benjamin Yormark

December 8

Edward Basch
Ada Bloustine
Mary Louise Boehner
Sol Deglin
Allan Glickstein
Esther Greenberg

Jeanette Gruber
Robert Kent
Lynn Machette
Jane MacMichael
Marjorie Ryack
Ethel Schnable
Helen Shulman
John Soda
Blanche Solomon
Hannah Shafner Teicher
Sheila Wasserman

December 15

Esther Clark
Peggy Cramer
George Daniels
Marian Eisenstein
Miriam Freedman
Gladys Goldstein
Daniel Iorillo
Monya Millstein
Samson Joel Mittelman
Robert Ostrow
Kathy Reidhaar
Max Resnick
Mollie Rifkin
Helen Rosenstein
Jean Rubinsky
Saul Robert Shapiro
Nathan Solomon

Rose Stein
Ruth Steiner
David Stoner

December 22

Ida Covitz Freiberg
Betty Gotlieb
Sidney Katz
Gertrude Lieb
James Murphy
Franklin Prague
Evelyn Rosenstein

December 29

William Bentley
Eva Berkowitz
Gregory Bronfman
Gertrude Camassar
Arthur Feinstein
Milton Frank
Henry Germaine
Israel Goodman
Henry Hochman
Beverly Kanfer
Lillian Gertz Lewiss
Daniel Ravis
Marci Robbins
David Rosenfield
Louis Siegel
Pauline Trostler
Harry Winograd

We are eternally thankful for the support of those below. . .

Bill Bentley Fund

Michael and Marcia Reinhard

-- in memory of Jeffrey Greenberg

Cantor's Fund

Fred West

-- in appreciation of Regina Magnus Aryitey for her special gesture

---in memory of Judy Lupkay

---in memory of Ludwig Rubinsky

Judith E. Levin

- in memory of Dorothy Heiferman Levin Eby as music brought her joy

Merrill Mazzella

-- in appreciation of Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes

Dr. Sanford Blank Computer Fund

Roberta Reisner-Winograd

-- in appreciation of Rabbi Marc Ekstrand's thoughtfulness

-- in appreciation of Sean Bendick's thoughtfulness

Essential Services Fund

Manfred and Carol Seeman

William and Ellen Seeman

Barbara and Scott Wolfe

-- in honor of the engagement of Amy Perry to Bill Posage

--in honor of Caren and Bob Linden's new grandson, Samuel Bao-Anh

Caren and Bob Linden & family

--in loving memory of Betty Jean Linden on her yahrzeit

Ellen Gottfried

--in loving memory of Barry Gilman on his yahrzeit

--in loving memory of Helen Schreiber Gilman on her yahrzeit

--in loving memory of Lawrence Gottfried on his yahrzeit
Elly and Bob Hoffman

--in loving memory of Helen Angert on her yahrzeit

Kenneth and Kimberly Fischburg

---in memory of Laura Beth Seder on her yahrzeit

---in honor of Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes' very spiritual and beautiful High Holiday service

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Lois and Stephen Panikoff

--in loving memory of Samuel Goodman on his yahrzeit

--in honor of Jordan and Ashley Bentley's marriage

--mazel tov to Caren and Bob Linden on the birth of their grandson Ziggy

Michael and Marcia Reinhard

---for the speedy recovery of Rabbi Ekstrand's mother
Edith Ekstrand

Sybil Nassau

---in honor of Ginger Horton's birthday

Isaaca Segal Landscaping Fund

Jody and Merrill Katz

---in honor of my Hebrew students with gratitude for their dedication and persistence, and in appreciation for their support

Lothar Knobel Library Fund

Jerry Fischer

Rachel Safman

Mitzvah Fund

Barry and Cecile Feldman

---in celebration of the birth of Samuel Bao-Anh Linden, son of Jeremy & Lam Linden and grandson of Bob and Caren Linden

Ethel Chatkin

---in loving memory of Fanny Gordon on her yahrzeit

Hali and Gerry Keeler in memory of Norman Hirsch, brother-in-law of Marcie and Howard Brensilver

Hali Keeler

---in loving memory of J. Julius Schnable on his yahrzeit

Judith E. Levin

---in memory of Dorothy Heiferman Levin Eby so that the good deeds she experienced can continue to spread to others

