



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

As many of you know, Polly, the kids, and I reside in Mystic. Our house is just far enough off the beaten path to keep the neighborhood quiet and just close enough that we can walk to "downtown"

Mystic. Our landlord is so wonderful that we are in no hurry to own a house (sorry, real estate folks in our community). I have just one tiny complaint. The mailbox is down the street, a couple of hundred yards away. It seems like a small thing. During the summer it's fine. Nava, Ilan, and I will walk down to fetch the mail. But in the winter or when it's raining, who wants to get out of the car. Not me. And what's in there these days anyway? Most of our bills come electronically. There's *The Leader* and our *Bulletin*, but to be honest, sometimes the mail can sit for quite a while in the snailbox. And what piles up? Junk mail. Most of it goes straight from the snailbox to the recycle bin.

"Junk mail" has bridged the communications gap between snail mail and e-mail. I remember the first time I heard the term "snail mail." I was a research assistant in college back in the late 80's. My professor mentioned having to snail mail someone. I actually had no idea what he was talking about. What was so snail about the mail? Sending a letter cross-country in just a couple of days seemed pretty quick back then. Thirty years later, most of my mail comes at nearly the speed of light, delivered in an instant, the junk mail, just as fast as the important messages. Enter the new word, Spam.

There may be a few of you who have tried Spam. Hardly anyone will admit it. Culinary, Spam has been relegated to the butt of jokes, or meal horror stories. But, someone must eat it because Hormel still sells it. In fact, Spam sales are strong. This is where kosher starts to look like a good idea after all. But no problem; I can roll the cart right on by in the grocery aisle. But I can't get away from the spam e-mail or the spam snail mail. It just keeps coming, littering my snailbox and inbox. Spam has been described as information that comes

so fast and in such high volume that the flow of information drowns out the purposeful messages. It's migrated out of the e-mail world into apps, too. My phone would constantly like to give me alerts for just about everything. Every app I download first asks me if I want to enable alerts. No, No, No! E-mail, Twitter, Facebook, Weather, and even my Pittsburgh Penguins app all want a piece of my attention. Stop!

In the virtual world, the signal to noise ratio has dropped so far that, at least for me, the internet has become an undesirable but necessary wasteland. It has information vital to modern life but leaves one thirsty for real relationships. E-mail and Facebook have ceased to be the easy ways to communicate with the people who are most important in my life. If you are reading this in your snail mail, you've made that list, by the way. Be assured, I want to communicate with you, I want to know what is going on in your life, be there for you, celebrate with you, laugh with you, cry, and mourn with you. I do my best to respond to all of the messages you send me. But when it's really important, do e-mail, but please, please, I welcome you to be a little old fashioned too...pick up the phone, stop by, write a letter. I'd love to hear your voice, see you, decipher your handwriting, or have a real conversation.

Rabbi Marc



Trivia Question:

The word 'bible' comes from the Greek 'biblion' - what does *biblion* mean?

Answer on an inside page.

President's Message—Sean Bendick



Preparing for the Annual Meeting

As we get to the end of the fiscal year, it's time to start preparing for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for June 3. FY2018 has been a year that has lived up to many of the expectations that we laid out during our meeting last June. This month, I wanted to give you a brief recap and a look ahead.

We've had another wonderful year under the spiritual guidance of **Rabbi Marc** and **Sherry Barnes**. Our Shabbat, High Holidays, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover experiences were as excellent as ever. Rabbi Marc is continuing to explore ways to further enrich other holidays, such as Simcha Torah and Shavuot. If you've been away from services, I encourage you to see how Rabbi Marc and Sherry have continued to shape our religious events.

Socially, we've been having a good year as well. Our normal Brotherhood and Sisterhood events continue to please. Cabaret Night has become a mid-winter staple. We also had a successful community dessert social. This month, we're having our first Spring Starry Night dinner dance. We're hoping that this event will draw interest from our congregants who are just interested in getting together for a good time.

Throughout the year, though, we've seen signs of trouble. By now, everybody knows that Beth El and SSA are using our building. We've also been hosting other community activities such as the TVCCA Senior Hot Lunches. Our friends from Beth El are using our space because Beth El was forced to face the reality that an aging, shrinking congregation was not able to continue operating in a building that was becoming a draw on their resources. It's only natural to be concerned that Temple Emanu-El is on the same trajectory.

