



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Dear Chaverim,

We are in the Hebrew month of Elul and closing in quickly on the High Holy Days, the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe. Where have we come since this time last year? Are we in a

better place, worse off, or just about the same? Where could we be now had we been a little more directed, a little more focused, a little more in tune with our tradition, our collective wisdom, our Source? Could fewer people be hungry, homeless, victims of senseless hatred? Could a few less have suffered needlessly from disease or self-inflicted ills? Could our planet's natural resources have been less consumed, its rivers and seas less polluted, its beauty more preserved? No doubt, there are many good works that have been done by many of you. However, if we are to take an honest assessment, I think we must conclude that as a collective society, we are far from peace, far from resolving hunger and disease, far from setting aside selfishness and hostility, far from calling ourselves collective conservators of land and oceans. There is much for which we should be collectively penitent. The piercing call of the shofar reminds us that the world cries out in pain.

Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, the Chief Rabbi of Palestine in the early part of the 20th century, said, "The perception of truth is the basis of penitence." The idea of truth is so easily trampled upon. There is

President's Message—Sean Bendick



Happy New Year! We celebrate all kinds of New Year's this time of year. New school year... new fiscal year... and, of course a new year for Jews around the world. With Rosh Hashanah tied to the harvest, it makes a certain amount of sense that there's a celebration associated with the completion of the hard work of farming. In our

modern Western world, however, the new school year and fiscal year mark the end of a restful summer season and the beginning of the work year. Of course, the summer was still a period of hard work for your Temple leadership.

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a war being waged in every form of media over the idea of truth. Claims are made to the possession of truth, accusations of fake. How do we sort through the tangle of indictments and outright lies? It is seemingly impossible, and perhaps in the end pointless to try. I suggest to you that we must make a turn. We must make tshuvah. In order to make this turn, we must ask, what is the truth we are seeking? We must turn from empty truth that seeks to enrich some while impoverishing others, empty truth that builds mansions while burning forests, empty truth that silos grain while tables lay bare, empty truth that creates open spaces for a few while confining others behind imprisoning walls and borders, empty truth that addicts us to meaningless things and pointless pursuits. We must turn instead toward a truth that directs our material, intellectual and spiritual power toward noble ends.

Our mystical tradition reminds us that the word Elul is numerically equivalent to the word binah – understanding. Rationally, this simplistic play of numbers and letters has little or no meaning except that we can use it to remind ourselves that the more noble truth we seek can come only with understanding. May we seek to understand ourselves while not invalidating others. May we understand how to meet our present needs while not laying waste to our inherited earth. May we seek to tear down walls erected with intolerance and replace them with bridges built on foundations of love and understanding. As we approach Rosh Hashanah, may the call of the shofar arouse us and inspire us to use our traditions to nourish our souls, prime our bodies, and teach our minds, such that we have the strength of will to make a turn toward this higher Truth.

L'shana Tovah,

Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

Notes from Sherry Barnes



Many of you know that my oldest son and his family have chosen to "live off the grid" in the beautiful state of Maine. They live a simple life, growing vegetables and fruits, and canning them. They cook on a wood stove in the winter and a rocket stove in their outdoor summer

kitchen. They use the sun to generate power and are creating plans for the new home that they will build, from resources on their property, next year.

On their 10 acres of land, you get to enjoy nature at every moment. We sit outside under the most amazing blue sky, pet the

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Rabbi Marc and Sherry Barnes have been preparing for the High Holidays. They've also been running services throughout the summer. Sherry has been supporting the lay-led services. Marc led two spectacular community services: an Independence Day weekend service with Beth El and Ziv's Bat Mitzvah service with Rabbi Rosenberg and the other community Rabbis. They have also led our other summer events such as the annual barbecue service and the annual Bagels and Brachas hike at Bluff Point. They have also been working on two more not-to-be-missed events this fall. First, Simchat Torah on September 30 will be a community-wide progressive event, making the rounds at the area synagogues and culminating at Temple Emanu-El. Second, the Artist in Residence weekend with Feliza & Or Zohar will be taking place October 26-28. Special thanks to Gail Weber, Bob Linden, Jo Michaelson, Merrill Mazzella, and Sue Fornara for helping to organize this special event.

Armi Rowe and Jennifer Zettler, along with Religious School Committee Chair Caryn Novick have spent the summer getting the Religious School ready for the New Year. I'm truly thrilled to report that with so many teacher openings this year; they have been able to fill all of the staff positions. We'll have another fall highlight for the school on October 5 when we honor Marc Goldsmith and Barbara Kallan on their retirement. If you or your children have been participants in our Religious School, please be sure to come and honor Marc and Barbara.

