



## Rabbi Marc's Message

In early December, Sherry Barnes and I were blessed to have attended the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial convention in Boston. The Biennial is a barometer of the strength of our movement and a map for

where we are going. Among the guest speakers were the Republican Governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker; Democrat Senator Elizabeth Warren; Civil Rights activist and organizer of the Moral Monday movement, Rev. Dr. William Barber II; the President of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, Gilad Kariv; President of the URJ, Rick Jacobs, President of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), Josh Weinberg – just to name a few. The bottom line is that our movement is stronger than ever both in North America and Israel and continues to grow in strength. Sherry and I witnessed how the movement is energized with serious scholarship, creative music and art, modern engaging liturgy, social action grounded by the work of the Religious Action Center (RAC), continuing and youth education development rooted in the work of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), and the dynamic youth engagement program of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) instilling Jewish values in our tweens and teens to fight injustice, engage with Israel and build the next generation of Jewish leadership. I am grateful that Sherry and I have brought back so much of the energy of our movement but I do wish that Temple Emanu-El could have had more representation at the Biennial. In two years, come with us to Chicago!

As our community has gone through so much transition lately, it is easy to lose sight of our mission, “Building a vibrant community through Reform Judaism.” Our recent efforts to integrate the Solomon Schechter Academy at our synagogue, to welcome Congregation Beth El for their Shabbat morning worship and other programs, and hosting the Kosher Hot Lunch, might lead one to believe that the Reform part of our mission has taken a back seat. While Temple Emanu-El strives to be a leader in shaping the future of the Jewish Community in Southeastern Connecticut, Reform must remain the core of who we are and the foundation of all we do.

My teacher, Rabbi Dr. Michael Marmur, professor and former Provost of HUC-JIR co-chaired a learning session regarding Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Rabbi Marmur recently published a book, *Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Sources of Wonder*. What I learned in the introduction to his book is that Rabbi Marmur, like me, is inspired by the life and work of a man whom neither of us had the honor and pleasure to know personally. Rabbi Heschel’s book, *The Prophets*, inspired me to leave corporate life and become a rabbi, not because I see myself as a prophet, but rather my desire to be part of a movement which looks at the world critically and acts accordingly to bring about a kinder and more just society. Indeed, it is the prophetic call to action that is the cornerstone of Reform Judaism.

In the crescendo of what I believe be the most important address of the URJ Biennial, Rev. William Barber starkly reminds us that those people whom we look to for inspiration, one among them Rabbi Heschel, are dead. Although prophets speak to us through the lens of history, they cannot lead us in our own time. Rather, the same prophetic message carried by Isaiah, Hosea, Ezekiel, Parks, King, Heschel, Ghandi and others is now in our hands to carry. Rabbi Marmur reminded us of Heschel’s words from a telegram to JFK in 1963, “The hour calls for moral grandeur and spiritual audacity.” These words still ring true today. How will I carry the prophetic message? How will you carry it?

**Rabbi Marc**

### Trivia Question:

*If the telephone company added one more digit to all the phone numbers in one area code, how many new phone numbers could potentially be added?*

**Answer on inside page.**

## President's Message

### 2018 – To Life!

OK. Stay with me here. As you read this, we have just started 2018.... 20+18... 2+0+18... 2+18... 2+Chai... Two+Chai... To+Chai... To Life!! Ok, that was a bit of a stretch, but what a great sentiment for the new calendar year.

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## President's Message



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2017 was a contentious, exhausting year. In the big wide world, our national political climate was toxic and seemingly inescapable. Locally, Temple Emanu-El worked overtime to open our building up to the Jewish community. Still, I'm certain

that the hard work of 2017 will lead to a lively 2018.

The building is in more use than it ever has been before. Our friends from the Groton New London Church of Christ have continued to use our social hall, as have the quilter's group and NarAnon. Since the fall, Solomon Schechter has brought life to our school wing on a daily basis. TVCCA and the Jewish Federation have been conducting senior lunches on Mondays since the fall. And now, Beth El is conducting Saturday morning services in our sanctuary.

