



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

We are in the midst of counting the Omer. That period between our redemption from Egypt and the revelation at Sinai. During my first year at Temple Emanu-El, when the time for counting the

Omer arrived, I learned of a relatively new practice for us. This is placing an ornamental reed in a vase with each passing day of the Omer. So each day that I was at the synagogue, I dutifully said the blessing and deposited an additional reed. Also, with each Shabbat, we said the blessing together, usually toward the end of our service. I have to admit, that the practice was a little anti-climactic. Although I had written a short kavannah explaining the significance of the practice, my feeling was and is that the thin reed in the vase neither captured the meaning nor inspired any thought about the counting of the Omer.

In fact, during the Omer, there is a lot going on that ought to inspire thought. On our calendar, we find a modern mirror of the Yamim Nora'im, the Days of Awe. In quick succession are New High Holy Days – Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom HaAtzma'ut – Holocaust Remembrance Day, Israeli Memorial Day, and Israeli Independence Day. With the High Holy Days, we plumb the depths of our souls, evaluating where we've been and set the course for where we are going.

With Passover, we remember our ancient identity, as slave, as oppressed, as exiled. With the counting of the Omer, we journey toward revelation. But revelation was not an end but rather just a stopping point along a path toward a promised land. The New High Holy days occur within this backdrop, this reflecting pool of history. On Yom HaShoah we mourn, remembering our people who were victims of the inhumanity that humans are all too capable of perpetrating against one another. On Yom HaZikaron, we remember those who paid the ultimate price for the State of Israel, and we mourn them.

Just as the deep soulfulness of the High Holy Days emerges and transforms into the celebration of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, the New High Holy Days turn immediately into the

celebration of Yom HaAtzma'ut, of independence. Our celebration of Israel is built upon a foundation. This foundation is reminiscent of the ashlar foundation walls of the Temple. The immense ashlars, quarried, hewn, and lain, defy our conception of their fabrication and construction yet testify to an existence. But, they were never the destination of our wandering Exodus, only another stopping point along the way. As the direct memories of the Holocaust and the wars of Israel recede, they do not lose any significance for us, they too, testify. They are ashlar of our modern Jewish identity laid upon the foundation of our Exodus.

We observe and celebrate these New High Holy Days, removed from their immediacy in time, their immediacy in Israel, but not from their significance for us as Israel. The State of Israel is one mission of the much larger mission of our peoplehood. As we retrace our steps across the sea bed, through the desert, against formidable obstacles; during the Omer we look out toward our own present horizon, defining our own path toward that righteousness that can only be illuminated by the reflection of our entire history. Through that reflection, we see that we have indeed been, as Isaiah said, called to a great task. "I, Adonai, have summoned you; I have grasped you by the hand. I created you, and appointed you, a covenant people, a light to the nations." (Isaiah 42:6)

Rabbi Marc



Trivia Question:

*In 1927, what adventurous 25 year old man was the first
Time Magazine Person of the Year?*

Answer on inside page.

President's Message—Sean Bendick



How Did I Get Here?

OK, it's all about me again. Well, hopefully not. We'll see how this goes.

As I write to you, I'm clinging to the last days of my 40's. By the time you read this, I'll be 50. Thanks to many of my Temple friends, though, I can sleep well knowing

that many of you still see me as that young guy who can make computers work.

Still, many of our younger members out there are asking "how can I become a Temple President by the time I'm 50?" (Yeah, right?)

If I got into a room with my younger self at other milestones, I think they'd all be surprised that they were with a Temple President. After I became Bar Mitzvah, I thought I had had enough of the Jewish life. By 25, I had moved from South Jersey to a part of Connecticut where Jews were few and far between. At 30, I had decided to stick my toe back in the Jewish waters, joining Temple Emanu-El.

Thirty-year-old Sean was like many of our Hebrew School parents, and it's to you that I'm writing this month. Maybe joining a Temple and getting involved was always part of your plan. I suspect, however, that many of you are like I was at 30: suddenly aware of the responsibility to pass on and preserve my Jewish heritage with my children. I certainly did not join with a sense of mission, purpose, or place within the community.