Geoff Hausmann and the Buildings and Grounds committee have been fixing up the building for the fall. You'll be glad to know that our air conditioning has been repaired in the school wing and the sanctuary. We've also filled the cracks in the parking lot and installed new lighting over the parking lot.

As for me? At the Annual Meeting you gave me the go-ahead to pursue bringing Beth El onto our campus. Along with Gail Weber, Chris Rock, Scott Zettler, and Jo Michaelson, I've had several summer meetings with Beth El's leadership. We've spent much of the time considering what it means to share a campus, and opinions vary on what the Dayton Road of the future will look like. We're working to ensure that we retain our identity and take advantage of our congregation's strength while still providing a spiritual home that will meet the needs of Beth El. These have been friendly discussions, but not easy ones, and a concrete vision still evades us. Once our two congregations agree on a vision, you can expect a Town Hall meeting to share that vision with you. In the meantime, I do want to hear your thoughts on this. Feel free to grab me during onegs, the High Holidays, and Sunday Bagels, and let me know what you think.

Looking forward to another exciting year at Temple Emanu-El.

Shanah Tovah!

Sean

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chipmunks as they come out to enjoy the sunflower seeds that are strewn around for the birds, watch as the woodpeckers, humming birds, and many other species of birds come to have a snack. The kids enjoy a cool dunk in the crystal clear stream that runs through their property.

As much as I love the view of the mountains of Maine from their home, my absolute awe-inspiring moments are when we sit outside and look at the most breathtaking night sky. There are no city lights to take away from the millions of twinkling stars that run through the Milky Way. I've even watched satellites zip through this sea of stars. Next time I'll bring a telescope to stargaze.

Looking up at the star-filled night sky, I felt small, but blessed. Its beauty brought to mind the Ma'ariv prayer. Since my High Holy Day Machzor was on my desk when I came to work, I looked up the prayer in the Rosh HaShanah Evening Service. The translation used in the machzor is very poetic and captured the feelings I had about the night sky in Maine. Here is the translation found on page 22:

"Blessed are You Adonai. Your great name fills the universe with majestic might.

Your word creates twilight and dusk, as Your wisdom opens the gates of night.

Your discernment separates the changing seasons and causes the passage of time.

The stars, arrayed across the sky, reveal Your design.

You roll out the cycle of darkness and light, shaping day and night.

You sweep away day and carry the world into nightfall, setting day apart from nighttime.

*You are G*D of all we can perceive, and all that is beyond our perception.*

*Living, Eternal G*D: be our Sovereign to the end of time.*

Blessed are You, Adonai, Creator of twilight and dusk."

Such beautiful words.

On Rosh HaShanah, as we make amends to those we have hurt and work on being our best self, may this new year of 5779 also be the year that we take in and celebrate all that surrounds us, remembering to gaze into the heavens, and get caught up in the awe of all that Adonai created... for us.

Shanah tovah,

Sherry





L'Shanah Tovah! Year 5779 is upon us. Temple Emanu-El's Religious School, begins as a mid-week session on Wednesday, September 12, at 4:30 P.M. for grades 3-7. The first Sunday session for all religious school students in grades K-8 is on September 16 at 9:30 A.M. The first religious school day for Pre-K students is Sunday, September 23, at 10:30 A.M.

We have been busy all summer long preparing for this school year. Welcome to all of our new and returning teachers and faculty assistants! We thank you for dedicating your time toward the mitzvah of passing down knowledge and stories from Torah and the Jewish People to learners of the next generation. We look forward to embracing tradition as well as being open to creativity as we collectively provide for our students an engaging and fun-filled calendar of Hebrew and Judaic lessons, group activities and celebrations.

We also welcome our new young Israeli Emissaries Roy Sulimani and Liron Binyamin. We are excited to learn more about Israeli culture and modern conversational Hebrew expressions. They will surely bring much ruach to our school in the coming months.

It was great to spend time with those religious school families who were able to attend our Family Fun Night on August 16. Parents and children enjoyed games, crafts, face painting and pizza while registering for religious school. **If you haven't already done so, please fill out your Temple pledge form and register your children for religious school as soon as possible.** Once we receive your paperwork in the Temple Office, we will send you the school calendar and family fun events listing.

Pre-School



Preschool begins on **Sunday, September 23, 2017, at 10:30 A.M.** Monica Goldstein will be the teacher.