I had done a lot of hand wringing over the past year wondering, if everybody would be able to fit and function, but I think we're off to a good start. Everybody's activities seem to be going off without bumping into each other. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes though. Geoff, Roberta, Rabbi Marc, Barbara, Marc, and Don have put in a lot of time to help prepare the building and the Congregation. Please be sure to thank them for their hard work.

One thing has struck me as odd though. With all the activity, it's very easy to not even notice that so much is going on. If all you choose to do is attend services on Friday, Hebrew School, Brotherhood bagels on Sunday, or Temple Emanu-El events you'd hardly know that we've got friends who are also using the building. Keep your eyes on Solomon Schechter's and Beth El's calendars: you may find that they're holding events and activities that are of interest to you. I had the pleasure of joining Beth El for services on their first Saturday morning in our sanctuary and thoroughly enjoyed the sense of fellowship

Mark your calendars for January 20. Emanu-El, Beth El and Solomon Schechter are pulling together a casual social night to just get together in the social hall and have an evening with each other.

It's 2018 and Dayton Road is full of life. Enjoy the new year!

**Sean Bendick**

## Notes from Sherry Barnes



Attending the Biennial was an amazing experience. Being immersed in five days of learning, inspirational speakers, prayer services, Torah study, networking, and music, enriches your Jewish neshama, soul, and reminds you why we are a part of the Union for Reform Judaism.

The URJ is very involved in social justice issues, invests in our youth with programming grounded in Jewish values, and works hard to keep meaningful, forward moving connections with Israel.

Some of the speakers the URJ chose for Biennial this year were Senator Elizabeth Warren, Governor Charlie Baker, and Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, all motivational speakers working to make a positive change in their lifetime.

The URJ acknowledges those who have raised their voices for those who may not have one, by presenting the Eisen-drath Bearer of Light Award to people like Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha who fought to be heard on behalf of the children of Flint, Michigan, who were being poisoned by the contaminated drinking water. Another recipient was Israeli author David Grossman, who was also presented with this award for his writing and activism in helping to fulfill his vision of a "just and democratic Israel, that lives in peace."

The URJ works hard to keep Reform Judaism alive and working towards Tikkun Olam. In two years the 2019 Biennial will be in Chicago and I hope you consider being a part of our delegation.

Last month we lost a beloved member of our synagogue and community. We also lost a dear choir member, Jody Katz. At Shabbat services on Friday, January 26, the Temple Emanu-El Choir will honor her memory by weaving into our selections, music that she loved to sing. I hope you will come and join us for this very special evening.

Please save the date for our annual Cabaret! On Saturday, February 3, we will enjoy another evening of talented congregants. Please let Armi or me know if you are interested in performing or just come and be a part of the audience.

There are still spots open if you interested in chanting Torah. Give me a call or send me an email and I will sign you up!

*L'shalom,*

**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., Jan. 11

Food for Thought will be held the **2nd Thursday of each month**. The next date is January 11. 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.



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

**Additional dates for 2017-2018:** 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 **January 14 and 28, at 10:30 am.**

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

## Religious School 860-439-0406



**We** hope everyone has had a wonderful rest and an enjoyable break from Religious School and

are prepared to begin 2018 with renewed energy, ready to work hard and accomplish lots.

First we'd like to wind up 2017 by reporting on a few events which took place during December, before our break. We had a wonderful treat for our Chanukah party this year. We had a workshop and performance by the "Grumbling Gryphons." We all had a chance to participate in the "Magic Dreidel" along with the professional cast. Our candles, our pigs and the Maccabees all did extremely well to enhance the story. The costumes were wonderful and the scenery was fabulous.

We were also treated to a dramatic adaptation of "A Parakeet Named Dreidel" based on the children's Chanukah story by Isaac Bashevis Singer.