I'm not going to beat around the bush. Our building is in need of repairs, and none of us is getting younger. However, I'm here to tell you that I'm optimistic that Temple Emanu-El can continue to be the center of the Jewish community of Southeastern Connecticut. Right now, our membership is about 200 family units, which is nice, but has room for growth. Our mainstay members might be getting older, but in many ways we're getting younger. Our rabbi is a new kid on the block. We continue to bring in new families to our Hebrew School, and I'm excited to report that **Armi Rowe**

and **Jennifer Zettler** are preparing to become our new school administrators as we prepare to celebrate the retirement of the tireless **Barbara Kallan** and **Marc Goldsmith**. Repairs that we've made and repairs that are planned will keep our building operational. And thanks to the efforts of Scott Wolfe and Chris Rock, we have paid down and privatized a good deal of our mortgage.

Still, all of our efforts require your financial support. We're a small congregation, and there's not much room for congregants to count on the generosity of others. We've operated with a minimal budget, but we still need to work toward our mission to build a vibrant community. We'll be going over the details of our fiduciary needs at the annual meeting, but I can tell you that your membership carries a financial responsibility. It's my hope that you appreciate the role that Temple Emanu-El plays in your life and that you will reward our efforts with your generosity when you send us your pledges this summer.

Sean

Notes from Sherry Barnes



As I write this bulletin article, we are counting the omer. In the Torah, Lev. 23:15-16, it states: "From the day on which you bring the omer of elevation offering, the day after the Sabbath, you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week, fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to the LORD." The counting of the omer begins on the 2nd day of Passover until Shavuot, which is the spring harvest in Israel. Even something as mundane as harvesting the barley, was elevated to remind us to be grateful to G-d for the bounty of the harvest. Not being a part of a farming community, I can only guess at the work and awareness of what it takes or feels like to be in awe of, and thankful for a good crop to harvest.

The counting of these 50 days has been likened to coming out of the darkness of Egypt, into the light of the Torah. Another analogy would be going from physical freedom to spiritual freedom. Again, not being part of a farming community, I can identify better with moving toward spiritual freedom or awareness over these seven weeks, creating a

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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., May 10

Food for Thought is held the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next date is May 10. 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.)

Notes from Sherry / *Cont from page 2*

habit in which I choose to make each day matter, to be aware of as many moments as I can in the length of a day that are meaningful. I find it all too easy to choose to say, I'll find something to be grateful for tomorrow. Time moves quickly and all too often I find myself saying, It's Friday already? What happened to the rest of the week? How could I not have grabbed a few moments to take a breath and be grateful for the beauty around me? I'm not always successful, but I try to find something to be grateful for throughout the counting of the omer and hope that I can retain this practice throughout the year.

Sherry

Preschool

The last two preschool sessions will be held on **May 6 and 13, 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 up your child for class for next year, please contact the office at 860-443-3005.

Religious School 860-439-0406



It is absolutely amazing how quickly the Religious School 2017-2018 year is going by.

Here we are writing the final article of this Religious School year. As we look back, April was a very short month, with Passover and our Spring Break. We did get our Basket Raffle off the ground with beautiful baskets contributed by our classes as well as some new items donated by area businesses. We started selling tickets toward the final drawing, which will be held at the Spring Fling on May 6, in the social hall at noon. This is the Religious School's contribution to the Temple Emanu-El Essential Services fund. The baskets were displayed on Wed. April 25, and Sun. the 29 and will be at the Starry Night Dinner Dance, as well as in Religious School on May 6, prior to the drawing. If you have not purchased tickets for your chance to win one of these wonderful baskets, please do so now.

Our third Grade finally had a chance to participate in a Family Service and Shabbat Dinner after being snowed out in

March. They had a chance to help with parts of the service led by Rabbi Marc and Cantorial Soloist Sherry.

April 25 was our final Midweek session of this year. To mark the ending of our Wednesday sessions for this year, we gathered for the counting of the omer and followed that with our traditional Pizza Party. We must not forget, though, that although Wednesdays are completed for this year, we still have several Sundays left and are hoping for great attendance.