So, what happened? Did I seek out some sort of political in-crowd? No. The Temple doesn't have one. All I became was present. I attended services now and then. I showed up for bagels on Sunday. Now that bagels are free, that's even easier! Most important, I got to know the parents of my kids' classmates. Together, we decided that we weren't just junior members of the Temple; we were the Temple! Soon, taking on a leadership role seemed like it was just the next thing to do.

Now, as my group is watching the kids finish school and move on to college, it's time to see what the next generation of school parents can do. Hang out for bagels. Join a committee. Help out on Friday nights. Help make the Temple in your image. It's waiting for you!

Sean

Notes from Sherry Barnes



When asked what a Mitzvah is, a person might say that it is a good deed, but a good deed is something that a person chooses to do, but is not obligated to do. A Mitzvah, on the other hand, is something we are commanded to do. We know that there are 613 mitzvot given to us, by G*d, in the Torah. Some are moral and some ethical.

For instance, we are commanded to "love your neighbor as yourself," or "be kind to the stranger."

Other commandments we observe are Ba'al Tashchit, "do not destroy or waste." It is central to a Jewish environmental ethic. Recycling or reducing your carbon footprint might be a great way to observe this mitzvah. Tza'ar ba'alei chayim, the suffering of living creatures; this commandment bans causing unnecessary cruelty to animals. A way to observe this commandment might be to become a vegan or be sure to treat all animals with care and compassion.

Bikur cholim, visiting the sick; how often do you hear a familiar name mentioned during Mi Shebeirach and say, I should give that person a call? I know I do, but don't always remember to follow through. I returned a call to a friend that hasn't been in synagogue in a while. She told me how much a conversation with a friend means to her. Lending a helping hand and being there for each other are acts of kindness, and are much more than a good deed. It's a Mitzvah, our sacred duty, so be sure to reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while. The feeling you get from that connection, is like G*d smiling in your heart, and the person you called has a smile on his or her face.

On Friday, April 27, Leslie Merwin and the Temple Emanu-El Choir will be helping lead our Shabbat music. Hope you'll join us.

Thank you to our March and April Torah readers: Hannah Winograd, Jo-el Fernandez, and Sean Bendick.

B'shir,

Sherry



Adult Continuing Education

Adult Study Group — Sundays at 11 am

Adult Study Group meets on Sundays at 11:00 A.M. in the Temple sanctuary. This is open to everyone.

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., April 12

Food for Thought will be held the **2nd Thursday of each month**. The next date is **April 12**. Rabbi Marc Ekstrand will be leading the Food for Thought discussion group from **12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.** You may bring a brown bag lunch.

Preschool



Preschool will be held on **April 8 and 29, 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: 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



It has come to our attention that some of you have not been receiving your “Remind” messages,

although you have signed up to receive them. Please, if that is the case, stop by and see us at the Religious School office so we can check and see what the difficulty might be. We have a list of those who have signed up. If you are not on that list but have signed up “online,” then we should resubmit your information.

If you are not interested in receiving a text message with Religious School information, your next best source would be our Religious School phone number. We have our own number with voice mail that also has the capability of delivering important information. When the decision is made to cancel school, or we have any other message to deliver to our Religious School families, we put that message on our phone. The number is 860-439-0406. This is not the Temple phone number. We use this number so that Roberta, our Temple Office Manager, does not have to give out Religious School information. In fact, we put our message on the Religious School phone and on “Remind” before we contact the Temple office with the information. We would appreciate it if you would use those two methods of communication to get pertinent Religious School information.

Thank you.

We would like to thank those people who helped with the Passover Seders for the Religious School. As always, we appreciate the time that Thea Johnson, School Party Coordinator, and her committee, puts in to make events like the Seder run so smoothly.