The program includes music with Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes, and special programming for holidays with k-2. Additional dates for 2018-2018:

Sept. 30, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 16, Jan. 6 and 20, Feb. 3 and 24, March 3 and 17, April 7 and 28, May 5 and 19. If you are interested in signing your child up for class, please contact the office at 860-443-3005.

We are pleased to inform parents that we have a fun family event/activity scheduled at least once per month during the school year, such as PJ Havdalah Movie Nights. **Save the date for our first Family Hike at Stenger Farm in Waterford after school on Sunday, September 23.**

We are introducing a new format for our mid-week sessions on Wednesdays. Students will meet in the social hall rather than work only in their grade's classrooms. Students will have the opportunity to develop a stronger sense of community by meeting briefly as a group for snack for the first 15 minutes. This will be followed by individualized Hebrew study with tutors for 15 minutes with enrichment opportunities for the more independent student learners. The next 20 minutes will be dedicated to small group Hebrew practice and reinforcement by proficiency. Finally, during the final 25 minutes of each Wednesday, one of our young Israeli Emissaries will lead all the students in one group activity. We believe this format will allow for more family-like feeling for our students and allow the children to progress at their pace.

Please note a new school security policy we are implementing that requires parents to first stop by the religious school office to sign out their children at pickup. Students will now be dismissed by their teachers from their classrooms. This is for the safety of all students and also to minimize the confusion in the atrium at the end of the school day.

More information will be sent home, posted on the Temple website and announced via e-mail. Please contact us with any questions or concerns at

religiousschool@tewaterford.org

See you soon,

Armi Rowe & Jennifer Zettler

TERS Co-Administrators

Gift Cards



As the High Holidays approach consider **donating Stop and Shop, Shop Rite, Big Y, Walmart or other gift cards for people in need.** The Temple office receives calls for help purchasing

food throughout the year. At this time the office does not have any cards to give out. **Please help replenish the supply.**



Adult Education 5779

Adult Bible Study

Barry Feldman will resume the Sunday morning discussion group on September 16 at 11:00 A.M. in the Temple sanctuary. This is open to everyone. If you have any questions, you may contact Barry at (860) 739-0474 or barrysfeldman@gmail.com

Introduction to Judaism Class

Want to know more about Judaism because...

You're considering conversion? Someone you love is Jewish? Your kids ask lots of questions? You didn't pay attention in religious school?

Whatever your reason, come join Rabbi Marc for a 13-week Intro to Judaism course 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, **October through March – 8 P.M. First class is on October 4.**

RSVP or inquiries to Rabbi Marc at rabbi@tewaterford.org

Introductory Hebrew

Join Rabbi Marc for an introduction to Hebrew class Thursday Evenings – 7 to 8 P.M.

The class will be taught primarily from the perspective of Biblical Hebrew and will build on whatever prior knowledge you have.

RSVP or inquiries to Rabbi Marc at rabbi@tewaterford.org

Classes are from October through March. **First class is October 4.**

Torah and Haftarah Cantillation

Our sacred texts come alive through musical markings called trope or cantillation. Come learn this sacred tradition with Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes, exploring Shabbat, High Holy Day, Megillah, and Haftarah cantillation.

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. – November through June. The first class is Nov. 6. RSVP to the Temple Office.

Join the next B'nai Mitzvah Cohort

Are you interested in preparing to become an adult bar or bat mitzvah? Join our next b'nai mitzvah cohort. Contact Rabbi Marc at rabbi@tewaterford.org. Meeting times and dates TBD.

Food for Thought

Join in on this once-a-month open discussion, facilitated by Rabbi Marc, where our Jewish heritage, identity, and values intersect with our modern world. Class meets the **second Thursday** of the month, 12 noon – October through June. **First class begins Oct. 11.**

Bring your own brown bag lunch. We'll have plates and some drinks available.

Sisterhood — Janine Sitko, President / janinesitko@gmail.com

Keep an eye out for our kick-off event, as well as our monthly Movie Nights and Dinner Nights starting in October!

Fall Mah Jongg Tournament — DONATIONS Needed Now



We need your help for our next MahJongg Tournament, **our largest**

Sisterhood fundraising event, which will be held on Monday, October 15.

We are asking for donations of new “related items” to make into RAFFLE BASKETS that will be used at the tournament. BUT WE NEED THE GIFT DONATIONS NOW, SO WE CAN GET OUR BASKETS MADE UP IN TIME. You don't have to do any assembling; we'll make up the baskets.