Our eighth grade class took its annual trip to Touro Synagogue in Newport as well as a walk on the Cliff walk. Our Emissary Ziv had the opportunity to join the group on this trip. The tour was interesting and informative and they thought it was great walking on the Cliff Walk and enjoying the scenery. Of course any great trip must include food, so everyone enjoyed lunch at Newport Creamery.

To finish out the year, this class will also be taking a trip to New York City, which will include a visit to the Museum of Jewish History. Sivan will have the opportunity to experi-

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ence that trip with the group.

This will be the final major activity for our eighth graders: Bayla McCaffery, Ethan Novick, and Zachery O'Brien, as they will complete their years at our Religious School and will be moving on to the Jewish Community High School. We wish them well and hope that in the future we will see them involved in other Temple activities and perhaps as Faculty Assistants right here at our Religious School in the years to come.

On May 6 after Religious School, there is a Pizza and Ice Cream social being planned for all families. Monica Goldstein and Armi Rowe are in charge of this activity. The cost is \$ 10.00 per family. It is at this event that the drawing will take place to determine the winners of the Theme Baskets as well as many other interesting items that are available as part of the raffle. We hope that we will have the participation of all families at the first family activity to be planned in quite a while. If it is a success, it might be the beginning of a new tradition, and we will plan more of these next year. If anyone is interested in helping on this type of activity, please contact Monica or Armi.

May 13 is the final morning of Religious School for this year. Normally we have school until the week before Memorial

Day, giving us three Sundays in May; however, Shavuot comes on May 20 and therefore we cannot hold Religious School that day, so for this year we will end on the 13. We realize that this is Mother's Day; however, we hope that we will have good attendance for our final day.

We will have a special recognition assembly as well as a short presentation by Sivan and Ziv. We will give our students a chance to meet shortly with their classes and teachers. Hopefully at 11:30 A.M. we will begin our Family Picnic (everyone is invited) so that we will conclude as close to noon as possible so families who have Mother's Day plans will be available by then. Please make every effort to plan your activities for after noon so that we can have good attendance for our final morning.

Please be watching for the Temple Membership Packets which should be out at the beginning of June and will include Religious School Registration forms and information. Please fill these out and return prior to beginning your summer plans so that plans for next year's Religious School can be completed.

We wish you all a Happy Summer and look forward to seeing you and your children in the fall.

Barbara Kallan & Marc Goldsmith

Co-Administrators

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Brian and Robbin Alpert
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Chris and Susan Fornara
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Condolences to . . .

**Jo-el Fernandez and
Sandy Greenhouse**
on the death of Jo-el's father, **Joseph Fernandez**

**Jacqueline and
Anthony Mazza and family**
on the death of
Jacqui's father,
Edward Gotleib

'More Trivia Questions'

1. What sort of animals are featured in the children's book, Watership Down?
2. In which English abbey would you find Poets' Corner? **Answers — keep turning the pages...**

Sisterhood

Janine Sitko, President / janinesitko@gmail.com

End of the Year Sisterhood Membership Dinner

Wednesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m.

Hosted at the home of Caryn Novick
3 Morris Lane, East Lyme

Cost: \$18 per person

If you have not yet become a member of Sisterhood you can bring your dues of \$36 to the dinner.

Movie Night– Niantic Cinemas – Wednesday, May 23 – 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 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 set-up on Sunday, June 3rd, morning, early afternoon!

Volunteer to serve on Monday, June 4th, around lunch-time!

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).

One more option: if you would like to donate items for a themed basket with a minimum value of \$35, that would be great. We need at least 10 baskets. (We'll take care of the decorating; we just need the contents.) Please call and I can explain this further!

Contact Iris to help in any of these ways at ifreegang@aol.com or 860.460.308.

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood Board

The Sisterhood has been running like a finely tuned machine for many years under the guidance of Janine as our president. Other Board members: Caren Linden (treasurer), Merrill (programming), Susan Hausmann (gift shop), and Susan Fornara (communications) work to keep the Sisterhood meaningful and helpful to the Temple in varied ways. Spring is the time of year where we seek to refresh and strengthen our attributes going forward. If you have ever thought that you would like to take part in enhancing our Sisterhood and adding your talents to our board, either as a co-position or singularly, please reach out to either Janine Sitko (sisterhood@tewaterford.org) or Merrill (mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net) and let us know. We'd love to have you!"

