



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

As you receive this *Bulletin*, we are well into the month of *Cheshvan*. The month is sometimes referred to as *Mar-Cheshvan*. *Mar* has a couple of meanings. It can be connected with the increasing

rains in Israel during this month. As it is stated in Isaiah 40:15, *Chein goyim ki'mar mi'di'li*, "the nations are but a drop in a bucket." But *mar* is more commonly understood to mean "bitter." Bitter, because this month lacks any festivals. Adding to this bitterness is that *Cheshvan* possibly should have had a festival of its own. It was in this month that King Solomon's workers completed the First Temple. The Temple was built of hewn stones, cedar and cypress planks, gold overlays, and magnificent bronze. The bronze-works were so large that they had to be cast in molds dug into the earth. It took seven years to complete the Temple and this was as much a regional effort as Israelite. Hiram, the Phoenician king of Tyre, offered his expert coppersmiths and eventually received the tribute, 20 towns in the Galilee in return.

The construction was completed in the month of *Cheshvan*. We must imagine that this was a joyous moment. Yet, the Temple was not dedicated then. Rather, it stood locked and empty for nearly a year until the next High Holy Festivals in the month of *Tishrei*, adding to that month's stature at the bitter expense of *Cheshvan*. Yet, after the Holy season, which stretches over two months, perhaps we need a month without a holiday. The sacred festivals really began with spiritual preparations back in the month of *Elul* and did

not end until Simchat Torah. We need a little time to regroup, recharge, recall our latke recipes and get ready for the Festival of Lights.

All the more so, the break in activity is an opportunity to reflect and give thanks. In some years when *Chanukah*, recalling the rededication of the Second Temple, is particularly late in our secular year, *Cheshvan* gains our national holiday of Thanksgiving. Although this occurs only a handful of times in the seventeen-year calendrical cycle, perhaps it gently reminds us of a theme this time of year. Our prayers direct us toward thankfulness, morning, noon and night. In the early morning it is a personal supplication, *modeh ani lifanecha*, "I give thanks to You," for the gift of my soul. By the time of the recitation of the Amidah, that theme of thankfulness transforms to the communal *modim anachnu lach*, "We thank You," not only for our lives and our souls but also for Your wondrous works and Your continuous compassion and lovingkindness.

Only one benediction follows in the 19 thrice-daily benedictions of the Amidah, and that benediction is for peace. Thus, thankfulness and peace are, by design, on our lips and in the forefront of our minds as we take leave of our prayer spaces and return to the places where our prayer really matters. The synagogue is our sacred space, our respite. However, the purpose of prayer is realized only outside of the temple where we transform prayer from thought to action. I suggest a mindset of thankfulness is the essential fuel for that action. This action, if our prayer has been focused, transforms our world from what it was and is, to what it can be – a righteous house of prayer for all people and a dwelling place worthy of God.

Rabbi Marc

New Policy Regarding Animals in Temple Emanu-El

Those of us with pets know how much they are a part of our lives, and how we want them to participate in our day-to-day activities. However, Temple Emanu-El also recognizes that as a place where people pray and eat it is not appropriate to have animals in the building.

Therefore, effective immediately, it is the policy of Temple Emanu-El that with the exception of service animals, animals are not allowed in the building.

President's Message—Sean Bendick



You're all a good influence!

Writers block leads to my spilling family secrets. Not really a big secret... I've never made it much of a secret that my parents made it as far as my younger brother's Bar Mitzvah and then became unaffiliated. I've always credited Anne with encouraging me to get involved with Temple life, and my parents were surprised with our decision to raise a Jewish family.

So, Mom and Dad live in North Carolina, but they've always been really good about making it up to Connecticut for all of our life cycle events at the Temple and a few Temple events, including our Starry Night event last fall. They're always quick to tell me that you all remind them of their lodge friends from the 1970s and they like how much we enjoy one another's company. You were all such a good influence on them that they're working on re-affiliating!