Raffle ticket sales bring in about \$1,000, so we really try to make this a nice element of our tournament day.

We like the baskets to have a value of at least \$35. Be as crea-

tive as you want — some popular themes in the past have been: Spa items, Coffee or Tea collections, Games, Martinis, Margaritas, Wine, Chocolate, Gift cards for restaurants, retail stores, and hair or nail salons.

We can also use nice recycled baskets (medium or large). You can bring donations to the Temple office. (I've been known to do home pickups if necessary.)

We have had a great crew of helpers doing food prep the day before (October 14) and food serving the day of the event (October 15). We welcome anyone who would like to help out in this way, as well.

If you have questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to call me at 860-460-3081 or e-mail me at ifree-gang@aol.com!

Thanks for your support!!! **Iris Freeman**

Religious Practices

We've had a busy summer at Emanu-El! Our cooperative service with Congregation Beth-El on July 6 was well attended and very well received. Many thanks to Rabbis Ekstrand and Safman and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes for a beautiful Shabbat. More community cooperation happened for the Bat Mitzvah of Ziv Lavi on August 4, with all the rabbis in eastern Connecticut celebrating on our bima. Our Bluff Point picnic and casual stroll on August 18 has become an annual tradition. This year we did this on Shabbat morning, which brought an extra meaning to our prayers and songs.

Looking forward, we have a very busy autumn planned. **We will celebrate S'lichot on Saturday evening, Sept. 1.** After we view a film, we'll have a discussion of the issues it presents. Then we'll have a brief service to change the Torah mantles and usher in the High Holidays after which we'll enjoy some yummy desserts. Please join us.

Brotherhood

Jonathan Rowe, President / bioconsultants@yahoo.com

Shalom Everyone!

The Brotherhood traditionally provides **ushering service and car parking direction for the High Holidays. We can always use volunteers.** So if this article gets out on time, please contact me if you'd like to help.

After the High Holidays, **we will meet on September 23 to build the sukkah.** We'd like to take it up a notch from last year, so ideas for decorations are welcome. No idea is too crazy... well, actually some can be.

Remember, Sunday (during religious school), free bagels. Please tell me if you can volunteer a Sunday (or two) to help set up our traditional Sunday spread. We can train you on how to be a bagel master.

Thinking further ahead, **October 28** is the Artists in Residence weekend. **We've been asked to provide a classic Brotherhood breakfast at 9 A.M.** I'm happy to know we have internationally-recognized breakfast abilities.

Best,
Jonathan



As always, our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services do not require admission fees or tickets. All are welcome to attend. This year, **the Temple will provide the food for the break-the-fast and we request RSVPs, so we can plan.** More details are in the recent mailing you should have received. L'shana tova to all!

The Sukkah will be decorated on Sunday, Sept 23. All are invited to help!

On **Simhat Torah, Sunday, September 30** we will have a celebration of the giving of the Torah at Sinai! We will host congregants from area synagogues, their Rabbis and Torahs from our region for And to top it off, we are very excited about our **Artists in Residence weekend of events scheduled October 26, 27, and 28 with Rabbi/musician Or Zohar and musician/artist Feliza Bascara-Zohar.** Details of this weekend's events will be available soon.

Jo Michaelson

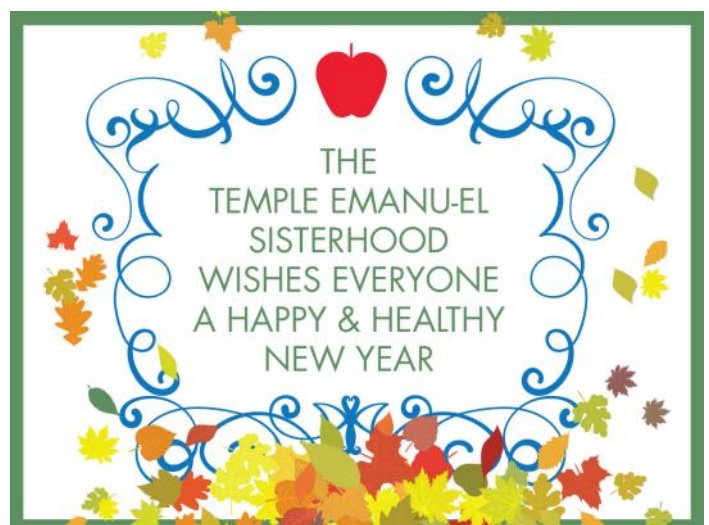
Judaica Shop

Susan | judaicashop@tewaterford.org | 860-625-6618

Chanukah is coming, Chanukah is coming! I cannot believe that I am talking about Chanukah before the High Holidays, but it will be here starting December 3. As the go-to Jewish gift shop in New London County, I want to make sure I have everything you need. Please e-mail me at judaicashop@tewaterford.org so that I can plan for your special orders.