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 judai-cashop@tewaterford.org or 860-625-6618.



Brotherhood

Hello Brotherhood. Just a reminder that June 8 is the brotherhood Shabbat service. If you are willing to tell a very short tale of Jewishness in your life, this would be the service to do that.

When I was a kid, my Rabbi's son Yitzie was my best friend. Every Saturday I would go to his house and we'd go exploring about our suburban town. We'd sneak into the local junk yard and play in broken trucks and busses. We'd play roller hockey in the temple social hall. I learned about chemistry when we tried to siphon gas from cars in the temple parking lot into Styrofoam cups (and the cup disintegrated). We got into a lot of mischief and Yitzie's dad, the Rabbi, would unleash the wrath of the Lord on to us.

The above, while 100 percent true is not quite the kind of

story I was intending for the Brotherhood service. Maybe if Yitzie and I actually did something to positively express our Jewish learnings, there would be a motivational story there. But we were unsupervised boys of 11 or so during the 1970's...

Maybe instead I'll tell the story of the time Yitzie and I tied the Cantor's son to a tree... there's got to be something spiritual there.

So if you have a good tale, please drop me note that you'd like to participate.

Shalom

Jonathan



Spring Fling Basket Bonanza

Sunday, May 6 12:30pm

Temple Emanu-El Social Hall

A fun pizza & ice cream social for families

Good luck in the drawing!

\$10 per family

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

kgradepooh@atlanticbb.net

Walk on over to the social hall right after classes on May 6, to mingle with families.

You have a chance to win a staff gift card basket, a basket filled with \$100 in lottery tickets and many additional gift cards donated by generous businesses for fun family excursions including:

Frank's Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana, Dave & Buster's, Lake Compounce, Old Sturbridge Village, North Country Rivers, Swan Boats of Boston, Story Land, Mystic Seaport, Children's Museum of SECT, Eastern CT Ballet, Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Essex Steam Train & Riverboat, Dancers Outlet, Kid City Museum and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.

May Birthdays

Emma Gail Arruda
 Florence Betten
 Dr. Barry Bienstock
 Karen S. Bloustine
 Eric Blum
 Rhonda Daniels
 Harris Daniels
 Andrew Dezjot
 Henry Dunkerley
 Haley Flax
 Trevor Fornara
 Paula Garnica
 Alice Gilbert-King
 Lesly Ginsburg
 Richard Gipstein
 Terri Goldsmith
 Samantha Greenberg
 Hailey Greenberg

Barry E. Greenhalgh
 Sanford Greenhouse
 Alan Gruber
 Patricia Gruber
 David Hausmann
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 Robert Hoffman
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 Mark Johnson
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 Gladys Kimmel
 Elyse Kirschblum

Joshua Krasney
 Anne Kronisch
 Emily Lerner
 Caren Linden
 Camrynn Marcus
 Justin Mazza
 Sierra McCaffrey
 Sybil Nassau
 Mikayla O'Brien
 Edward Perl
 Susan Piotrkowski
 Maria (Herma) Powell
 Leonard Prokopets
 David Sayet



Cheryl Susan Schwartz
 Joseph Segal
 Benjamin Shiling
 Perry Anne Smizer
 Joel Straus
 Brendan Suroviak
 Vivian Weinberger
 Nathan Weiss
 Gabrielle Emily Zettler

May Anniversaries



Stanley A. and Karen S.
 Bloustine
 Jose' R. and Linda Cordero
 Scott and Rhonda Daniels
 Leonard and Helen Goldstein
 Rick and Tammy Kaye
 Martin and Joanna Lazarus
 Richard and Sheri Pascal
 Mike and Marcia Reinhard
 Scott and Laura Ringer
 Elwin Garth and Cheryl Susan
 Schwartz
 Fred and Carol Seeman
 Alvin and Patricia Sher
 Nathan and Shelley Weiss