We’d like to thank Terri Goldsmith, Sherry Barnes and the Emissaries for the time they spent coordinating the culminating activity of our Hebrew Café. All of the staff of the students in grades 3-8 should be commended for helping the students become comfortable with the Hebrew words and phrases so that they were able to order from the Hebrew menu as they enjoyed a special snack on March 25. We hope that all families will continue to encourage their children to use these words by conducting similar activities at home. They have learned the words and phrases and only by practice and repetition will they be able to retain what they have learned. Next year we hope to build on this foundation and increase our knowledge of Modern Hebrew with additional words and phrases.

April is a very short month at Religious School. We actually have only two Sundays of Religious School and three Wednesdays of Midweek Hebrew. Please make every effort to have your children in Religious School on those

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Religious Practices

The Temple Emanu-El Passover Seder, on March 30, was a perfect way to welcome spring to eastern Connecticut. Rabbi Ekstrand and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes led a meaningful and entertaining Seder which included a catered Passover meal.

On Shabbat April 27, the Temple choir will be participating in the service. Please mark it on your calendars and join the choir under Sherry Barnes' direction in celebrating Shabbat.

We are eagerly anticipating our Shavuot program on Saturday evening, May 19, at 6:30pm. Please save the date. Our Shavuot program, in collaboration with JFEC and our other local congregations, will feature Start Fresh, our local refugee resettlement organization. The Start Fresh Kitchen will prepare and serve an ethnic meal from their native regions followed by a short movie and update on local refugee re-

settlement efforts. We will also host a pot luck dairy dessert (can you say, cheesecake?) followed by a short ma'ariv and *tikkun leil* led by our local rabbis.

Many thanks to all of you in our congregation that have contributed to our Shabbat onegs! The online sign up at SignUpGenius.org is making it easy to help provide the refreshments that we all enjoy. Please visit this site and sign up to bring an item or two. We will continue using this online system until we start the lay led services this summer. Summer onegs are provided by the individuals who are leading that evening's service.

Jo Michaelson

Religious School 860-439-0406

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days. It is very difficult to keep the interest level up with so many breaks and we are trying very hard to finish the many activities that our classes still have planned. **The final day of Midweek Hebrew will be Wednesday, April 25.** At the end of the day we have our traditional Pizza Party.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the class baskets for the upcoming Basket Raffle. The baskets will be on display at Religious School each day we are in session during the month of April. Everyone will be able to purchase tickets for those baskets on those days. **The drawing will take place at an Ice Cream Social to be held on Sunday, May 6 immediately following Religious School** (more information will follow in the next few weeks.)

March Oneg Sponsors Thank You!

Jennifer and Scott Zettler
Karen and Aaron Rosenberg
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Barbara and Scott Wolfe
Karen and Stan Bloustine
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Florence and Michael Betten

Normally our final session of Religious School is held on the Sunday prior to Memorial Day. This year that would be on Sunday, May 20, Shavuot, so Religious School will not be held. Consequently, **our final session this year will be on Sunday, May 13.** We are aware that that is Mother's Day; however, we hope that you will all be present as we conclude the year and honor our staff and say "farewell" to Sivan and Ziv our Emissaries for this year.

Please make every effort to have your children at all of the remaining sessions. We are well aware that spring sports are beginning; however, we hope that Religious School is also of importance to you. Your children should be aware that there is a place in everyone's schedule to participate in all activities and they should sense that each has a place in your family schedule. Our teachers work hard to plan interesting and enjoyable lessons, and it is our hope that all our students have the opportunity to experience them.

Our Religious School office is always open and we welcome a chance to chat with you. Please don't hesitate to stop by.

We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable Spring Break from April 15—April 22. We will see you on April 25 for our final session of Midweek Hebrew and on Sunday, April 29, as we prepare for the end of Sunday School on May 13.

Time is speeding by. Please make every effort to be with us for those final days.