We hope everyone had a wonderful time participating and that those who watched the performance found it a treat. To see some of the scenes in the show please check out our bulletin board which contains photos from many parts of the program. Armi Rowe videotaped the performance so we should be able to relive the program one of these days. We'd like to Thank Andrea Fenton, who suggested the program by the "Grumbling Gryphons" which was written and directed by her friend, Leslie Elias. We'd also like to extend

our thanks to the "Bentley Fund" and the "Ruth Joan Brody Religious School Fund" for providing the money, to make this show happen. Sherry Barnes helped us learn our song Mi Y'Maleil for the show, and she and several of our staff members added their enthusiasm as our students' joined the cast to be a part of the show.

No Chanukah celebration could be complete without our snack of latkes, apple sauce and cookies. We'd like to thank our party coordinator Thea Johnson who organized our parent volunteers and to all who fried latkes, baked cookies and helped set up and distribute this wonderful snack at the end of this fun filled morning.

As has been our custom for many years our children brought in unwrapped toys, games and books which were donated to "Toys for Tots." Toys were given to children less fortunate so they could enjoy a Happy Holiday. We'd like to thank those who were so generous.

We will return from our Winter Break with Midweek Hebrew on Wednesday, January 3. Our first Sunday of Religious School will be on January 7. We have Hebrew Café sessions planned. This is the perfect time for us to focus on our Hebrew and our Judaic subjects.

Since our introductory session of Hebrew Café we have made changes to make the program flow better to help the children learn and use many Hebrew phrases in class. Perhaps it might be interesting for parents to see which phrases their children are learning and to try and use them at home. The more frequently they use them the more au-

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tomatic they will become.

It is hard to believe but January 14 actually will mark the end of the first half of this Religious School year. We will be looking back over the first half and assessing the progress your children have made. On January 28 you will be invited to our annual "Open School Day". You will be able to visit the children's classes and in the K-2 classes you will be invited to attend the Tu B'Shevat Seder.

In addition, we will be having a visit with a representative from Camps Eisner and Crane Lake. That will be during the 10:30 program and after the presentation interested parents will be invited to a question and answer session. Camp is primarily for children in grades 3 and older however, any interested parents are invited to attend although only students in grades 3-8 will be attending.

Students will be bringing home their report cards on January 28. We would appreciate it if you would go over them and return them as soon as you have. The longer you keep them, the less likely it is that we will get them back. We like to use the same report card for the entire year so we would appreciate having them returned.

If, after reviewing the report cards, you feel you would like to meet with your child's teacher or teachers, please contact them so you can come up with a convenient time. Please do not use open school time as a chance to discuss your child

with the teacher. That is time when the teacher should be focusing on the entire class. Thanks

On Wednesday, January 31 the students in grades 3-7 will have their Tu B'Shevat Seder or a program about trees and plants in Israel. It is a time to become acquainted with the trees and crops which are important to the state and to focus on how they can be best grown and cultivated.

We hope that all of you have signed up for our "Remind" on your cell phone. If not, please stop in the Religious School office and get instructions on how to do it. Although we will keep updating our Religious School phone voice mail, we will also put information such as weather related school closings on "Remind." Other important school information will also be communicated with the use of "Remind."

We hope that 2018 has started out as a good year for everyone and we look forward to a wonderful rest of this school year at Temple Emanu-El Religious School. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us on our Religious School phone, 860-439-0406, through our E-mail or simply by stopping in at our office. We are here when Religious School is in session or at other times by appointment, and frequently before or after Religious School.

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

## Social Action

As the year progresses, the Social Action Committee is establishing a focus on a few projects, while remaining open to other projects and endeavors.