This is where things get weird... They've found their own Temple Emanu-El in Winston-Salem.

Yeah, yeah. I know that Temple Emanu-El is a common name. But I was looking at their website, and I think that we may have a photocopy of us down there. They've got a Rabbi Mark. (Yeah, he spells it wrong.) They've got a school director named Rowe. They've got Board Members with familiar names like Wolfe and Lerner. Pretty creepy stuff. I was telling my father that the only thing that they're missing is a President Bendick. They should be so lucky ;-)

Well, not much a story for this November, but I wanted to use this little tale to let you know that I'm thankful to all of you for the love and friendship that you've always had for my family and for one another, and that you've all played a part in my family's Jewish growth.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sean



Notes from Sherry Barnes



Cantillation is the ritual chanting of sacred text from the Tanakh, Hebrew Bible. This is done with special markings called trope or in Hebrew, Ta-amei Hamikra, which means "taste" or "sense" of the writing. I learned to chant Torah in preparation for becoming a Bat Mitzvah in May 1989. Learning to read Hebrew, chanting prayers, and writing my D'var Torah were all very fulfilling, but, as I have told many of my students, chanting Torah is the icing on the cake. Opening this sacred scroll, chanting its ancient text, like so many before me, was humbling and awe inspiring. I loved it so much that I came back to chant whenever I could.

The mention of chanting Torah goes back about 2,000 years. The creation of a notated system, known as trope, or cantillation marks, goes back to the 9th or 10th centuries C.E., with the most important being written by the Masorites. You may have noticed these trope marks when you've chanted the V'ahavta prayer in the siddur. You've already been chanting Torah and didn't know it! Since the Torah is a sacred text, we are not supposed to change one word, lest we change the meaning of the text. The trope marks help us do this by accenting the words correctly and serving as punctuation, which help preserve the interpretation of the text that has been accepted. Now that you have had a ta'am, a taste, of what chanting Torah is about, I hope you will join my class on **Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30**. We will be working on Torah, Haftarah, Megillat Esther, and High Holy Day Torah trope, with a goal of chanting Torah on Shabbat, and a few sentences of Megillat Esther for Purim. Knowledge of reading Hebrew is necessary.

So, have you decided to participate this year in our 6th Annual Cabaret on Feb. 2? You still have time to decide; I'm just watering the seed I planted last month. ;)

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! May your tables be filled with good food, the love of family and friends, and abundant blessings.

B'shir,

Sherry





What a fantastic evening October 5 was for our Temple family! Our sanctuary and social hall were filled to capacity with people of all ages from our community. Our students and families helped to usher in our first Shir Shabbat family service and dinner as well as celebrated the milestones of our consecrants, retiring administrators and retiring teachers. It was a meaningful and memorable evening.

November offers many activities for our religious school families.

Hope to see everyone again at the next Shir Shabbat service and dinner on **Friday, November 2, when our 7th graders will participate at the 7:00 service.** Each month a different class will participate during the first Friday service. Grade 6 will participate at the December 7 service, and so on. **Remember to RSVP for the November 2 dinner to the Temple Office by Sunday, October 28.**

Bring your friends and family to our Temple's community **Bingo Night on Saturday November 10 beginning at 5:30 P.M.** The event will benefit the Religious School to help offset expenses such as teachers' classroom supplies and youth programs. We are seeking volunteers to help us prep in the kitchen for the salad and pasta bar setup or the bake sale part of the evening. Please e-mail if you can lend us a hand for a couple of hours at religiousschool@tewaterford.org. See the flyer within this issue for more information.

Pre-School



Preschool takes place on **Sunday, November 4 and 18, at 10:30 A.M.** 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 2018-2019: 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.