Marc Goldsmith and Barbara Kallan

Co-Administrators

Sisterhood

Janine Sitko, President / janinesitko@gmail.com

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop is open for regular hours on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 12. 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 judaishop@tewaterford.org or 860-625-6618.

Sisterhood Dinner Club: Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 P.M., location TBD.

Sisterhood Movie Night: Wednesday, April 25, Niantic Cinema, at about 6:45 P.M., Movie TBD.

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



Mah Jongg Tournament

Monday, June 4, 2018

9:00 to 4:30, starting with Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am

See the registration flyer for all the details. Registration and payment deadline is May

31 or when we reach capacity (non-refundable).

We will again have our Relaxed Tables for those who are newer to the game, can't stay all day, or don't want to play at the tournament pace of a 15-minute game.

Contact Iris with any questions at ifreegang@aol.com or 860.460.3081.

HELP SISTERHOOD WITH OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR

There are several ways you can support our Mah Jongg Tournament, and you can do more than one. We are most successful if it's a team effort. You'll feel good and have fun.

Play!

Volunteer for food prep and setup on Sunday, June 3, morning, early afternoon!

Volunteer to serve on Monday, June 4, around lunchtime!

Solicit just one gift donation for the raffle (restaurant, hair or nail salon, gift shop, theater,

service, etc.) or donate a gift card. This would be huge!

Buy raffle tickets (\$5 each, 3 for \$10)

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

Brotherhood

Jonathan Rowe, President / bioconsultants@yahoo.com

Friday, June 8, the big day!

June 8 will be our Brotherhood Shabbat service.

At past Brotherhood services, we've given readings for the men to deliver from the bima. However, that's way too predictable for me for this service; I invite you to deliver an anecdote of your life as a Jewish youth/adult, or your experiences as a member of a Jewish family. I only ask that any "colorful" language be in Yiddish, and you keep it under a minute. After all, the Manischewitz is waiting at the oneg.

Excellent examples *do not* include things like "It was at my friend's Bar Mitzvah that I learned to turn a can of hairspray into a flame thrower," Although, that's pretty funny, and unique to a Jewish upbringing.

Please tell me if you'd like to participate.

And no, for those who have asked, we will not be bringing any firstborn rams, turtledoves, or sheaves of wheat to this service. If that is a problem, perhaps Rabbi Marc will lift your spirits with a blessing over, and a drinking of, the grain of the earth.

April Birthdays

Jon Arruda
Gwenyth Wolf Arruda
Sean Bendick
Polly Berg
Jessica Blaise
Thomas Blum
Catherine Brandt
Sarah Brandt
Lori Corah
Mark DeBruyn
Alexia Dickey
Deborah Diehl
Rabbi Marc Ekstrand
Zoe Feinstein
Savannah Feinstein
Fred Fenton
Jacob Fenton
Gary Freeman

Bryan Gallagher
Myra Gipstein
Norma Hollandersky
Avery Holwitt
Deborah Jarett
Barbara Kallan
Zachary Kanfer
Bethany Kanfer
Michael Krieger
Claire Krieger
Ellanora Lerner
Hannah Rae Linder
Elliot G. Lutz

Pete Marcus
Anthony Mazza
Niko Mazzella
Casey Mazzella
Emilia Osovsky
Stephen Panikoff
Jillian Parad
Sheri Pascal
Amy Perry
Jacob Prokopets
Steve Rapoport
Aaron Rosenberg
Phil Ross



Bart Sayet
Rosa Schaperow
Patricia Sher
Michele Snitkin
Leah Stillman
Edith Swatzburg
Tessa Teeter

April Yahrzeits

April 6

Elias Altman
Frances Church
Zoe Holmwood Church
Sarah Diamond
Evelyn Driessen
Adolph Goldsmith
Louise Goldstein
William Mandelbaum
Judd Nordyk
Jerome Rosen
Francis Segal
Leah Swiedler
Cvanio Tauer