The gift shop is stocked with holiday cards, honey dishes and other supplies that you may need now. Please stop by.

The gift shop is open every Sunday morning during religious school and by appointment.



Service & Oneg Thank Yous!

**Thank you to all of you who led
summer services and provided onegs:**

Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes

Karen Bloustine

Stan Bloustine

Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

Andrew Feinstein

Norma Hollandersky

Judy Mann

Merrill Mazzella

Edee Smith

And everyone else who took part

Condolences to . . .

Irma Flitt, Leslie and Harvey Orenstein
on the death of
Alvin "Sonny" Flitt

Kenn and Kim Fischberg
on the passing of
Sylvia Fischburg Eisenberg

Barry and Stephanie Thorp
on the passing of
Brian Archer Thorp



Young Emissaries Liron and Roy

By Marcia Reinhard, JFEC Assistant Director & Emissary Coordinator

Our new Young Emissaries, Liron Binyamin and Roy Sulimani, are due to arrive at Camp Laurelwood on Sunday, August 26, and in our community on Wednesday, August 29. As the Coordinator for the Young Emissaries, I had the privilege to meet these two impressive teens in the last few weeks when I was in Israel. They are engaging, talented, bright and very warm. I believe they will be a wonderful fit for our community. They are already wrapping their heads around becoming part of the fabric of who we are.

This fabulous program began in our community in the fall of 2001. Liron and Roy will be our 18th pair of Young Emissaries and yet, have a refreshing approach and their own style to bringing Israel to life for us. I cannot wait for them to arrive and for all of you to meet them.

Mark your calendars. **Thursday, September 27, is our Harvest Supper and the evening we will be introducing Liron and Roy to our community.** I look forward to seeing you all then. In the meantime, here is a little taste about themselves that they wrote for you to read. (See flyer in this bulletin)

If you are interested in hosting one of these two young, warm and engaging teens, please contact Marcia Reinhard at mreinhard.jfec@gmail.com or **860-235-4719**.

Liron Binyamin

My name is Liron Binyamin and I'm the new Shinshin (Young Emissary) in New London!

I was born in Gan Ner - a small village located on the Gilboa Mountain. I have two amazing parents, one brother who's younger than me, Roie, and a dog named Tyson. I studied in "Emek Harod" high school and majored in Arabic and Theater.

My biggest dream is to be an actress. I really love performing. I

hope to include my passion for performing into some of my programs with you. I love hanging out with my friends at the wonderful Gilboa mountain. I really like Israeli music and play the guitar.

I was a counselor in the youth movement "Bnei Hamoshavim" for two years and it was so much fun! I really enjoyed my work there.

I want to bring Israel to you from my point of view and learn about life in the Jewish Community of Eastern CT as well as in general in the US. I really hope to make great connections with the Eastern CT community and can't wait to meet everyone already!! See you soon.

Roy Sulimani

Hello Eastern CT. My name is Roy Sulimani and I am currently in training as a Shinshin for the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Federation of Eastern CT in New London. I was born in Ziv, Zefat, a hospital in Zefat, and grew up in Hatzor Haglilit prior to going on my shlichut. I want to tell you about myself and about my family. I have two siblings. One is my twin, Nave, and I have an older sister who is 21 years old. Her name is Gal.

My mom's name is Limor and she just got married to Yoram, my stepdad. I am so very happy for her. I also have a dog. Her name is Toly. They all play a big part in my life and we all live in Hatzor Haglilit, which is in the beautiful north of Israel. I just finished my "job" as a student in Amit High School and majored in Physics and Math. I was a fellow in the "Young Ambassadors" program and was the head of the youth council of Hatzor Haglilit for a year at the age of 17.

