



## Rabbi Marc's Message

Ahhh...The High Holy Days have passed, Sukkot and Simchat Torah too. Sherry, the choir, Roberta and I get to breathe a deep breath and then get about the work we've been putting off since mid-summer

while we planned and prepared for our most sacred holidays and joyous festivals.

Preparing for the High Holy Days takes a tremendous amount of time for me. Each service that I conduct, whether it is for Shabbat, a festival, or the HDD's, is unique. I try to craft the liturgical experience to meet the demands of the day. When something happens in the world around us, if we can't be responsive with our liturgy, we have failed to meet your spiritual needs. This also holds true for my sermons and divrei Torah. I rarely give a sermon or d'var Torah that is simply an interpretation or analysis of the Torah text. Rather, I feel it is of utmost importance that I respond to the issues of our day through the lens of our Reform Jewish tradition.

If you attended all four High Holy Day services in which I gave a sermon, you heard four distinctly different messages: Reform values at Temple Emanu-El; community and modernity; racism; and opioid addiction. I also thank Rabbi Emeritus Aaron Rosenberg for his perspective on Jonah. You may not have liked every sermon, or maybe none of them. I don't expect everyone to agree with me or appreciate my perspective. The prophetic voices of our tradition motivate me in all that I do and say. I do sincerely hope that even if you didn't like my perspectives, that my sermons inspired some reflection upon your own views regarding the subjects I chose. If at least that happened, I think I accomplished a great deal. From there, I hope we can have conversations that lead to greater understanding of the important issues that we face in our community.

Temple Emanu-El is a vibrant community. This vibrancy comes through the variety of things going on here - Religious School, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Social Action, education opportunities, collaboration with the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community High School, Hadassah, SSA, and

others. The opportunity for all of us to come together as one community is Shabbat. This year we will continue what we started last year with highlighting First Fridays. The First Friday of each month, we will have a communal evening which is for the entire Emanu-El community. It begins at 5:30 with a Tot Shabbat geared toward our youngest community members up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and their families. This is followed by a communal Shabbat dinner at 6 P.M. This is a catered dinner at a nominal cost, \$18 for adults and \$5 for ages 13 and under. Every Shabbat meal has been very good and worth that cost - let alone that you get to share a Shabbat table with old and new friends. This year Sherry and I will conclude the dinner hour leading a few *zimirot*, songs to celebrate Shabbat. The evening Shabbat service begins at 7 P.M. followed by Kiddush and Oneg Shabbat at about 8:15. If you have children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, I encourage you to bring them to the 7 P.M. service. An hour and fifteen minutes might be a lot at first for the younger kids but as you and they join in our worship through song and verse, the time will go by quickly. The vibrancy of our community begins with you. There is truly something for everyone on First Fridays. Please come join us any Shabbat, but particularly on First Fridays - be with friends, engage spiritually, and make new friends. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Rabbi Marc Ekstrand**



### Trivia Question:

**Answer on inside page.**

*In the ancient Mediterranean world  
there was no soap.*

*An item normally found in the kitchen was  
also used for washing the body.*

*What was it?*

## President's Message



I'm writing this on the second anniversary of the night that I took office as your president. It's a nice coincidence that my anniversary articles also get to be my Thanksgiving articles.

Last year I wrote about what it was like to sit on the Bimah during the High Holy Days. This year, I was

thinking about what it's like to stand there as I, along with my mentor and Past President, Gail Weber, had the honor of holding a Torah scroll during the recitation of Kol Nidre.

Based on the comments I received after the service, most of you took this honor to be as much of a chore as an honor. The scroll is not light, and Kol Nidre is not short. People seemed to be concerned that holding the scroll for so long amounted to a physical ordeal, one worthy of sympathy. I'm writing tonight to tell you how special the experience was.