May 4

Craig Blumsack
 Carlyn Censer
 Sidney Chivian
 Eileen Cohen
 Toby Deckler
 Benjamin Fox
 Anthony Freeman
 Martin Greenbaum
 Barbara Kelco
 Reginold Krasney
 Abraham Lamchick
 Harry LeVine
 Mary Louise Murphy
 Stanley Sheikowitz
 Stanley Steckler
 Isaac Wessel

May 11

Marcia Bentley
 Kathleen Greenhalgh
 Paul Hans
 Kurt Hopfer
 Lillian Katz
 Lothar Knobel
 William Kozek

May Yahrzeits

Jerry Lavender
 William Miller
 Bernard Ryack
 Anna Schlesinger
 Phillip Schlesinger
 Eleanor Samuels Schnur
 Bernard Shulman
 Mark Wildstein

May 18

Jerry Arenson
 Dollie Bender
 Ruth Cotton
 Lena Epstein
 Milton Finkelstein
 Beatrice Fishbone
 Judy Flax
 Irene Fox
 Irving Gordon
 Beverly Keeler
 Julian Krieger
 Ida Resnick
 David Rifkin
 Irving Shafner
 James Shleffar
 Ernest Jacob Shoor

Sam Sitko
 Carl Stoner
 George Trehub
 Marion Vail
 Nathaniel Wharton

May 25

Ann Brown
 Mary Ann Connell
 Joseph Farran
 Barney Goldstein
 Bessie Levine
 Mason Marcus
 Mildred Orenstein
 Samuel Perlowitz
 Dr. Jeanne Prokesch
 Wendy Senges Ryder
 Morris Sherman
 Yetta Solomon
 Hilda Ursinus
 Alice Werner



Answer to Trivia Question from page 1

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

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-- in loving memory of Judd Nordyke on his yahrzeit

-- in memory of Mireille Kanol who was murdered in France

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-- in memory of Phyllis Weiss



Answers to 'More Trivia Questions'

1. **Rabbits**
2. **Westminster**



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

Ethan Alexander Johnson Bar Mitzvah June 2



Ethan Johnson will assist Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday June 2, 2018 at 1030am** at Temple Emanu-El in Waterford, CT. His parents are Thea and Dan Johnson of Uncasville.

There will be an Oneg Shabbat following the Friday evening service and a Kiddush Luncheon following the service on Saturday.

Ethan's grandparents are Barbara and Peter Kallan of Gales Ferry and Gloria and Philip Morris of Ledyard. His siblings are Jillian Kallan, 20; Zachary Johnson, 24; and Joshua Johnson 11.

Ethan is an honor student at Leonard J Tyl Middle School in Montville. He is part of his school's ski club and plays lacrosse in the Montville Lacrosse League. He enjoys video games and spending time with his friends. For his Bar Mitzvah project Ethan has been volunteering at the New London Community Meal Center and has been collecting items on their wish list.

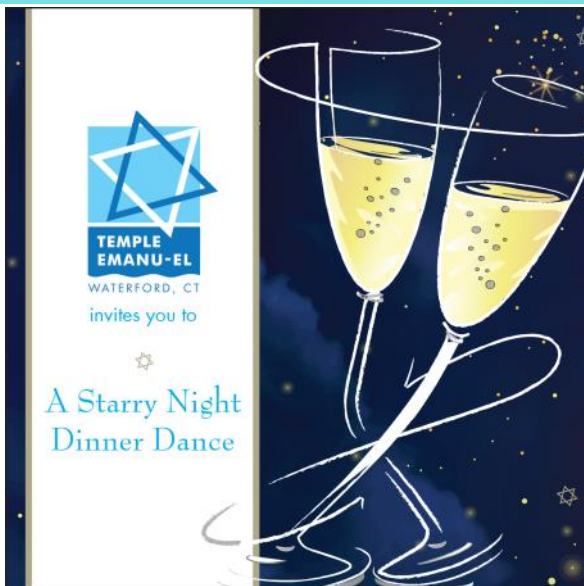
SOCIAL ACTION

The Mitzvah Corps has started its work and we are helping a congregant who has emergency needs as well as the need for rides. Any temple member who needs the help of the Mitzvah Corps or wants to join the Mitzvah Corps should contact the temple office at 860-443-3005.