I really can't wait to bring Israel to the Jewish community of eastern Connecticut and show it to you through my eyes. Looking forward to



September Birthdays

Jay Alpert
Jason Arenson
Lisa Barclay
Sherry Barnes
Alicia Bauer
Matthew Blum
David Blustein
Mitchel Corah
Scott Daniels
Stuart Deglin
Golda Siegel Doyle
Michael Dunkerley
David Engelman
Liam Feldman
Ethan Fenton

Sandra Fisher
Bruce Flax
Leonard Goldstein
Madison Goldstein
Jay Hans
Susan Hausmann
Matthew Hausmann
Kevin Jones
Sarah Julia Kaplan
Leslie Kirschblum
Brian Lazarus
Cynthia Lesser
Paul Luner
Emma K. Lutz

MicKayla Marcus
Bayla McCaffrey
Rebecca Morea
Zachary O'Brien
Joseph Quaratella Jr.
Scott Ringer
Jennifer Rock
Phil Schneider
Nicole Schneider
Sarah Selke
Samuel Selke
Lee Snyderman
Jordan Stein
John Teeter



Philip Trostler
Jane Weinberg
Yitzchak Winograd



September Yahrzeits

September Anniversaries



Sean and Anne Bendick
Lori and Mitchel Corah
Andrew Feinstein and
Elizabeth Bochain
Barry and Cecile Feldman
Abraham and Sandra Fisher
Marlene Frydel and
Andrew Grant
Seymour and Patricia Hendel
Gerry and Hali Keeler
Arthur and Emily Lerner
Paul and Anne Luner
Richard and Erica McCaffrey
John and Jamie Stavropoulos
Sheldon and Amy Stricker
Martin and Margaret Trehub
Scott and Jennifer Zettler



September 7
Leah Betten
Daniel Bloomfield
Jack Fischburg
Judy Fishbone
Lanny Glasgow
Ann Grant
Edna Leader
Cory Levin
Selma Orenstein
Tibe Smith

September 14
David Bienstock
Neal Buckstein
Yetta Diamond
Rose Dibner
Stanley Falk
Israel Glasgow
Harold Gottleib
Isadore Gottleib
Evelyn Grabner
Dorothy Green
Esther Kaplan
Boris Liberman
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Mildred Pincus

Robert Schor
Sylvia Stoner
Herbert Swiedler
Arlene Wessel

September 21
Harold Alpert
James Connell
Jack Dinsfriend
David Flitt
Sarah Ann Grayson
Jeffrey Greenberg
Charles Hoper
Sol Krasner
Jeffrey Matten
Isador Meckler
Claude Moynihan
Richard Namenson
Nathan Snyderman
Esther Stein
Alvin Swatzberg
William Thorp
Sidney Vail
Dr. Norman Zeldis

September 28
Sylvia Bienstock

Miriam Emily Lamchick
Abraham Levine
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...in honor of Hali Keeler's birthday

...in honor of Gerry Keeler's birthday

...in honor of Elly Hoffman's birthday

...in honor of Lois Steinman's birthday

...in honor of Donald Steinman's birthday

...in honor of Karen Rosenberg's birthday

...in honor of Gail and Steve Weber's anniversary

...in honor of Elly and Bob Hoffman's anniversary

...in memory of Sylvia Fischburg Eisenberg

...in honor of the birth of Sivan Kaden Alhadeff, granddaughter of Hali and Gerry Keeler

Elsa Freedman

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...in loving memory of Uncle Marty

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...in memory of Marty Yavener

Jane Schnur

...in memory of Marty Yavener

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...in loving memory of Diana Fischburg on her yahrzeit

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...in memory of Sonny Flitt, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather

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Matthew and Florence Lewiss

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...in memory of Alvin Flitt

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...in memory of Marty Yavener

Sandy and Abe Fisher

...in loving memory of Stanley Jacobson on his yahrzeit

Stanley and Karen Bloustine

...in memory of Rose Baker, Karen's grandmother

...in memory of Eleanor Baker, Karen's mother

...in honor of our son Joshua being named on a patent for a microfluidic device

...in honor of our grandson Jonah's successful ear surgery

Stuart and Marilyn Fishbone

...in memory of Marty Yavener

The Fornara Family

...in honor of Armi Rowe's 50th Birthday

...in honor of Jonathan Rowe's 50th Birthday

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First Friday's — Shir Shabbat

Friday, October 5

First Fridays are getting a little bit of a makeover this year. Our first, **First Friday of the year will be on October 5**. We will still come together at 5:30 P.M., have dinner at 6:00 P.M., and then a service at 7:00 P.M.

Here is what is different:

At 5:30 P.M., instead of Tot Shabbat, we will have a Kabbalat Shabbat – this means welcoming Shabbat in song. Tots and not-Tots will all have fun as we joyously bring Shabbat into our lives with song, instruments, and who knows, maybe some dancing.

Here is what is the same:

We will have a catered congregational Shabbat dinner at 6:00 P.M. The cost will still be \$18 for adults and \$5 for children (the Bentley Fund generously subsidizes our youngest members).