The present priority project is restoring and making active a Temple Mitzvah Corps. At the end of December the Rabbi, Roberta Reisner-Winograd, Sybil Nassau and Marty Zeldis met to discuss specifics of the new and hopefully improved Mitzvah Corps. (It was after the submission of this article.) The focus of the Corps is expected to be addressing emergency needs for Temple members. Essential to an effective Mitzvah Corps will be participation, identifying needs and then meeting those needs. It is hoped that in the next month or two, the basic outline of this project and how it can be meaningfully made a part of our Temple and its membership can be established. We welcome any comments or suggestions regarding the formation of the Mitzvah Corps and feel free to join us at the next Social Action Committee meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 10 AM at the Temple.

All our core projects, Community Meals Center, Habitat for Humanity (although we need new volunteers for our monthly Builds resuming in January) and our involvement with the Refugee Program, Start Fresh are going well.

Finally, **the passing of Jody Katz** in December should be noted. Jody was involved in Social Action in virtually every way possible. What was most striking about Jody, beyond her fervor, commitment and dogged determination, is that she would consistently propose things that were off the Social Action beaten path, and then she would figure out ways to make these innovative ideas become reality and work well. She will be missed.

**Martin Zeldis**



# Sisterhood

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

## Save the dates!

**Movie Night: Wednesday, January 10** • Niantic Cinema

Meet at 6:45 pm • Movie TBD

**Sisterhood Dinner Club: Tuesday, January 23** • Time and place TBD

Do you need a ride to attend a Sisterhood event?  
If you do, please email Merrill at [mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net)

## Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop wishes all our customers a very Happy New Year.

Our annual Hanukkah Fair was a big success. The fair requires a lot of work from Facebook ads, regular ads, set up, the fair and putting away the merchandise. A big thank you to Jo-el Fernandez, Karen Bloustine, Cyndi Lesser, Pat Sher, Caren Linden, Sue, Ryan, and Trevor Fornara, David and Geoff Hausmann.

With the new year comes new merchandise. Come on in and browse. We now carry LED flameless Yahrzeit candles in addition to a selection of traditional and electric memorial candles.

The gift shop is open every Sunday there is religious school from 9:30-12. Special arrangements are always available by contacting [tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com) or 860-625-6618. Please note we only accept cash or check.

## Deadline FAST approaching to order your 2018 NMJL Mah-jongg Cards!

\$8.00 Standard Size and \$9.00 Large Size

Order your cards through Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood and the National Mah Jongg League gives us a donation based on how many cards we get. The cost to you is the same, so it's a Win-Win! They will be mailed directly to you from New York, as soon as they are printed in March, so order for your family and friends anywhere in the country.

Send your check to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, P. O. Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385, with your name, street address you want the card mailed to, and your email. If you have ordered from me before and info is the same, all I need is your check and number/size of cards desired.

**Deadline: January 21!** (I have to submit all orders at one time.)

Contact Iris with any questions. [ifreegang@aol.com](mailto:ifreegang@aol.com) or 860.460.3081

## Brotherhood

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

*Thank you to Mike Reinhard and his crew  
including Gary Freeman  
who made the trip down from MA  
to help cook and create  
a wonderful Chanukah feast.*



**Brotherhood Bagels & Coffee  
resumes Sunday, Jan. 7 with  
the start of Religious School.**

## Todah Rabah

*I would like to thank everyone who provided food,  
prepared food, helped set up and/or cleaned up for  
our Religious School Hanukkah celebration. Your  
help was greatly appreciated!*

**Thea Johnson**

## Dec. Oneg Sponsors — Thank You!

The 6th grade religious school families  
The Adult Talmud Study Group  
Judith Glickstein  
Terri and Marc Goldsmith  
Henry and Jane Weinberg

**Answer to Trivia Question from page 1**

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## Religious Practices

### **Hanukkah**

Thank you to Rabbi Marc, Sherry and the Temple Band for making our Hanukkah Shabbat a truly joyous occasion. Thank you also to all of you who brought your Hanukkiot and made the service a beautiful candle-lit experience. Many thanks to Terri Goldsmith for providing the imaginative and delicious oneg!