April 13

Dorothy Dolly Abrams
Samuel Bloom
Agnes Diamond
Robert Flax
Rebecca Goodman
Yetta Hartman
Elaine Jacobs
Frank Kelco
Max Kline
Minnie Krumholtz

Dorothy Jean Love
Joseph Mann
Morris Rosenthal
Mary Rubin
Rose Schlesinger
Samuel Sher
Bella Stricker
Gordon Turner
Freda Weinberg

April 20

Edith Brown Deitch
Edward Edgar
Abraham Allie Feldman
Minnie Flitt
Louis Friedman
Helen Hans
Samuel Kushner
Esau Mazur
Beatrice Mittelman
Alexander Pollak
Pat Ruck
David Schulman
Lillian Shapiro
Dorothy Spiegel
Rose Swiedler

April 27

Gertrude Pat Blinderman
Jay Breslow
Joseph Epstein
Belle Galvin
Mira Kil
Philip Luner
Helen Michaelson
Nathanial Proper
Joseph Quaratella
Frieda Reznick Saltzberg
Howard Segool
Raphael Shafner
Leah Sher
Rose Winter



April Anniversaries



Brian and Robbin Alpert
Steve and Judy Mann
Emilia and Valery Osovsky
Gregg and Sarah Selke
Ira and Janine Sitko

Condolences to...

Ken and Gail Webman
on the passing of
Ken's sister,
Phyllis Weiss



Answer to Trivia Question from page 1

Charles Lindbergh

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

Aaron and Pearl Parker Religious School Fund

Ruthann Mandelbau

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Cantor's fund

Merrill Mazzella

---in loving memory of Ruth Doukas on her yahrzeit

Endowment Fund

Joanna and Martin Lazarus

---in loving memory of Priscilla Young on her yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Alex Lazarus on his yahrzeit

Essential Services

Caren and Bob Linden

---in loving memory of Benjamin Linden on his yahrzeit

Deborah Hyland

---in memory of Samuel E. Cohen

Gary and Iris Freeman

---in honor of the birth of Mabel Gray Linden

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

---mazel tov to Tessa Teeter on the birth of her grandson,
Robert Asher Lewellyn

---in loving memory of Marilyn Freeman on her yahrzeit

Karen Dinsfriend

---in memory of George Mikulka on his yahrzeit

Lois and Stephen Panikoff

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Issaca Siegel Landscaping Fund

Golda Doyle

---in loving memory of my mother, Harriette Siegel, on her
yahrzeit

---In loving memory of my sister, Isaaca Siegel, on her
yahrzeit

Mitzvah Fund

Charles and Romana Primus

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Donald and Lois Steinman

---in honor of Donna and Andy Goldman's 50th golden
wedding anniversary

Ethel Chatkin

---in loving memory of Norma Selwyn on her yahrzeit

Hali Keeler

---in honor of the 50th anniversary of Donna and Andy
Goldman

---in memory of Frank Kelco on his yahrzeit

Judy and Stephen Mann

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

---thank you to those who provided the Mishloach Manot
Bag

---in memory of Phyllis Weiss

---welcome and wishing happiness to Aaron Ekstrand
Scott Leader

---in memory of my mother, Edna Leader, on her birthdate

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Fund

Jonathan and Armi Rowe

thank you to our youth serving as volunteers with the
fundraising committee to support Cabaret Night and the
Temple auction event over the years. Good Luck to those
seniors graduating from high school: Kaitlyn Bendick,
Ryan Fornara, Hunter Rock, Annalise McCaffrey, and Ga-
brielle Zettler, and thank you to: Trevor Fornara, Jared
Linder, Hannah Linder, Amanda Rowe, and Amanda Zet-
tler

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Barry and Phyllis Bienstock

---in memory of Frank Church

Bart Sayet and Lori Lindfors

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Bob and Elly Hoffman

---in memory of Benjamin Angert on his yahrzeit

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Harriet Lesko and Minerva Beard