Mark your calendars for our **Havdalah Pajama Movie Night on Saturday, November 17, at 6:00 P.M.** Children of all ages through 6th grade will experience a Havdalah service and a family friendly movie. Wear your pajamas and bring blankets, pillows and sleeping bags! (Chairs available for anyone who wants one.) There is a nominal charge of \$5.00 per family to cover snacks and drinks. Please **RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 15,** to religiousschool@tewaterford.org

Jewish Book Month is an important annual event in both the American Jewish community and the publishing world. It is typically held in the month of November prior to the Chanukah gift-giving season. Visit our Scholastic Book Fair for the opportunity to purchase books for your children that are authored by Jewish writers or that feature stories about Jewish characters or public figures. These make a great addition to your family library as well as ideal Chanukah gifts for your loved ones. Our book fair will be set up in the upper level of the sanctuary and open during religious school hours on Wednesday, November 28; Sunday, December 2; and Wednesday, December 5.

Warmest regards,

Armi Rowe & Jennifer Zettler

TERS Co-Administrators



Gift Cards



Please 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. Please help replenish the supply.



Adult Education 2018-19 / 5779

Introduction to Judaism Course

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.

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

Introductory Hebrew

Join Rabbi Marc for an introduction to Hebrew class

Kitah Aleph 6:30 P.M. (Tues. Nov. 6, 20 & 27)

Kitah Bet 7:30 P.M. (Tues. Nov. 13, 20, 27)

The class is taught primarily from the perspective of Biblical Hebrew and builds on whatever prior knowledge you have.

Contact Rabbi Marc at rabbi@tewaterford.org to determine which session is right for you.

Torah and Haftarah Cantillation

Our Sacred texts come alive through musical codes. Come learn this sacred tradition with Cantorial Soloist Sherry

Barnes, exploring Shabbat, High Holy Days, Magillot, and Haftarah cantillation.

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. – November through June. First class November 6.

RSVP to Sherry Barnes at cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org

Food for Thought

Join in on this once-a-month open discussion of where our Jewish heritage, identity, and values intersect with our modern world. Conversation facilitated by Rabbi Marc.

Second Thursday of the month, 12 noon – Nov. 8

Bring your own brown bag lunch. We'll have a plate and some drinks available for you. No RSVP necessary.

Bible Study Group

The Temple Emanu-El Adult Education Group has been meeting on Sunday mornings at the Temple for 24 years. Although we do study the Torah, we have also delved into the Talmud, Josephus, Apocrypha, Quran, and New Testament. No prior knowledge required, and we don't take ourselves too seriously. If you want to learn more, come and join us from 11 to 12:30 in the sanctuary during the school year or call Barry Feldman at 739-0474.



Religious Practices

During the wintry months of **November through March**, we are looking forward to having **Havdalah services at congregants' homes**. These Saturday evening services are beautiful, short, and are the perfect end to Shabbat. If we gather at each other's homes, Havdalah becomes a great way to start a sociable evening. Preparations are not elaborate. Rabbi Ekstrand and Sherry Barnes will provide the service. Our hosts will provide the site and some sort of informal opportunity to socialize. Please contact Sherry Barnes at the Temple or at cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org if you would like to host one of these evenings.

Sherry will be hosting the Havdalah service on Dec. 8 after the 4:15 P.M. Chanukiah lighting at 2 Military Highway in Gales Ferry (more details about that in a separate article). Please gather at her home at 198 Morse Ave., Groton, at 5:00 P.M. for the service and refreshments.

The first night of Chanukah is December 2. **Our First Friday in December is the 6th night of Chanukah**. Join us for Shir Shabbat at 5:30 P.M., dinner at 6:00 P.M., and Erev Shabbat Service at 7:00 P.M. We will light Chanukiot at both Shir Shabbat (5:30) and Erev Shabbat (7:00) Services, so no one will miss the opportunity to help Temple Emanu-El's light shine brightly out in the world.

Jo Michaelson

Chair, Religious Practices



Sisterhood — Janine Sitko & Merrill Mazzella, Co-Presidents

Join us for some fun!