The Social Action Committee is trying to end the year on an active note. The goal is to have a formally func-

tioning Mitzvah Corps up and running and to plan and have a successful Mitzvah Day. We may be dreaming. Our ongoing projects, Soup Kitchen, our involvement with Start Fresh, and Habitat for Humanity are going well. In the case of Habitat there is a serious need for new volunteers.

DINNER DANCE MAY 5 — *Deadline extended to May 1*



The official deadline passed, so if you have not already done so, Please [RSVP to A starry Night Dinner Dance](http://www.teastarrynightdinnerdance.com) by May 1. Please invite friends and neighbors to join in the fun. Forward to them our event website link: <http://www.teastarrynightdinnerdance.com>

No dance partners needed. There will be three roving dance partners on the dance floor.

Temple Emanu-El's **Erica and Rich McCaffrey** have a short and spicy dancing story for you at [A Starry Night Dinner Dance](http://www.teastarrynightdinnerdance.com) event website.

<http://www.teastarrynightdinnerdance.com>

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
29 Dayton Road (Mail registration to: P.O. Box 288)
Waterford, CT 06385
(860) 443-3005

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)

Community Shavuot Program at Temple Emanu-el Saturday, May 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 1,000 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
 P.O. Box 288
 Waterford, CT 06385

SHABBAT Dinner – June 1, 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, **May 28 for dinner on June 1**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

#____ of Chicken Florentine #____ Vegetarian/Vegan

Total # of Adults _____ x \$18.00 = _____

Total # of Children _____ x \$ 5.00 = _____

Total Enclosed _____

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May 6 - June 6, 2018 / FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

VENUES

Garde Arts Center, 325 State Street, New London

Mystic Luxury Cinemas, 27 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic

United Theatre, 5 Canal Street, Westerly, RI

Olin Science Center, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave.,
New London

B. P. Learned Settlement House, 40 Shaw Street, New London

TICKETS

At the Garde and Mystic — purchase in
advance online at venues' websites or at
the door

At Westerly, Olin and BP Learned —
purchase tickets at the door

Doors open 30 minutes prior to screening.

DATE	FILM	TIME/VENUE/ADMISSION
Sunday, May 6	ACROSS THE WATERS (Denmark, English subtitles, 95 min., 2016) GESHARIM (Short, Israel, English subtitles, 12 min., 2017)	2:00 PM / Garde / \$10 Post movie reception sponsored by Film Festival Committee
Thursday, May 10	SHELTER (Israel, English subtitles, 93 min., 2018)	7:00 PM / BP Learned / \$10
Saturday, May 12	AMEN (France, Germany, Romania, English subtitles, 132 min., 2002)	7:00 PM / United / \$10 Post movie reception sponsored by Cong. Sarah Zedek
Tuesday, May 22		7:00 PM / Olin / \$10
Tuesday, May 15	PERSONA NON GRATA: THE CHIUNE SUGIHARA STORY (Japan, English subtitles, 139 min., 2015)	7:00 PM / BP Learned / \$10
Thursday, May 17	THE INSULT (Lebanon, English subtitles, 112 min., 2017)	7:00 PM / Mystic / \$10
Tuesday, May 29	THE TESTAMENT (Israel, English subtitles, 86 min., 2017)	7:00 PM / Olin / \$10
Thursday, May 31	MAKTUB (USA, English, 100 min., 2015) ACROSS THE LINE (Short, USA English, 24 min., 2016)	7:00 PM / Mystic / \$10 Post movie reception sponsored by Hadassah
Wednesday, June 6	RBG (USA, English, 97 min., 2018) Israel: A Living Palimpsest (Short) (USA, 20 minutes, 2018) A short by Todd Gipstein	7:30 PM / Garde / \$12 (Note time & price) Post movie reception sponsored by Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

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

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May Services & Schedule of Events