Don't get me wrong. There is a technique to holding the scroll. I grab the base of the scroll with my right hand and then grab my right wrist with my left hand. Then I kind of hang the back of the scroll on my belt. Sorry, Gail, I do get that one extra advantage with my wardrobe. Then I just settle in, wondering how long the ceremony would take. As the music started, though, I was surprised to find that I quickly began not to think of the scroll as an object, but as a living thing – one that was supporting me while I was supporting it.

I held the Torah like it was one of my children, afraid to drop it. I held the Torah like it was my wife, slowly swaying to the music that was being played. I reflected on the words in it. Like my parents and ancestors, those words tell us all that has ever been. Like my children and their children to come, those words tell us all that will ever be. I think about the ink on the pages. Each letter drawn by hand. Each letter a work of art by itself, but also uniting with the other letters to form a tapestry that is both visually striking and deeply spiritual, even if I don't take the time to read every word. I became lost in these thoughts while the music played, and was surprised and saddened when the music ended.

I've said before, and will say again, how truly thankful I've been to be honored by all of you with your trust of me. You've also put your faith in a terrific Board of Trustees – a group of dedicated people across all of our Temple demographics who will hold our congregation with love and tenderness, just as I got to hold our Torah.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Sean Bendick**

## Notes from Sherry Barnes



It's November; it feels like fall, and I know that at the end of the month my family, like most families, will be getting together to share a Thanksgiving meal. We are grateful for having shared another year together and look forward to the next.

Being grateful seems to be a part of the month of November,

though as Jews, we are supposed to thank G-d daily, 100 blessings a day to be exact. The first blessing of thanks that we say is recited before our feet even hit the floor in the morning. The minute our eyes open we are to say *Modeh ani l'fanecha*! Thank You, G-d, for waking me up and giving me another day! How precious is life and how grateful we are to be able to enjoy it. In our siddur, there are many morning prayers offering thanks to G-d. When we say *Elohei N'shamah*, we acknowledge and thank G-d for the pure soul we are given.

Every day we have the opportunity to begin the day with a clean slate. Even in *Nisim b'chol yom*, the prayers for daily miracles, we thank G-d for giving us freedom, for opening our eyes to the world around us, for strengthening our steps, and for creating us in G-d's image, just to name a few. It's easy to get caught up in the day and forget to be thankful for things we take for granted. Being able to walk, see, hear, have a hot meal, and a roof over our head.

If I don't remember to say thank you for my life in the morning, I will do it before I go to sleep at night. By saying these prayers, or a prayer of thanks that you create yourself, it reminds us of how fortunate we are to be here to enjoy the beauty of this world and those around us.

May your Thanksgiving Day, and every day, be filled with blessings of thanks.

I would like to thank the Temple Emanu-El Band for putting ruach in our Simchat Torah service! Thank you also to Hannah Winograd for chanting from Bereshit (Genesis).

It's never too early to start thinking about what you would like to do for **our Cabaret Evening, which will be on Saturday, February 3.**

B'shir,

**Sherry Barnes**



## 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 **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., Nov. 9

Food for Thought will be held the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## Preschool

Preschool will be held on **November 5 & 19, at 10:30 am.**

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

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

**Additional dates for 2017-2018:** 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



With the High Holidays behind us, the Religious School is beginning to settle into a weekly routine

and focus our time more on our Hebrew and Judaic studies. Our emissaries are going to be spending more time in individual classrooms, working on Modern Hebrew. We are hoping that the students will have an opportunity to become familiar with many Hebrew words and phrases and will get to use them in their classrooms. We encourage you, to spend some time using those words at home so that they will become familiar to everyone.

Although hurricane season seems to have been winding down, the many areas that were destroyed and heavily damaged by these storms are struggling to survive and rebuild. Our students have shown their concern by collecting weekly Tzedakah and supporting our eighth-grade basket raffle, the proceeds of which will go to help the people who are trying to recover.

**To date we have collected \$142 in Tzedakah.** There are two weeks left for our basket raffle, after the first day \$83 was collected. We will report our final totals in the December bulletin as well as where the money was sent. We thank everyone who has helped support this effort.