Movie Night ~ Wednesday, November 14 ~ We'll meet at the Niantic Cinemas for the evening movie. As we get closer to the date, Merrill will send out an e-mail with details on which movie we'll be seeing, the movie time, and the time we'll be meeting.

Dinner Club ~ Thursday, November 29, 6:00 P.M. ~ This will be our first Dinner Club outing of the new year. The restaurant is yet to be determined. Suggestions are welcome! As we get closer, an email will be sent with all the details.

Challah Baking Class ~ Sunday, November 11, 1:00-3:00 in the Social Hall ~ Merrill Mazzella will teach us how to make the dough, shape, and bake the challah. This is a fundraiser with entry donations going to the Temple Emanu-El Essential Services Fund. No R.S.V.P. is required. This class is open to everyone - women, men, kids - communitywide, so please bring family and friends!

Time to Order 2019 Mah Jongg Cards

It feels like we just got the 2018 cards and it's time to order next year's cards already!

Thanks to all who ordered cards last year. We raised \$450 from the NMJL.

The cost is the same as last year, \$8 for standard size and \$9 for large print. **Checks should be made payable to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.** If you ordered from me before, I don't need any information other than name, e-mail, and quantity. For those new to ordering from me, I will need your mailing address, as well. Cards are mailed directly to your home from the NMJL in March.

If you play with a group or at a center, it would be great to collect orders from all your players!

My deadline for ordering is mid-January.

Mail checks to: Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Attn: Iris;
P.O. Box 288; Waterford, CT 06385.

Thanks for all your support!!!

Iris

Have you joined the Sisterhood? Would you like to? It's never too late ~ we'd love to have you! Sisterhood offers a variety of opportunities to meet other women and become active in congregation life.

Membership dues are \$36/year. Membership dues go to-

ward contributing to Temple general fund needs, gifts for our Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and confirmation students, funding the Break-the-Fast meal on Yom Kippur, donations to the Temple auction, programming for Sisterhood events, and supporting WRJ - Women of Reform Judaism.

Membership in the Sisterhood is open to all Jewish women of Southeastern Connecticut and the surrounding area.

For more information on Sisterhood membership or programs, please contact:

Merrill Mazzella or Janine Sitko,

Co-Presidents of Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net or janinesitko@gmail.com

Gift Shop

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

Believe it or not Chanukah begins at sunset on December 2. November is the time to purchase your Chanukah needs at the Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop. Included with the usual chanukah items, there is merchandise that has never been stocked before. Come browse to see the selection.

Our annual Chanukah Fair will be held on Sunday, November 18. In addition to our vast selection, we provide no cost gift wrapping.

The Fair does require some volunteers for both setup on Saturday afternoon and during the fair on Sunday morning. Please contact Susan at 860-625-6618 to volunteer.

There will be expanded gift shop hours during Religious School on Wednesday, November 28.

It is the go-to Jewish Gift Shop in Southeastern Connecticut. We accept cash and checks for your convenience.

The gift shop is always open on Sunday mornings during religious school (except Nov. 4.)

Special arrangements can be made by contacting 860-625-6618 or judaicashop@tewaterford.org.

Due to a prior commitment, the gift shop will be closed on November 4.



Service & Oneg Thank Yous!

Rabbi Ken Alter
Nicole and John Arruda
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Thea Johnson
Allison Glickman
Marlene Frydel and Andrew Grant
Michael and Rebecca Haynes
Jennifer and Aaron Kaplan
Judy and Stephen Mann
Merrill Mazzella
Erica and Richard McCaffrey
Jo Michaelson
Caryn and Steven Novick
Amy Perry
Jennifer and Chris Rock
Armi and Jonathan Rowe
Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz
Alisa and Milton Sheriff
Rachel and Bradley Sherman
Randee Siegal
Jennifer and Scott Zettler

Condolences to...