### **Onegs**

We are looking forward to making every Shabbat service even more of an “event” by making it convenient and easy for the entire congregation to get involved in providing some or all of each oneg. Stayed tuned for our new online scheduling which we will be starting to use soon. Using this online sign up will make volunteering to bring refreshments easy. Look for the volunteer sign up in your email in the next few weeks.

If you would like to celebrate a simcha, commemorate an event, or remember a yahrzeit, providing all or part of the goodies for an oneg is a lovely gesture. We will be sure to thank each participant during the Shabbat evening announcements and in the Bulletin.

If you would prefer to donate money toward the purchase of refreshments, please send your contributions to Roberta at the Temple office. We are happy to use the contribution for a particular date if you wish. Please include such details along with your monetary donation.

If you would like to help organize onegs or if you have any questions about the new sign up system or about onegs in general, please send me an email at [jhmmah@aol.com](mailto:jhmmah@aol.com).

**Jo Michaelson**

## Fundraising

The temple raffle was a huge success as we sold out all 720 tickets raising \$18,000. I would like to thank all the sponsors (see below), along with everyone who purchased tickets and continue to support this annual event. In addition, I would like to thank Barry Feldman, Scott Wolfe, Marcia Reinhard, Armi Rowe, Merrill Mazzella, and Stuart Fishbone for helping to sell tickets. I would also like to thank Roberta Reisner-Winograd for constantly updating lists and keeping me informed. The event was held before a huge crowd at the always outstanding Brotherhood Latke Dinner. Finally congratulations to the winners listed below.

### **John Murphy**

**First Prize:** Trip for two to Costa Rica. It includes round trip air, transfers from and to the airport, four nights all-inclusive at Riu Guanacaste Hotel.

Sponsored by **Consumers Interstate Corporation**

**Winner: Paul and Andrea Kanfer**

**Second Prize:** \$1000 Travel Gift Certificate

Sponsored by **Sayet and Seder**

**Winner: Joel Suisman and Susan Phillips**

**Third Prize:** \$500 Visa Gift Card

Sponsored by **Dr. Rebecca J. Woodward and Dr. Adam S. Kaufman**

**Winner: Paul and Andrea Kanfer**

**Fourth Prize:** \$250 Home Depot Gift Card

Sponsored by **Creative Office Interiors**

**Winner: Sheldon and Amy Stricker**

**Fifth Prize:** \$200 Target Gift Card

Sponsored by **Medical Meeting House**

**Winner: Glenn Bennison**

**Sixth Prize:** \$150 Walmart Gift Card

Sponsored by **The Senges-Murphy Family**

**Winner: Larry and Susan Goldman**

**Seventh Prize:** \$100 Amazon.com Gift Card

Sponsored by **The Rowe Family**

**Winner: Jonah Feldman**

## January Birthdays

Ross Blinderman  
Lynn Brown  
Ethel Chatkin  
Betty Cooper  
Hanna Deglin  
Andrea Fenton  
Simon Frischling  
Marc Goldsmith  
Patricia Hans  
Samantha Hans  
Patricia Hendel  
Meagan Jones  
Leah Krieger  
Maya Kriet

Deborah R. Linder  
Elizabeth Masson  
Talia Masson  
Jim Michalove  
Leslie Orenstein  
Eleanor Ostrow  
Jonathan Panikoff  
Jonathan Powell  
Marnie Rock  
Mike Roseman  
Krystle Roseman  
Solomon Ross  
Nathaniel Ross  
Sam Schaperow



Marvin Schnur  
Susan Seeman  
Dr. Adam Seidner  
Lester Shapiro  
Seth Sharack  
Anna Cloe Sheikowitz  
Leila Shepard  
Rachel Sherman  
Fiona (FiFi) Sherman  
Noah Shiling