**On October 15, Rabbi Marc and Cantor Sherry led a short service called Blessing the Animals.** Many of our families,

with their pets, remained after Religious School as we participated in prayers and songs focusing on animals. Rabbi Marc spoke individually to each person or family who brought a pet to be blessed. We held this out by our Noah's Ark. It was a very moving and informative program for those who participated.

Our **Religious School Book Fair** is being held **Wednesday, November 1; Sunday, November 5; and Wednesday, November 8.** It is a chance for everyone to purchase both Judaic and secular books from the Scholastic Company. Although this is done as a service to our families, if it is well attended and we sell a good number of books, it turns into a fund-raiser for the Religious School. The focus is on children's books; however, there is usually a collection of adult books available.

Since we are unable to use the classroom we have previously used, the Book Fair is being set up on the open area in the sanctuary to the right when you come from the atrium. We would like to thank Thea Johnson and her committee for coordinating this event. We urge everyone to support this event. This is a chance to get your Chanukah shopping done early.

**The Family Service on November 3 will have the 7th grade students participating.** It begins with Tot Shabbat, followed by the Shabbat dinner and then the service. We look forward to seeing all of our Religious School families at this service.

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## Religious School CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

**Please check out the Emissary Bulletin Board.** Sivan and Ziv work hard to make that bulletin board interesting and informative. We know they appreciate it when our families take an opportunity to learn from what they display.

In the other corner of the atrium, **there is the Religious School bulletin board.** We are making an effort to post different information and pictures each month. Check it out! Your children love to see themselves in pictures participating in different activities or showing off something they created. This past month we had Tashlich, Consecration, and some New Year posters created by Terri Goldsmith's class. If, for any reason, you capture something that your child's class has done, please share the picture with us and we will be sure to display it.

**If any of you have not signed up for the Remind App, please do,** so we can notify you of school closings, a change in schedule, or a special event, please stop in at the Religious School office and we'll give you instructions. With the winter approaching you might want to have that set up in case we must contact you with a change in schedule. Thanks.



**Consecration took place on Wed., Oct. 11 at 6:00pm during Simchat Torah services.**

With the time changing in **early November, it will be dark when we dismiss on Wednesday afternoons. Please come into the Religious School to pick up your children.** The teachers bring the students into the atrium but do not walk them outside. Please meet them inside the building. Thank you.

There will be **no Midweek Hebrew on Wednesday, November 22, and no Religious School on Sunday, November 26 for Thanksgiving break.** Midweek Hebrew will resume on Wednesday, November 29. We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

As always, we welcome your visit to our office and value any input you would like to share with us. Our office is always open. Please stop and say "Hi."

**Barbara Kallan & Marc Goldsmith**  
Co-Administrators

### Shabbat after Hours November 10, 2017 & January 12, 2018

Join Rabbi Marc and the Brotherhood (but all are invited!!!) for more Shabbat celebration the 2nd Friday of each month. We're skipping December due to the URJ Biennial in Boston - you can join Rabbi Marc there if you like!

After our oneg Shabbat we will move on to a local establishment somewhere between Old Lyme and Stonington on a rotating basis. Stay tuned for details... follow us on Facebook or better yet, come to Shabbat Services or at least the oneg to find out where we're going.



### Town Hall Discussion – Sat., Nov. 4

In December at the URJ Biennial in Boston, we will have the opportunity to vote on six resolutions that have been proposed. Please join us for a town hall discussion. We want to know what you think about these resolutions. Join us at **7 P.M. for dessert, refreshments, and conversation on Saturday, Nov. 4.** Rabbi Marc and Sherry Barnes will moderate the discussion.