Ken and Gail Webman
on the passing of their brother-in-law
Joel Weiss

Myra and Richard Gipstein
and family on the passing of Myra's mother,
Esther Green



Fundraising – Travel Raffle tickets on sale NOW!

Last Chance to Get Your Travel Raffle Tickets

Get your tickets now. There is less than two months to this year's travel raffle, which will be drawn on **Sunday, Dec 2, at 6:00 P.M.** – during the Brotherhood's annual Latke Dinner.

Tickets are still only \$25 each – and there are only 720 tickets available, which allows the Temple to take in \$18,000 due to the generous support of our sponsors.

Tickets are being sold by Scott Wolfe, Barry Feldman, Marcia Reinhard, Armi Rowe, Stuart Fishbone and John Murphy. In addition, you can contact the Temple office at 860-443-3005 or John Murphy (cell 860-608-0774 or e-mail jem37@atlanticbb.net).

The prizes and sponsors are listed below:

1st Prize - Punta Cana-Dominican Republic Trip for two - Includes round-trip air from Hartford, roundtrip transfer from the airport to hotel, 5 nights, all-inclusive at Ocean Blue and Sand, and hotel taxes

Sponsor: Consumer Interstate

2nd Prize \$1,000 Travel Gift Certificate – Tzel Travel

Sponsor: Sayet & Seder

3rd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card

Sponsor: Minuteman Press

4th Prize - \$300 Best Buy Gift Card

Sponsor: Creative Office Interiors

5th Prize - \$200 Walmart Gift Card

Sponsor: Medical Meetinghouse

6th Prize - \$150 Target Gift Card

Sponsor: The Senges/Murphy Family

7th Prize - \$100 Amazon Gift Card

November Birthdays

Marie Abraham
Jessica Arenson
Michael Betten
Phyllis Bienstock
Marcie Blaise
Irene Brickman Smith
Andrea Carlow
Gregory Carlow
Marianne DeBruyn
Bruce Engelman
Marilyn Fishbone
Ryan Fornara
Janet Gischner
Tammy Kaye
Anna Kohanski
Suzy Lamson
Jean Lasser

Pearl Lasser
Evelyn Luner
Judy Mann
Richard McCaffrey
Harvey Orenstein
Zoe Parad
Sheryl Reagan
Harvey Schiller
Gail Schor
Elwin Garth Schwartz
Claudia Shapiro
Russell Sheikowitz
Daniel Noah Sheikowitz
April Smith
Daria Jean Snoke

David Snyderman
Dr. Danielle Amy Snyderman Miller
Robert Szeligowski
Henry Trehub
Dara Beth Weber



November Yahrzeits

November Anniversaries



Jon and Nicole Arruda
Henry and Ruth Dunkerley
Kenneth and Kimberly
Fischburg
Jonathan and Armi Rowe
Harvey and Ellen Schiller
Barry and Stephanie Thorp
Kenneth and Gail Webman
Sam Winograd and
Roberta Reisner-Winograd



Nov. 2

Barbara Basch
Bessie Bauman
Judy Dancer
Fanny Gordon
Leon Kaplan
Martin Meitzen
Leo Rosenberg
Ida Rosenshein
Dora Schaferman
Mira Shotten
Melvin Straus
Leona Tower
Jeremy Waggoner
Esther Webman
Shirley Yavener
Janet Zeldis

Nov. 9

Meyer Abraham
Lawrence Gottfried
Elsie Greenhouse
Ann Gregory
Carrie Hillsberg
Leon Kropp
Judith Levin
Jeanette Reinhard
Pearl Rogovin
Flora Surnamer
Louis Vinick
Samuel Zelvin

Nov. 16

Helen Angert
Dr. Morris Eisenstein
Dr. Charles Irwin
Sylvia Irwin
Lottie Lazarus
Helen Michalove
Phyllis Morea
Joseph Rosenberg
Ethel Rosenstein
Gary David Scharfman
Thayer Schlegel
Helen Schreiber
Laura Seder
Yetta Seeman
Marion Trehub