May 1, Tues.	R.S.V.P. today for both 5/4 Shabbat Dinner and 5/5 A Starry Night Dinner Dance Fun-raiser
	6:00 P.M. Beginning Hebrew
	7:30 P.M. Religious Practices
May 2, Wed.	7:30 P.M. JFEC Community Event: Shir B'aemek Performance at Temple Emanu-El, Adult Afula-Gilboa Singers
May 3, Thur.	1:00 P.M. Amidah Class
	6:30 P.M. Nar-Anon
May 4, Fri.	5:30 P.M. Tot Shabbat
	6:00 P.M. Shabbat Dinner
	7:00 P.M. Shabbat Service
May 5, Sat.	6:00 P.M. Starry Night Dinner Dance – Holiday Inn Norwich Temple Emanu-El's largest fundraiser for this year. R.S.V.P. by May 1
May 6, Sun.	9:30 A.M. Religious School
	9:30 A.M. Brotherhood Bagels
	10:30 A.M. Preschool
	11:00 A.M. Adult Ed Study Group
	2:00 P.M. JFEC Film Festival Begins – Across the Waters with Gesharim (short) – dessert reception sponsored by Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood -at the Garde Arts Center
May 7, Mon.	12:30 P.M. JFEC Senior Lunch
	6:00 P.M. Jewish Community High School
May 8, Tues.	6:00 P.M. Adult Beginning Hebrew
May 9, Wed.	7:00 P.M. Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees Meeting
May 10, Thur.	12:00 P.M. Food for Thought
	1:00 P.M. Amidah Class
	7:00 P.M. JFEC Film Festival – Shelter - at BP Learned New London
	7:30 P.M. Hope After Loss – TE Library
	7:30 P.M. Nar-Anon – TE Social Hall
May 11, Fri.	7:30 A.M. Shabbat Service honoring Temple Emanu-El's Benefactors, Patrons, Sponsors
May 12, Sat.	7:00 P.M. JFEC Film Festival – Amen – at United Theatre in Westerly
May 13, Sun.	9:30 A.M. Religious School
	9:30 A.M. Brotherhood Bagels
	10:30 A.M. Preschool
	11:00 A.M. Adult Ed Study Group
May 14, Mon.	12:30 P.M. JFEC Senior Lunch
	6:00 P.M. Jewish Community High School

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May 15, Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
	7:00 P.M.	JFEC Film Festival – Amen - at Olin Center, Conn. College
May 17, Thur.	1:00 P.M.	Amidah Class
	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
May 18, Fri.	6:15 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service honoring new members, Howard Ilson Award Recipients, Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Recipient
May 19, Sat.	10:30 A.M.	Temple Emanu-El Shabbat Morning Service – Adult B’not Mitzvah
	6:30 P.M.	Shavuot Community Start Fresh Dinner and Program
May 22, Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
	7:00 P.M.	JFEC Film Festival – Amen – at Olin Center, Conn. College
May 23, Wed.	6:45	Sisterhood Movie Night – Niantic Cinema
May 24, Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
May 25, Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
May 29, Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew
	7:00 P.M.	JFEC Film Festival – The Testament – Olin Center, Conn. College
May 30, Wed.	6:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Membership Dinner, at Caryn Novick’s home
May 31, Thur.	7:00 P.M.	JFEC Film Festival – Maketub with Across the Line (short) – dessert reception sponsored by Haddasah at Mystic Cinema
	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
June 1, Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Tot Shabbat
	6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
	7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
June 2, Sat.	10:30 A.M.	Temple Emanu-El Shabbat Morning Service Ethan Johnson Bar Mitzvah

About Jewish American Heritage Month — www.jewishheritagemonth.gov

May is Jewish American Heritage Month – On April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month. The announcement was the crowning achievement in an effort by the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders that resulted in resolutions introduced by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The resolutions passed unanimously, first in the House of Representatives in December 2005 and later in the Senate in February 2006.

The month of May was chosen due to the highly successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish History in May 2004, which was organized by the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History. This coalition was composed of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, the American Jewish Historical Society, the Library of Congress and the National Archives and Records Administration.

This site presents only a sample of the digital and physical holdings related to Jewish American heritage available from the Library of Congress and other participating agencies.

Leading the way in implementation of the annual celebration is the Jewish American Heritage Month Coalition, formed in March 2007 and convened by Jewish Federations of North America, the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the American Jewish Historical Society.




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