#### Resolutions:

- Resolution on Our Community's Pursuit of Racial Justice

- Resolution on Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change
- Resolution on Redistricting
- Resolution on Responding to the Global Refugee Crisis
- Resolution on School Discipline and Academic Climate
- Resolution on Student Sexual Violence in Schools

You can find texts of these resolutions at  
[www.urj.org/what-we-believe](http://www.urj.org/what-we-believe)

## Sisterhood

Janine Sitko, President / [janinesitko@gmail.com](mailto:janinesitko@gmail.com)



**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 [mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net)

### 2018 Mahj Cards

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood will again be selling Mah Jongg 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 Emanu-El, PO Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385, with checks made out to TE Sisterhood.** If you've ordered from me before and your address is unchanged, all I need is the check. If there is a change in your address or your e-mail, 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](mailto:ifreegang@aol.com)

### Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop



**November is here and the Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop is getting ready for Hanukkah.** Come browse, all the new merchandise that will be ar-

iving all through the month. We will be open every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 12, except for the Sunday after Thanksgiving. As always, special hours can be arranged.

Our annual Hanukkah Fair is scheduled for Sunday, December 3. Volunteers are always needed, especially for set-up on Saturday afternoon.

To schedule appointments or to volunteer, please e-mail Susan at [tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com) or call 860-625-6618.

## Brotherhood

Jonathan Rowe, President / [bioconsultants@yahoo.com](mailto:bioconsultants@yahoo.com)



Hello All. December continues the Brotherhood's 10 week tradition of **free bagels and coffee on Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M-12 P.M.**

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 fund-raiser 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 Tuesday November 14 from 6:30-8:30 P.M.** 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 general public.

On **Sunday, December 17, from 5-8 P.M.** 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.



## Learn about Reform Judaism

### **Reform Judaism Roots, History, and Now**

This is a four-part class facilitated by Rabbi Marc at his home in Mystic on Shabbat afternoon. In the class we will gain understanding of what Reform Judaism is, where it came from, and explore what it should mean for us now.

You must commit to coming to all four classes. The class will begin at 5 P.M. followed by a potluck Se'uda Shelishit (Shabbat evening meal) at 6 P.M. followed by Havdallah. Because Rabbi Marc has a modest home, the class is limited to 20 people. Sign up today if you can commit to **all four classes**.

**Class Schedule:** November 11, December 2, 16, & 30

## Social Action

If you receive this "Temple Bulletin" before October 29, it is not too late for you to participate in this fall's Mitzvah Day.

On Sunday, October 29 we will be working on repairs, clean-up, and beautification of our Temple and assisting Congregation Beth El with their last second moving and cleanup needs as they leave their historic home. The cleanup portion of Mitzvah Day is headed by Barry Feldman and the work with Beth El is headed by Rabbi Rosenberg. Please join us on Mitzvah Day.

Often it appears that Social Action takes on more than it can effectively handle. The possible answers to this concern is to broaden the temple's involvement in Social Action (everybody is welcome) and focus better on the work that we do. The latter will be an objective of the committee in future months. As to the former, I will try to make sure that our meetings and activities are better publicized.

Our core projects are all going well, although we could use some new people joining us and Beth El volunteers in our monthly Habitat for Humanity Sunday Builds.

I want to shine a light on one of our core projects. **Start Fresh** is a joint effort done primarily by a number of area congregations that help refugees coming to this area in being able to adjust in many necessary ways to all the challenges that coming to America entails for them. I recognize that this isn't everyone's "cup of tea" and it shouldn't be, but not unlike the experiences of many of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, these refugees have suffered and have worked hard to come to our community. **Start Fresh** is presently sponsoring four refugee families in the New London County area. The need for drivers, tutors, and advocates is great. There is also a thrill when a job is found, a needed class is successful, language skills are improved, or a driver's license is gotten.

## Religious Practices

Many thanks to **Greg Morea** for his tireless and expert help in providing a lovely Break-the-Fast at Yom Kippur. Thank you also to the congregants who stepped up to help Greg in the kitchen throughout the day. Thank you to Janine Sitko, who helped in organizing the Break-the-Fast. And, thank you to all who brought food or contributed money toward purchasing food and to the Sisterhood for contributing toward the costs of the food.