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Kenn and Kim Fischburg

---in loving memory of Howard Helveston on his yahrzeit

---in memory of Irwin Sayet

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Lester and Claudia Shapiro

---thank you to Regina Magnus-Aryitey for your kindness;
you made my day with your thoughtful caring

Marlene Simon

---in loving memory of Bernard Simon on his yahrzeit

Shelly and Nathan Weiss

---in loving memory of my father, Merton Goldstein, on his
yahrzeit

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

Stan and Karen Bloustine

---in memory of Edith Greenberg Ekstrand

---in loving memory of Joseph Bloustine on his yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Gerald Baker on his yahrzeit

Torah Fund

Marlis Jacobowitz



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

Ethan Johnson needs your help

Ethan Johnson is a 7th grade student in the Bar Mitzvah Class here at Temple Emanu-El. He has been **volunteering at the New London Community Meal Center monthly since the beginning of the school year.**

For his Mitzvah Project he would like to try to help provide the meal center with items on its "wish list." Any and all community support would be greatly appreciated.

Suggestions are:

Stop and Shop gift cards of any denomination (placed in an envelope with Ethan Johnson's name on it)

Tea Bags, Coffee, Creamer, Sweet & Low, Sugar, Iced Tea, Salt, Salad Dressings, Hot Sauces, Paper Towels, Black Pepper, Aluminum Foil/Plastic Wrap, Bleach, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Napkins, 13 Gallon and 45 Gallon Garbage Bags

Thank you.

Learn about the Amidah

Temple Emanu El and Congregation Beth El invite adults living in eastern Connecticut to enroll in one of two sections of an 8-week (once a week) class that will explore the central prayer of every Jewish service: the AMIDAH {also known as the Shemonah Esrei and Tefillah):

One section at Emanu-El Thursday afternoons at 1:00-2:45pm from April 5 - May 24; and

One section at Beth El's office Wednesday evenings at 6:00-7:30pm from April 11 - May 30.

Classes will be facilitated by Matt Shulman with Rabbis Marc Ekstrand and Rachel Safman leading two sessions each at their respective congregation's section. The only pre-requisite is an interest in exploring this central prayer of every Jewish service! Class size is limited to 12 per sec-

tion to assure a small group dynamic with lots of discussion.

Students are only expected to pre-read the Amidah prayers for each week's session. Though everyone gets a binder with resource materials, there are no reading requirements. Please read, listen or view ONLY as much as satisfies your curiosity. NO homework is involved!!

Class size is strictly limited to 12 participants in each section to assure a small-group dynamic. So, please confirm your enrollment asap by contacting Matthew at mhs10@cornell.edu. There is no charge for this class though learners will be asked to reimburse photocopy charges (estimated at \$5-\$15) for the binder of materials to be given to each learner.

Call for Gift Card Donations

Do you have any gift cards for restaurants or local businesses that you might consider donating toward our most important fundraiser of the year? Temple Emanu-El will be hosting its first ever **A Starry Night**



Dinner Dance on May 6 at the Chelsearose Ballroom of Holiday Inn Norwich. Your unused gift cards for dining/

entertainment, sports, health & wellness, or excursions will be a welcomed addition to the event's silent auction and help support the Essential Services Fund.

Simply drop off your gift card donation with your name, address, and phone number to the Temple Office. Thank you!



Mimouna — Saturday, April 7

Mimouna, April 7, 8:00 P.M. at Temple Emanu-El – Dance Like a Moroccan! - See Passover out with flair as the Jewish Community of Eastern Connecticut joins for a regional celebration of Mimouna, the traditional *chametz*-rich dessert fest marking the end of Pesach. There will be sweets, music, dancing and more.

Community Yom HaShoah — 4/8

Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration, April 8, 2:00 P.M. at Zachs Hillel House. There will be a brief ceremony followed by the screening of a film on French efforts to protect Jewish children from deportation.

Social Action

There are a number of things happening in Social Action that should be noted.