Nov. 23

Beatrice Caplowe
Isadore Diamond
Stanley Friedman
Barry Gillman
Bernard Glasgow
Inez Goldsmith
Edwin Gordon
Patricia Grills
John Hoffman
Paula Kaminsky
Stephen Kellert
Beverly Gilman McCaffrey
Philip Shafner
Steven Schwarz

Harry Stein
Albert Warren
Edith Weiner

Nov. 30

Ruth Joan Brody
Marvin Broomfield
Dorothy Glazer
Joseph Gold
Dorothy Golden
Vivian Goldsmith
Pearl Gordon
Esther Greenberg
Herman Gruber
Betty Kallan
Charles Misch
Max Resnick
Helen Shulman
Saul Robert Shapiro
Mary Shiers
Marilyn Sherman
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Caren and Bob Linden and Family

--- in loving memory of Betty Jean Linden on her yahrzeit

Gary and Iris Freeman

--- wishing Alicia Bauer a speedy recovery

--- wishing Ethel Chatkin a speedy recovery

--- wishing Claudia Shapiro a speedy recovery

--- in honor of Barbara Kallan for all her years of dedication and service to our religious school

--- in honor of Marc and Terri Goldsmith for all their years of dedication and service to our religious school

--- in honor of Barbara Senges for all her years of service to our religious school

--- in honor of Sam Winograd and Roberta Reisner-Winograd for all their years of dedication and service to our religious school

--- in memory of Charlotte Winograd, mother of Sam Winograd

--- in memory of Esther Green, Myra Gipstein's mother

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--- in honor of our daughter Ella Venooker

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--- in appreciation for attending the inspirational High Holiday services

Ethel Chatkin

--- in loving memory of my mother, Fanny Gordon on her yahrzeit

Joseph Golumbic

--- in appreciation of celebrating the New Year with my loving grandfather

Ruth Joan Brody Religious School Fund

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Rabbi Ken Alter

Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz



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

Lighting the Chanukiah in Gales Ferry — Saturday, Dec. 8 at 4:15 pm

Did you know that for the past two years, there has been a public celebration of Chanukah in Gales Ferry? Thanks to Greg Morea and Barbara Luftglass-Morea, a huge outdoor Chanukiah has been provided. This 5-foot-wide and equally tall Chanukiah is lit every night of Chanukah by the Morea family and is a wonderful addition to the seasonal celebrations in the area. The Chanukiah is located at the headquarters of the Ledyard community Facebook forum at **2 Military Highway just off Route 12**.

The lightings are public events, but they haven't been well attended in the last two years. We would like to have a large showing and have chosen **Saturday, December 8, at 4:15 P.M. as the evening to invite Temple members, especially, to attend.**

Parking is conveniently located at Fireside Pizza, which is just across the street from the Chanukiah. Please contact Sherry Barnes at cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org or 860-443-3005 if you would like to attend and would like to be part of a car pool.

Building & Grounds — Geoff Hausmann

Thank you to our neighbor on Soljer Drive, Kurt Macdonald. He cleaned the weeds and poison ivy off his yard and he continued working on the Temple's property.

You might have noticed that the Temple now has a basketball court again. I had the old one removed. The new one was erected by Barry Feldman and Harvey and Jason Orenstein.

After the big rainstorm, the Temple lost a big branch that went over half of the entrance. Thanks to Barry Feldman and Mike Betten for removing it.

The same big rain storm affected the electrical service cable to the Temple. Eversource converted the Temple to generator power and then replaced the electrical service

cable all the way from the telephone pole on Dayton Road to our electrical room. This huge job was completely paid by Eversource, thank G-D!