And now, we need the congregation's participation for our Shabbat onegs. **Imagine not having our onegs!** We would attend the Shabbat service and have that special pause in our busy weeks that the hour or so of prayer, song, and Torah provides. We would sing our kiddush and motzi and then... leave.

When would we chat with our Temple friends? How would we welcome visitors? When would we ever introduce ourselves to that familiar face who is not yet our friend? How would we mark special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, and yahrzeits? Without our onegs, it wouldn't be a very beautiful welcome for Shabbat, and our Temple's reputation for being a warm and welcoming congregation would be diminished.

Although we are delighted to welcome Donna to our kitchen every Friday evening and look forward to having her help set up, maintain, and clear the onegs, the part that is missing is the **food!**

To continue to have gracious onegs, the religious practices committee is reaching out to the Temple Emanu-El community. **Please help honor Shabbat!** The Temple needs you to provide some of the baked goods, fruit, or other snacks for our onegs. No one person has to do a lot. Bringing 3 or 4 dozen cookies would do much to make our onegs a success. Please e-mail Jo Michaelson at [jhmmah@aol.com](mailto:jhmmah@aol.com) (with "oneg" in the subject line) if you would like more information or would like to bring refreshments. If you can't bake or shop for these items, please consider contributing financially. Donations of \$18, \$36, \$72, or whatever is comfortable for you will be very much appreciated and will allow us to purchase food and drinks (specify onegs with your donations).

Thank you in advance to all oneg volunteers and contributors!

**Jo Michaelson**

**Start Fresh** meets once a week at the Cross Roads Church in Waterford, Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30. Also temple members Karen Bloustine and Michele Snitkin are involved and can answer most questions. If this is potentially your "cup of tea" consider becoming involved.

## Communicating Done Right

The Temple Emanu-El Communications Committee has been busy! The Committee first met in January and created a list of objectives and goals for 2017. Our main objectives were engagement (members) and outreach (non-members), to grow our congregation and involve those already affiliated with our Temple. We wanted to make sure people know we are a progressive & vibrant congregation.

How to get this done?

First we needed to know how people communicate so we could better relay information to our members. The committee put together a TEE Communications Survey, and with 148 responses, gained insight into how our congregation can stay connected, and the best ways to communicate with members of all ages. To see the survey results, go to the TEE Website and click the “And the Survey Says” box on the homepage. We found people really like the weekly e-mails from the Temple and that 96% read the Bulletin!

We have been transitioning to a new website design and have been updating content. Since beginning this process, we have heard from URJ (Union for Reform Judaism), who hosts our site, that they will be changing over to a different programming language, WordPress, which means our site design will be changing again over the next few months. We will continue to strive toward easier navigation and updated content as we work through these transitions. If we have a WordPress pro in our congregation, please let us know!

We created a brochure and rack card for prospective mem-

bers and for community outreach, and have updated the look of the Temple Bulletin, with a clean and informative approach. Keep an eye out for a fun trivia question included in the Bulletin each month!

The Communications Committee also put together a TEE Publicity Checklist. This list was distributed to all board members and committee heads, and contains contact information for those within the Temple, such as the website and bulletin liaisons, as well as within the community, such as local newspapers, to help committees to publicize an event.

And, we helped the TEE Religious School implement the Remind App, which is a texting app, that can be used to notify those who wish to receive the texts of important information such as school cancellations,

Whew – I would say we have accomplished a lot in 10 months! Thank you to the TEE Communications Committee: Rabbi Marc Eckstrand, Gail Weber, Mimi Perl, Hannah Winograd, Trevor Fornara, Scott Wolfe, Aaron Kaplan, Sarah Strauss, Becca Reinhard, Elsa Freedman, Rebecca Haynes, and, by default, Sean Bendick!

If you have any comments or considerations for the Communications Committee, please contact me at [lavender.design@snet.net](mailto:lavender.design@snet.net).