Michael Adam Snyderman  
Elizabeth V. Walz  
Michael Weiss  
Barbara Wolfe



## January Anniversaries



Alvin and Irma Flitt  
Lesly and Jay Ginsburg



## Condolences to...

**Merrill Katz**  
on the death of his wife  
**Jody Katz**



## January Yahrzeits

### January 5

Philip Cameron  
Milton Chatkin  
Randy Deglin  
Samantha Deglin  
Elizabeth Farran)  
Max Freeman  
Louis Garfinkel  
Edward Gipstein  
Marvin Goldstein  
Shirley Grayson  
Anna Jezeski  
Morris Kaplan  
Shirley Kriet  
Murray Lazarus  
Sylvia Lewiss  
Roger Rouquette  
Harry Rubin  
Roseleah Stein  
Rose Tobin  
Rachel Wessel

### January 12

Donald Bloom  
Morris Brickman  
Louis Caplowe  
Ray Cohen  
Hannah Cooper  
Elsie Deglin  
William Fishbone

Audrey Germaine  
Daniel Kanfer  
Joseph Lasser  
Murray Rapoport  
Frederic Rosenstein  
Anna Seidman  
Stanley Skigen  
Louis Snitkin  
Anna Tropp  
Harry Weber  
Al Weinberg  
Richard Donald Zettler

### January 19

Frances Brensilver  
Barbara Ellen Lupkay  
Combs  
Tillie Finkelstein  
Michael Bennett Freeman  
Samuel Gau  
Edwin Haflich  
Stephen Horton  
Mildred Meitzen  
Marilyn Morganstern  
David Nirenstein  
Doris Reinhard  
Ellen Schwartz  
Mortimer Shaff  
Reuban Shiling  
Esfir Vestel

Herman Weber  
Alice Weisniewski  
Grace Wertheim

### January 26

Phyllis Adler  
Carol Blaise  
Abraham Irving Epstein  
Eleanor Freeman  
Elizabeth Glenn  
Esther Hoffman  
Paul Kriet  
Jules Levine  
Eleanor McCaffrey  
Maurine Miner  
Frances Ogulnick  
Sophie Pagnes  
Yetta Paulson  
Sigmund Sol Rosenholtz  
Dorothy Segool  
Beatrice Sherman  
Isaaca Zelda Siegel  
Morris Thall  
Rochelle Tripp  
Irwin Tuchfeld