First and foremost is the return of the **Mitzvah Corps**. The Corps helps Temple Members who have ongoing and/or emergency needs. The Congregation wide survey, sent out in March, shows a substantial interest in joining and being a part of the Corps. **There will be an Orientation Session on April 8 at the Temple at 10 a.m. to prepare Corps Members.**

It is not too late to join. In fact, it is never too late to join. If you are interested, please contact the Temple office. More importantly, if you need the help of the Mitzvah Corps, please contact the Rabbi and/or the Temple office.

Second, the Social Action Committee is planning a **Spring Mitzvah Day**, probably in May. Details for the Mitzvah Day and what we will be doing will be discussed and decided at the next Social Action Committee meeting (feel free to attend) on April 15 at 10 a.m.

Third, with the departure of Gary and Iris Freeman to Massachusetts, and now Mike Roseman to Georgia, the Temple's involvement in **Habitat Sunday Builds** needs more volunteers. Mike was constantly beating the drum about the virtues of Habitat, and those virtues and needs go on. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marty Zeldis.

Fourth, Temple members should consider becoming involved with the **Waterford Interfaith Food Locker** which serves the short-term emergency food needs of area residents. The Temple has been an active member at the Food Locker for about thirty years. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stu Sharack or Aaron Rosenberg.

Finally, the March 19 issue of the Day had a beautiful front-page **article about Jody Katz** who passed away last December. Social Action was at Jody's heart and soul. She is missed.

Spring Fling Basket Bonanza

Sunday, May 6 12:30pm

Temple Emanu-El Social Hall

A fun pizza & ice cream social for families

\$10 per family

Please RSVP by 5/4 so we can plan food to:

kgradepooh@atlanticbb.net



Religious school classes are once again donating class baskets by grade to help support Temple Emanu-El's Essential Services Fund. This year, there will be many additional gift cards and gift certificates donated from businesses of interest to young families. Ticket sales will be in the school atrium on April 8, 11, 25 and May 6. So walk on over to the social hall right after classes on May 6, mingle with other families over pizza & ice cream and good luck in the drawing!

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg TIKKUN OLAM AWARD

Attention High School Seniors

In order to honor Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg's 35 years of service to Temple Emanu-El and to continue the spirit of Tikkun Olam he taught and modeled for all the children of the congregation, this award/scholarship was established in 2015. The Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Award is given each spring to a high school senior who is a member of Temple Emanu-El and who with his/her actions makes the Temple Emanu-El community and the community-at-large a better place with kindness, tzedakah, and the performance of mitzvot. A plaque with the yearly honorees is posted in the atrium outside the Religious School. Previous honorees are Sierra McCaffrey (2016) and David Hausmann and Nathaniel Rowe (2017).

A committee reviews applications and selects the worthy candidate. We hope that all high school graduating seniors of Temple Emanu-El will apply to be our 2018 recipient(s) of this prestigious award. The application is enclosed and is also available in the Temple office. Applicants may be invited for an interview with the selection committee. Deadline for application is Friday, April 13, 2018.

Barbara R. Senges
Chair Selection Committee
Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Award

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Youth Award

Application Form

**May be submitted by the student or someone recommending the student.
(Send to Temple Emanu-El, P. O. Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385 by April 13, 2018)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

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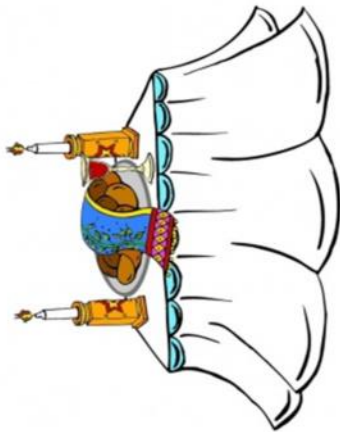
I feel that I qualify (he/she qualifies) for the Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Youth Award for the following reasons:

- A. Ways I (he/she) have enriched the Temple community:**
- B. Ways I (he/she has) have helped the community at large and world:**
- C. Other:**
- D. Provide the name and phone number of a person who can speak for your candidacy:**

Please respond to A, B, and C in essay form.