We will still have a service at 7:00 P.M., but since we already did Kabbalat Shabbat, this service will be a little shorter. We aim to begin Oneg around 8:00 P.M. Don't worry, we will still read Torah and all the things you've come to expect on Friday evenings.

AiR — Artist in Residence Weekend

October 26-28

If you have been reading Rabbi Marc's weekly messages, you have already heard that we will have special guests, **Rabbi Or Zohar and Feliza Bascara-Zohar**, from Israel at Temple Emanu-El the weekend of October 26-28. Based in the Galilee, this husband-wife team have been sharing their original sacred music for over a decade, using it as a powerful tool for bringing people together and promoting a more pluralistic and progressive society in Israel. Feliza and Or have been touring the US to share their music with congregations throughout the country. Their original melodies are known, loved and used in various congregations around the world.

This weekend is generously funded through the Temple Emanu-El Endowment. We are grateful to the endowment. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a creative, progressive Jewish experience. The highlights of the weekend include:

• FRIDAY (Open to the community)

7:00 P.M. Kabbalat Shabbat and Oneg

• SATURDAY (Open to the community)

10:30 A.M. Shabbat Morning Service
12:00 P.M. Shabbat Lunch - RSVP only.
1:00 P.M. Shabbat Learning program on
Reform Kabbalah with Rabbi Zohar
7:00 P.M. Saturday evening concert

• SUNDAY (Temple Emanu-El only)

Religious School Program (for kids)
Embodied Prayer Program with Feliza
(for teens and adults)
Discussion with Rabbi Zohar – Reform Judaism in Israel
(for teens and adults)



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September Services & Schedule of Events

Sept. 1 Saturday	7:30 P.M.	Selichot Program
Sept. 2 Sunday	10:00 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.	Cemetery Visit
Sept. 4 Tuesday	7:30 P.M.	Religious Practices Meeting
Sept. 6 Thursday	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Sept. 7 Friday	7:00 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat using a special prayer book for the month of Elul
Sept. 9 Sunday	8:00 P.M.	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 10 Monday	10:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Rosh Hashanah Children's Service Tashlich (Hole in the Wall, Niantic)
Sept. 12 Wednesday	4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Midweek Hebrew School—First Session of School Year Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept. 13 Thursday	7:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Life After Loss Nar-Anon
Sept. 14 Friday	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sept. 16 Sunday	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Religious School—First Sunday Session of School Year Brotherhood Bagels Bible Study
Sept. 18 Tuesday	8:00 P.M.	Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service
Sept. 19 Wednesday	10:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M. 2:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M.	Yom Kippur Morning Service Yom Kippur Discussion Yom Kippur Children's Service Yom Kippur Afternoon Service Yom Kippur Yizkor Yom Kippur Neilah Havdalah Break-the-Fast
Sept. 20 Thursday	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Sept. 21 Friday	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sept. 23 Sunday	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Help Build a Sukkah / Religious School Brotherhood Bagels Preschool
	11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. 5:45 P.M.	Bible Study Sukkot Service Sukkot Potluck Supper
Sept. 24 Monday	10:30 A.M.	Sukkot Morning Service
Sept. 26 Wednesday	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Sept. 27 Thursday	6:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Harvest Supper—Welcome Young Emissaries Liron & Roy
	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Sept. 28 Friday	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sept. 30 Sunday	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Religious School / Brotherhood Bagels Preschool
	11:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.	Bible Study Religious School – Fall Family Hike
	6:30 P.M.	Progressive Simchat Torah
Oct. 1 Monday	10:30 A.M.	Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor Service

Celebrate Shabbat

and

Honor Our Retiring School Administrators and Teachers



October 5, 2018

5:30 P.M. Kabbalat Shabbat in song for all ages

6:00 P.M. Shabbat dinner

7:00 P.M. Shabbat service including honors and celebrations

R.S.V.P. for October 5 dinner by Friday, September 28

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FULL DAY MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Monday, October 15th, 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, Oct 11 or when we reach capacity. Register early to ensure a spot! No refunds.

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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.

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

Mah Jongg Tournament

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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) _____ Kugel

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Admission:

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Admission is free if you bring a ready to serve dairy or vegetarian dish that can serve 10 or more people

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High Holiday Policy

- All members are welcome to attend.
- Guests/non-members are welcome; a donation of \$75.00 per person is suggested.
- Military personnel & college students are complimentary guests.
- Families with younger children are encouraged to attend Children's Services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at 2:00 P.M. and the closing Havdalah (on Yom Kippur) at approximately 6:45 P.M.