**Sue Fornara**

## Building & Grounds Thank You

A big thank-you goes out to the following people: **Barry Feldman, Mike Betten, Mike Roseman, John Murphy, Sean Bendick, Jacob Bendick, Caitlyn Bendick, Scott Zettler, Chris Fornara, Students of SSA**

**The following work was completed:** Gutters cleaned, carpet runner repaired, holes in classroom walls filled, lightbulbs changed, kitchen sink faucets repaired, handicap signs hung, emergency light batteries replaced, bird holes replaced, bird houses hung, ceiling tiles repaired. The kitchen was cleaned up. Some exterior light fixtures will be replaced shortly.

**Thank you to all who helped provide  
Onegs in October**

**Answer to Trivia Question from page 1**

**Olive Oil**

## Condolences to . .

**Arnold Kaplan**  
on the passing of his wife  
**Eileen Kaplan**

**Marcia and Howard Brensilver**  
on the passing of her brother-in-law,  
**Norman Hirsch**

**Marcie and Brian Blaise**  
on the passing of Marcie's step-mother,  
**Jeanne Swatzburg**



## November Birthdays

Marie Abraham  
Jessica Arenson  
Michael Betten  
Phyllis Bienstock  
Marcie Blaise  
Jeffrey Blinderman  
Irene Brickman Smith  
Andrea Carlow  
Gregory Carlow  
Jacquelyn H. Cedio  
Amy Cooper  
Marianne DeBruyn  
Ronald Elkin  
Bruce Engelman

Marilyn Fishbone  
Ryan Fornara  
Janet Gischner  
Reece Johnson  
Robert Kapell  
Tammy Kaye  
Anna Kohanski  
Thomas Krasner  
Suzy Lamson  
Jean Lasser  
Pearl Lasser  
Evelyn Luner  
Judy Mann  
Kevin Masson



Emery Masson  
Richard McCaffrey  
Kaila Reese Miller  
Harvey Orenstein  
Zoe Parad  
Sheryl Reagan  
Gail Schor  
Elwin Garth Schwartz  
Claudia Shapiro  
Russell Sheikowitz

Daniel Noah Sheikowitz  
April Smith  
Daria Jean Snoke  
David Snyderman  
Dr. Danielle Amy Snyderman Miller  
Henry Trehub  
Dara Beth Weber



## November Anniversaries



Jon and Nicole Arruda  
Henry and Ruth Dunkerley  
Kenneth and Kimberly Fischburg  
Ed and Wendy Ladd  
Jonathan and Armi Rowe  
Barry and Stephanie Thorp  
Kenneth and Gail Webman  
Sam Winograd and Roberta Reisner-Winograd



## November Yahrzeits

**November 3**  
Coleman Andelman  
Barbara Basch  
Bessie Bauman  
Dr. Burton Carlow  
Judy Dancer  
Hilbert Hendel  
Leon Kaplan  
Martin Meitzen  
Jeanette Reinhard  
Gary David Scharfman  
Mira Shotten  
Melvin Straus  
Leona Tower  
Jeremy Waggoner  
Esther Webman  
Shirley Yavener  
Janet Zeldis  
Hinda Freeman Zisholtz

**November 10**  
Meyer Abraham  
Helen Angert  
Helen Schreiber Gilman  
Lawrence Gottfried  
Fanny Gordon  
Caroline Hillsberg  
Leon Kropp  
Sarah Leibowitz

Judith Levin  
Phyllis Morea  
Dora Schaferman  
Flora Surnamer  
Louis Vinick

**November 17**  
Dr. Morris Eisenstein  
Stanley Friedman  
Edwin Gordon  
Ann Gregory  
Dr. Charles Irwin  
Sylvia Irwin  
Lottie Lazarus  
Helen Michalove  
Pearl Rogovin  
Leo Rosenberg  
Ida Rosenshein  
Ethel Rosenstein  
Thayer Schlegel  
Laura Seder  
Yetta Seeman  
Marion Trehub  
Samuel Zelvin