SHABBAT Dinner – May 4, 2018

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



TOT SHABBAT - 5:30 P.M.
SHABBAT DINNER - 6:00 P.M.
SHABBAT SERVICE - 7:00 P.M.

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 “with payment” by Monday, April 30 for dinner on May 4.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ of Chicken Francese # _____ 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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**Women's Passover
Dessert Seder**
“from a women's perspective”

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Doors open at 7:00 pm
Seder at 7:15 pm
Temple Emanu-El Social Hall

Reservations required by March 28th
 Check for \$5 per person made out to:
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Questions: Contact Caren at
 linden0552@yahoo.com or
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FULL DAY MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 4, 2018 9:00 AM– 4:30 PM

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

Our fun day includes:

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



Tournament play is based on a 15 minute game, using the 2018 NMJL card. We will also be offering novice tables for players who want a more relaxed game. This is the perfect opportunity to experience a tournament with no pressure but all the fun. Also an option for players who can't be with us for the whole day.

Cost: \$36 per person – includes everything above!

To register: Mail tear-off below with \$36 check to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.

Deadline: Thurs, May 31st or when we reach capacity. Register early to ensure a spot! No refunds

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

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

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

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Mah Jongg Tournament

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Check any that apply:

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

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

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



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Please rsvp by April 20
by returning the enclosed envelope
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Shabbat Dinner

Friday May 18, 2018

Please join us as we

Welcome New Members

and honor this year's Howard Ilson Award Recipients,

Geoff and Susan Hausmann



Shabbat Dinner 6:16 pm
Service 7:30 pm

Please RSVP to the Temple by
Thurs., May 10 for dinner
on May 18

Cost \$18 per person

Ziti with Meatballs #_____ / Pasta Primavera #_____

Vegan #_____

Total enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please mail payment to: Temple Emanu El

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Community Shavuot Program at Temple Emanu-el Saturday, April 19, 2018

Starting with a vegetarian dinner at 6:30 P.M. featuring:



Start Fresh Kitchen is a project that gives refugee women an opportunity to develop employment skills through work in a commercial kitchen. We have been operating since the Fall of 2017 and have served nearly 1000 meals. The project is operated by Start Fresh which welcomes refugees to the New London area.

Following the dinner:

7:30 P.M. Movie: "Resettled" - A documentary exploring New Haven's refugee resettlement process in a shifting political landscape. The movie will be followed by a discussion with our own local resettled refugees and Start Fresh representatives.

The evening will include:

Potluck dairy desserts

Tikkun Liel Shavuot with regional rabbis

Ma'ariv

If you plan on attending the dinner, you must **R.S.V.P. by May 14**

_____ x \$25 per person = _____ enclosed

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Mail Payment to: Temple Emanu-El
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April Services & Schedule of Events

April 4	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
		7:00 P.M.	Women's Passover Dessert Seder
April 5	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
April 6	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
		6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
April 7	Sat.	8:00 P.M.	Mimouna-Community Celebration of the end of Passover at TE
April 8	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		10:00 A.M.	Mitzvah Corps orientation to prepare
			Corps members
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		2:00 P.M.	Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
			at Zachs Hillel House.
April 9	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
April 10	Tues.	7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood and Hadassah – “Memories of your childhood”
			Kim Fischburg's home
April 11	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
		6:30 P.M.	Sisterhood Board Meeting in TE library
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
April 12	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food for Thought
		7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
April 13	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
April 16	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
April 17	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Dinner Club –location TBD
April 19	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
April 20	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
April 23	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
April 24	Tues.	5:45 P.M.	Community Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Room 1962
			Crozier Williams Student Center, Conn College
April 25	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
		7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood and Hadassah Book Review at
			Temple Emanu-El
			Book: <u>A Narrow Bridge</u>
April 26	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
April 27	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service – TE Choir will be participating
April 29	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
April 30	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School



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