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

### **Aaron and Pearl Parker Religious School Fund**

Cecile and Barry Feldman

----- in memory of Sam Elkin

Ronald and Jayne Elkin & Family

----- in loving memory of Beatrice Caplowe on her yahrzeit

### **Building Fund**

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

----- in loving memory of Caroline Hillsberg on her yahrzeit

----- in loving memory of Lottie Lazarus on her yahrzeit

### **Cantor's Fund**

Alan and Robyn Krasner

----- in memory of Jody Katz

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

----- for the speedy recovery of Norma Hollandersky

Norma and Alan Hollandersky

----- in memory of Jody Katz

### **Capital Expenditure Fund**

Jamie Irwin Stavropoulos and John Stavropoulos

----- in loving memory of Sylvia Irwin on her yahrzeit

### **Craig Blumsack Fund**

Joel and Judith Blumsack

Lillian Yormark

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

Matthew and Aline Shulman

----- in loving memory of Helen Shulman on her yahrzeit

### **Essential Services Fund**

Sam Winograd and Roberta Reisner-Winograd

Golda Doyle

----- in memory of beloved grandson, Thayer Schlegel on his yahrzeit

Henry and Jane Weinberg

----- in loving memory of Mollie Rifkin on her yahrzeit

Melissa Rubinsky

----- in loving memory of my mother, Jean Rubinsky on her yahrzeit

Patricia and Alan Gruber & sons

----- in loving memory of Jeanette Gruber on her yahrzeit

Patti and Alan Gruber & sons

----- in loving memory of Herman Gruber on his yahrzeit

Sonya and Maier Fein

----- in memory of Jody Katz

Stanley and Karen Bloustine

----- in loving memory of Ada Bloustine on her yahrzeit

----- in loving memory of Kathy Reidhaar on her yahrzeit

### **Mitzvah Fund**

Cecile and Barry Feldman

----- in memory of Jody Katz

Ethel Chatkin

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

Hali Keeler

----- in loving memory of Ethel Schnable on her yahrzeit

Judy and Stephen Mann

----- in memory of Jeffrey Greenberg

Judy and Stephen Mann

----- mazel tov to Barbara and Scott Wolfe in honor of Jordan and Ashley Bentley's marriage

----- in honor of Cecile Feldman, the best cook in the world

----- mazel tov to Cecile and Barry Feldman in honor of the engagement of Jonah Feldman and Jenna Kilman

Karen Dinsfriend

----- in memory of Jody Katz

Lois and Stephen Panikoff

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

Rabbi Aaron and Karen Rosenberg

----- in honor of Barbara Segal's 75th birthday

Steve and Gail Weber

----- mazel tov to Caren and Bob Linden on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Bao-Anh Linden

----- mazel tov to Barbara and Scott Wolfe on the marriage of Jordan Bentley to Ashley Feldman

### **Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Youth Scholarship**

Harvey and Michele Snitkin

----- in loving memory of Daniel Iorillo on his yahrzeit

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Barry and Stephanie Thorp

----- in loving memory of Rachel Crystal on her yahrzeit

Lori Corah

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

The ABC Book Group

----- mazel tov to Naomi Paulson's on her special birthday

### **Torah Fund**

Karen Dinsfriend

----- in memory of Golda Dinsfriend on her yahrzeit

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## 2018 COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION

A program of the Jewish Federation in cooperation with

Ahavat Achim; Ahavat Chesed; Beth El; Beth Jacob; Bnai Israel; B'nai Shalom; Brothers of Joseph; Emanu-El

### SCHEDULE

**Week 1 SUNDAY, JAN. 7 / 2:00-4:00 PM; On site registration 1:30-2:00 PM**

**Week 2 SUNDAY, JAN. 14 / 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Week 3 SUNDAY, JAN. 21 / 2:00-4:00 PM**

Weeks 1-3 consist of a 1-hour Enrichment course from 2-3; a snack break, and at 3:15 the Community Forum where everyone comes together to hear a special guest speaker.

**Week 4 SUNDAY, JAN. 28 / 2:00-4:00 PM**

This final session consists of the 1-hour Enrichment course from 2-3, and concludes with a **Seudat Siyum, closing meal at 3:00 PM**

### LOCATION

All sessions will be held at **Temple Emanu-El**, 29 Dayton Rd., Waterford

### ENRICHMENT COURSES (1<sup>st</sup> hour)

#### ANTI-SEMITISM IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

with Rabbi Ken Alter and Daniel Robinson

This course will examine the history of anti-Semitism from the Greco-Roman period to the present. Among the subjects that will be covered: hostility to Judaism in the early Church, violence against Jews during the First Crusade, the growth of anti-Semitism in eastern Europe, and how hostility to Jews and Judaism changed as Europe moved into the Renaissance and the modern era. We will also look at the roots of anti-Semitism in the Muslim world and the current state of global anti-Semitism, including anti-Zionism, emanating from both the right and the left.

#### SCIENCE AND JUDAISM: HOW CAN THEY COEXIST AND INTERMIX IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY?

with Rabbis Jeremy Schwartz and Julius Rabinowitz

Join us for a journey that will examine the respective roles that science and Judaism play in our lives, and how we can best respond to the intersections that arise between provable science and believable faith. We will look at excerpts from Biblical and historical Jewish texts as well as references from famous scientists as we explore the extent to which they agree or disagree.