**November 24**  
Beatrice Caplowe  
Beverly Gilman McCaffrey  
Barry Gilman

Bernard Glasgow  
Joseph Sol Gold  
Inez Goldsmith  
Elsie Greenhouse  
Patricia Grills  
John Hoffman  
Paula Kaminsky  
Stephen Kellert  
Joseph Rosenberg  
Steven Schwarz  
Philip Shafner  
Albert Warren  
Edith Weiner





## Fundraising — \$42,300

Yes... \$42,300. That's the estimated amount we anticipate raising thus far, based on the following:

Progressive Dinner already held (Thanks Armi Rowe):

\$1300

Travel Raffle (Thanks John): \$18,000 based on increasing the number of tickets we will sell this year (720).

That means we need all of your support by buying tickets at \$25. That's not much! Buy more than you have in the past! The drawing will be December 17.

Cabaret (February 3, 2018): Expected to profit between \$1000-1500. Thanks as always to Sherry Barnes and Armi Rowe).

Bluegrass Concert (March 3, 2018). A new concert coordinated by Tom Smith. Put this on your calendar and anticipate a wonderful evening of music we haven't heard at the temple before!

Purim: Rachel O'Brien and Janine Sitko will again be coordinating the Hamentashen distribution that last year raised \$8000.

Golf Tournament: Tentatively planned for next July. We expect to raise at least \$10,000 based upon sponsor donations and the participation of as many temple members as we can who either play often, or even

once a year. Stay tuned for more information.

Mini-Golf Tournament: Still TBD, but we will hold it either at the new Copper Creek course located next to the Dinosaur Park in Salem... OR... right on the property of Temple Emanu-El!

Still to be planned are:

Dinner/Dancing with instructors coordinated by Armi Rowe and Janine Sitko. This is the event where we will attach an auction. Stay tuned for more details.

Temple/Business Directory coordinated by Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Geoff Hausmann.

A Garde event that may donate a portion of profits to the Temple.

A Water Taxi day in the spring, coordinated by Amy Perry and Barbara Wolfe....again, stay tuned.

A "Silver Mills Tour" coordinated by Debbie Linder. More info TBD.

AND... hopefully more money will be raised in a methodology to be unveiled at some point in the near future.

SO... please help YOUR temple by participating in as many of these activities as you can!

**Scott Wolfe, VP Fundraising**

## Lifetime Temple Emanu-El Membership

At Temple Emanu-El's October 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:

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**Scott Wolfe**

VP, Fundraising



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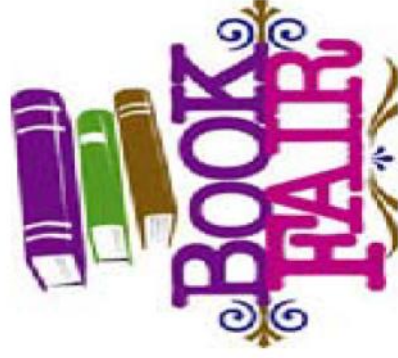
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*Tuesday,  
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**Program speaker**

**Dr. You Sung Sang  
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***Refreshments will be served***

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**Dr. Sang will be presenting information for  
IBD management and treatment. This  
event is free and open to the public!**

**RSVP by  
November  
10<sup>th</sup>!**

## **Event Schedule:**

**6:30 p.m. Refreshments**

**6:45 p.m. Welcome & Introductions**

**7:00 p.m. IBD Presentation**

**8:00 p.m. Q&A**

## **Information Contact:**

**Amber Stalker**

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## SHABBAT Dinner – December 1, 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.)