Selichot

Temple Emanu-El's Selichot Program is on September 1, 7:30 P.M.

- A movie and discussion
- Communal prayers for divine forgiveness, said during the High Holiday season. Drawing from biblical verses and rabbinic teachings, they are a soul-stirring introduction to the Days of Awe.
- Changing of the Torah Mantles to High Holiday Mantles.

Cemetery Visit

Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes will be at the Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery #3 & #4 on Middle Rd. in Preston on Sunday, September 2, from 10:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M.

Feeding the Hungry During Tishri

There is no better time to donate food than during the High Holidays and the Holiday of Sukkot. The High Holiday liturgy reminds us that prayer, repentance, and tzedakah help shape our fate for the coming year. On Yom Kippur we read the prophetic words of Isaiah encouraging us to share our food with the hungry, and Sukkot is a harvest festival. What better way to thank God for our abundance than to share with the needy? Place your food contributions in the bin in the foyer. It will leave you with a good taste.

It is also a mitzvah to make financial donations to Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger, PO Box 894765, Los Angeles, CA 90189-4765. Mazon distributes the funds nationally and internationally as well as returning some for local useful projects.

Sunday, September 9 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 P.M.

Monday, September 10 Rosh Hashanah **Morning** Service 10:00 A.M.

Rosh Hashanah **Children's** service 2:00 P.M.

Tashlich, where we symbolically cast our sins upon the water, 4:00 P.M.

Bring your own bread crumbs, shofar, and snacks to share. Meet at the Hole in the Wall, 4 Baptist Lane in Niantic.

Tuesday, September 18 Erev Yom Kippur/**Kol Nidre** Service 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 19 Yom Kippur **Morning** Service 10:00 A.M.

Yom Kippur Discussion

Israel is always a difficult issue for Jews in the diaspora. We are a part of Am Yisrael, the Jewish people. But, what part do we have to play in Medinal Yisrael, the State of Israel? Do we need it? Does it need us? How do we engage or why do we choose not to engage with Israel as Reform Jews?

Rabbi Marc will give a sermon on this issue on Yom Kippur morning, then Andy Feinstein will facilitate a discussion between the morning and children's services.

Wednesday, September 19 Yom Kippur **Children's** Service 2:00 P.M.

Yom Kippur **Afternoon** Service 4:00 P.M.

Yom Kippur **Yizkor** 5:00 P.M.

Yom Kippur **Neilah** 6:00 P.M.

Additional High Holiday info on the reverse side.

Dairy Potluck Break-the-Fast

Each year, Temple Emanu-El coordinates the Break-the-Fast following the concluding services (about 6:30 P.M.) on Yom Kippur. This year, instead of doing a potluck break-the-fast, it will be catered. We are taking this opportunity to ask you for a suggested donation of \$18 per person toward the Break-the-Fast.

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Please designate "Break-the-Fast" in the memo section of the check.

Putting Up the Sukkah

For Sukkot we will need volunteers to put up and take down the Sukkah. Help build the Sukkah on Sunday, September 23, at 9:30 A.M. Our Sukkah is very large, so we need a lot of material for the roof (Schach, in Hebrew). Please bring materials for the Sukkah any time after Yom Kippur. Things like ornamental grasses or cornstalks are ideal for the roof (schach). Please contact Jonathan Rowe at Bioconsultants@yahoo.com or 860-501-3231 for further details.

Sukkot Potluck Dinner and Potluck Oneg

Please join us for the Temple Sukkot Celebration on Sunday, September 23, at 5:00 P.M. We will enjoy the Sukkot worship service and then share dinner.

The potluck dinner will begin at 5:45 P.M. If your name begins with A-M, please bring a main course. If it begins with N-Z, please bring a side dish or salad.

Everyone is asked to bring something to share for dessert as well.

There will be a charge of \$3 per person or \$5 per family.

The Sukkot Morning Service is on Monday, September 24, at 10:30 A.M., followed by a potluck lunch in the Sukkah.

Simchat Torah

After the solemn High Holidays, participate in a truly joyful celebration. If you haven't been to our Simchat Torah service, "You ain't seen nothin' yet." A progressive Simchat Torah with all the local synagogues will culminate at Temple Emanu-El. Come join us at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, September 30, in the celebration of the Joy of Torah and community. We will complete the yearly cycle of Torah reading and begin again.

Oneg and dancing will be offered.

Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor Service is Monday, October 1, at 10:30 A.M.



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