#### NARRATIVES OF SLAVERY

with Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

We will read together the popular book by reporters from the Hartford Courant, ***Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged and Profited from Slavery***. We will explore how our own Jewish narrative of slavery informs our reading of this book and how the stark realities of slavery inform our thinking about modern societal problems. This is an eye opening book with a narrative of slavery you will not have learned about in school. **Please obtain a copy of the book and read the first two chapters before the first class.** You may find the book in your local library or from your favorite bookseller.

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with Artie Dean and Jerry Fischer

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### COMMUNITY FORUMS (2<sup>nd</sup> hour)

Community Forums bring everyone together to hear a guest speaker/s. Topics for 2018 include Jews in the arts — music, art, theater and cinema. Look for details in the Jan. 5 Leader.

### HOW TO REGISTER

#### 1<sup>st</sup> hour — Sign up for ONE Enrichment course for 4 weeks

During the four weeks of the Community Adult Education series, you will attend the four sessions of the Enrichment Course you selected. (You may switch to another Enrichment Course after the first week if space permits.) Following a 15-minute break after class, we will gather for a Community Forum and listen to different guest speakers.

On January 28 the afternoon begins at 2:00 PM with your hour one course. The afternoon will conclude with a Seudat Siyum, a festive meal, beginning at 3:00 PM.

### FEES FOR COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION (CAE)

The fee for the ENTIRE 4 weeks is \$25 per person and includes handouts, snacks, the Community Forums & the concluding meal. To attend one or more Community Forums only, the fee is \$10 per Forum.

Make checks payable to JFEC. Return by Thursday, January 4 to address on registration tear-off. For those unable to register ahead of time, there will be on-site registration at 1:30 PM prior to classes January 7. Checks and credit cards will be accepted on-site. Contact the Federation with questions: 860-442-8062 or office.jfec@gmail.com.

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Make your check payable to 'JFEC' and mail to JFEC, 28 Channing St., New London, CT 06320.

Registration form and your check must be received by Thurs., Jan. 4. Otherwise, register at 1:30 on Jan. 7 at Emanu-El prior to the first class.

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**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.)

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Please RSVP by Monday, **January 29, 2018**, for dinner on **February 2, 2018**.

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

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

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

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(Chicken fingers & sweet potato fries)

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## January Services & Schedule of Events

Jan. 2	Tues.	TBD	Beginning Hebrew
Jan. 3	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Jan. 4	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Deadline to contact JFEC to for Senior Hot Lunch on Jan. 8
		7:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal Nar Anon
<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	5:00 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
		6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
<b>Jan. 7</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels, Religious School
		10:00 A.M.	Social Action Committee
		11:00 A.M.	Talmud Study
		2:00 P.M.	Community Adult Education
Jan. 8	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Jan. 9	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
Jan. 10	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
		6:45 P.M.	Sisterhood Movie Night-Niantic Cinema
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Jan. 11	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food For Thought
		7:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal, Nar Anon
<b>Jan. 12</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels, Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Talmud Study
		12:00 P.M.	Cabaret Rehearsal
		2:00 P.M.	Community Adult Education
Jan. 16	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
Jan. 17	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Jan. 18	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Deadline to contact JFEC to for Senior Hot Lunch on Jan. 22
		7:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal, Nar Anon
<b>Jan. 19</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service — SSA will be participating
Jan. 20	Sat.	TBD	TE/BE/SSA Social Night
<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels, Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Talmud Study
		12:00 P.M.	Cabaret Rehearsal
		2:00 P.M.	Community Adult Education
Jan. 22	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Jan. 23	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
		TBD	Sisterhood Dinner Club – location TBD
Jan. 24	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School
Jan. 25	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Deadline to contact JFEC for Senior Hot Lunch on Jan. 29
		7:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal, Nar Anon
<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Shira Service
			Choir will be participating
<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels, Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Talmud Study
		12:00 P.M.	Cabaret Rehearsal
		2:00 P.M.	Community Adult Education
Jan. 29	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Jan. 30	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
Jan. 31	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School



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