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Please RSVP ***“with payment”*** by Monday, **November 27**, for dinner on December 1.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#\_\_\_\_\_ of Chicken Francese      #\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian/Vegan

Total # of Adults      \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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(Chicken fingers & sweet potato fries)

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## The Fruits of our Labor- Yachad BBYO

Autumn is my favorite time of the year. It is a summary of the past year: the cold of last winter and the heat of the summer coming together to let us look back before the new cycle begins. On Sukkot, we celebrate the past year and all that has come from it. Our senior youth group celebrated the harvest festival this past Sunday with a trip to Scott's Yankee Farmer, an apple orchard in East Lyme. We met at Temple Emanu-El around noon and after an icebreaking game, carpooled to the orchard, about a 15-minute drive. We started with apple picking, a timeless fall tradition. After filling up our bags and getting our shoes a bit damp (it had been raining earlier that day), we regrouped and had some pizza. While people were eating, Jared and Hunter, two of my fellow board members, talked for a bit about the history of Sukkot and the festival's meaning. We then took turns saying the prayer over the lulav and etrog and shaking it in all directions.

The group then headed to the corn maze, which was one field over. We wandered around in groups, eventually finding our way out, though it took longer than I had expected. Once everyone had made it out, I realized that there was a map of the maze, that I had somehow missed, right next to the entrance, so maybe that's why everyone else thought it was easy! On our way back, we stopped by an abandoned

school bus and took some photos, then headed back to the wagon where our Youth Director, Marcia, and the other chaperones were waiting. Jared and I talked to everyone about upcoming events, and it was soon time to head out. We bought some apple cider and doughnuts, and headed back to the Temple. Every one had a great time on the trip. We even made some new friends who seemed to really enjoy themselves, so hopefully we'll see them at events in the future! Thank you to our parent chaperones, Armi Rowe and Marcia Calisman, and to everyone who came and enjoyed this fantastic trip with us. Chag Sukkot Sameach!

### Trevor Fornara

*Trevor Fornara is the Mazkir or Secretary for the 2017-18 BBYO Chapter Board. Trevor is a sophomore at Stonington High School with strong interests in Music and Technology. This is Trevor's first year on the board.*



*From left to right: Amanda Rowe, Jack Haynes, Gabrielle Zettler, Anna Greenwald, Chelsea Kranc, Mitch Shapiro-Albert, Jared Linder, Andy Dezjot, Trevor Fornara, Ellanora Lerner, Hunter Rock. Not shown: Luana Calisman*

## November Services & Schedule of Events

Nov. 1	Wed.	4:00 P.M.	<b>Book Fair (4-6)</b>
		4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Nov. 2	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Nov. 3	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
		6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner-R.S.V.P. necessary
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Nov. 4	Sat.	7:00 P.M.	Town Hall conversation and refreshments
Nov. 5	Sun.	9:00 A.M.	<b>Book Fair (9-1)</b>
		9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Talmud Study
Nov. 6	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Nov. 7	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
Nov. 8	Wed.	4:00 P.M.	<b>Book Fair (4-6)</b>
		4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
		7:30 P.M.	Broad of Trustees meeting
Nov. 9	Thur.	12:00P.M.	Food for Thought in room #7 (school wing)
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Nov. 10	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service Honoring veterans and service members
			<b>Shabbat After Hours</b>
Nov. 11	Sat.	5:00 P.M.	Reform Judaism Class - R.S.V.P. is necessary
			<b>Must commit to all four classes</b>
Nov. 12	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Talmud Study
Nov. 13	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Nov. 14	Tues.	6:30 P.M.	<b>Crohn's Colitis Foundation IBD Education Program</b>
Nov. 15	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Nov. 16	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Nov. 17	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Nov. 18	Sat.	5:00P.M.	JCC Without Walls – Westerly YMCA
Nov. 19	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Talmud Study
Nov. 20	Mon.	6:00 P.M>	Jewish Community High School
Nov. 24	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Nov. 27	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		4:30 P.M.	RSVP deadline for Shabbat dinner on Dec. 1
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Nov. 29	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Nov. 30	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Dec. 1	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
		6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner (R.S.V.P necessary)
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Dec. 2	Sat.	5:00 P.M.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reform Judaism Class
Dec. 3	Sun.	9:00 A.M.	<b>Chanukah Fair – come do your shopping</b>
		9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
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