Prayer Book Fund

Erica and Richard McCaffrey

The O'Brien Family

---in appreciation of Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

---in appreciation of Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Fund

Gail and Steve Weber

---in memory of Eileen Kaplan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Helen and Leonard Goldstein

--in loving memory of Jon Scheiber on his yahrzeit

Jonathan and Carol Plotsky

---in appreciation of attending Rosh Hashanah Services

Judith Glickstein

---in loving memory of Allan Brian Glickstein on his yahrzeit

Merrill Mazzella

---in appreciation of Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

Ruth Joan Brody Religious School fund

Marvin and Jane Schnur

---in loving memory of Roselea Rappoport on her yahrzeit

Please make checks payable to Temple Emanu-El and remit to PO Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385



Brotherhood's Annual Chanukah Latke Dinner

*Potato Latkes, Brisket with Vegetables,
Salad, and more!*

Sunday, December 17, @ 5:00 P.M.

Social Hall at Temple Emanu-El

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!

Start the season early with good food, friends, and family.

\$15 per person ***** \$35 for three or more

Please RSVP for planning by Monday, December 10.

Paying at the door for either family or individual is \$5 more.

Mail payment to Temple Emanu-El P.O. Box 288 Waterford,
CT 06385 or call 860-443-3005 to make reservations.

Annual Temple Travel Raffle will be drawn at 6 P.M.



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Temple Emanu-El's 2017 TRAVEL RAFFLE

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SHABBAT Dinner – January 5, 2018

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 18 and under. (Thank you to the Bill Bentley Fund for subsidizing the balance of the children's dinners.)

Please RSVP by Monday, December 28, 2017, for dinner on January 5, 2018.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

#_____ of Moroccan Chicken with Lemon #_____ 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
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Call for ACTS

TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S **5th**

CABARET NIGHT

A fun evening of Appetizers, Havdalah, Variety Show & Dessert

Submit Act details to armirowe@gmail.com or shirie3860@aol.com
by 12/17/17

SAVE THE DATE for Show Night:

Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 7:00pm

December Services & Schedule of Events

Dec. 1	Fri.	5:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Tot Shabbat Shabbat Dinner (R.S.V.P. needed) Shabbat Service Blessings Birthdays and Anniversaries
Dec. 3	Sun.	9:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Sisterhood Chanukah Fair — It's time to shop! Brotherhood Bagels Religious School Preschool Talmud Study
Dec. 4	Mon.	12:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Senior Hot Lunch R.S.V.P. to Federation by morning of Nov. 30 Jewish Community High School
Dec. 5	Tues.	7:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Endowment Committee Meeting Religious Practices Meeting
Dec. 6	Wed.	4:30 P.M. 5:45 P.M.	Hebrew School JFEC Supper with the Author at Zachs Hillel House R.S.V.P. to the Jewish Federation
Dec. 7	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar Anon Meeting
Dec. 8	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Services led by Jonathan and Armi Rowe Followed by Shabbat After-hours BBYO Overnight
Dec. 10	Sun.	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels Religious School Talmud Study
Dec. 11	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Senior Hot Lunch R.S.V.P. to Federation by morning of Dec. 7
Dec. 12	Tues.	6:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew Jewish Community High School
Dec. 13	Wed.	4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Hebrew School Board of Trustees Meeting
Dec. 14	Thur.	12:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Food for Thought Nar Anon Meeting
Dec. 15	Fri.	6:30 P.M.	Shabbat Chanukah Service / Bring your Chanukiot
Dec. 17	Sun.	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	Deadline to submit Acts for Cabaret night Brotherhood Bagels Religious School Preschool Talmud Study Brotherhood Latke Dinner
Dec. 18	Mon.	12:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Federation Senior (60+) Hanukkah/New Year Party R.S.V.P. to the Jewish Federation 860-442-8062 by Dec. 6 early deadline (kosher brisket will be served) Jewish Community High School
Dec. 19	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
Dec. 20	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Dec. 21	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Dec. 22	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Dec. 25	Mon.	TBD.	Chinese and a Movie
Dec. 28	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar Anon
Dec. 29	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service



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