Sanctuary Odor: The Temple hired Green Home Solutions. They came in and treated the sanctuary. The odor is much less, but there is still a humidity issue. The first week in November, Green Home Solutions will return and run commercial-grade dehumidifiers and other equipment. The following week, they will re-treat the room hoping to remove odors completely.

The building Alarm Code will be changed in the beginning of November. If you have a reason to know the code, please e-mail Geoff Hausmann at Geoff@CallTheHouseMan.com.

Religious School Scholastic and Judaic Book Fair

Wednesday, November 28, 4:00- 6:00 P.M.

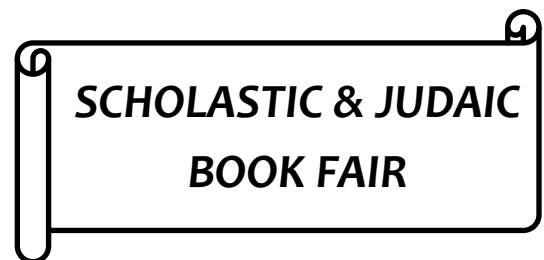
Sunday, December 2, 9:00 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday, December 5, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Special hours available by request

Since this event is scheduled just prior to and during Chanukah, what a perfect way to do some shopping or to spend some Chanukah gelt and support the Religious School.

For additional information or to volunteer to help with setup, contact **Thea Johnson, 860-235-0963** or **Barbara Kallan 860-884-9083**.



November Services & Schedule of Events

Nov. 1	Thur.	7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon Meeting
		8:00 P.M.	Introduction to Judaism class
Nov. 2	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat
		6:00 P.M.	Catered Communal Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service including Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
Nov. 4	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Nov. 5	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Nov. 6	Tues.	6:30 P.M.	Torah Cantillation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Adult Hebrew – Kitah Aleph
		7:30 P.M.	Religious Practices Meeting
Nov. 7	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 8	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food for Thought
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
		7:30 P.M.	Hope After Loss
Nov. 9	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Nov. 10	Sat.	5:30 P.M.	Community Bingo and Dinner Night
Nov. 11	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Bible Study
		1:00 P.M.	Challah Baking Class
Nov. 13	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Confirmation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Torah Cantillation Class
		7:30 P.M.	Adult Hebrew – Kitah Bet
Nov. 14	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Movie Night
		7:30 P.M.	Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
Nov. 15		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
		8:00 P.M.	Introduction to Judaism
Nov. 16 Fri.		7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
			Special program with Interfaith Delegation from Afula Gilboa
Nov. 17	Sat.	6:00 P.M.	Religious School Movie and Havdalah Night
Nov. 18	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Sisterhood Chanukah Fair
			Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Bible Study

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Nov. 19	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Nov. 20	Tues.	6:30 P.M.	Torah Cantillation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Adult Hebrew – Kitah Alef
		7:30 P.M.	Adult Hebrew – Kitah Bet
Nov. 23	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Nov. 26	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Nov. 27	Tues.	6:30 P.M.	Torah Cantillation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Adult Hebrew – Kitah Alef
		7:30 P.M.	Adult Hebrew – Kitah Bet
Nov. 28	Wed.	4:00 P.M.	Scholastic Book Fair
		4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Nov. 29	Thur.	6:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Dinner Club
		7:30 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Nov. 30	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Dec. 2	Sun.	9:00 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Scholastic Book Fair
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Bible Study
		5:00 P.M.	Brotherhood Latke Dinner and
		6:00 P.M.	Travel Raffle Drawing

Social Action

The Temple's Mitzvah Corps is in place and ready to help. The Mitzvah Corps goal is to help congregants who have emergency needs as well as those of us who need home visits, assistance with rides or getting to appointments, or providing help for day-to-day activities, etc. Any Temple member in need of such help from the Mitzvah Corps, or any Temple member who wants to join the Mitzvah Corps as a volunteer, should contact the Temple office at 860 443-3005.

After a relatively quiet summer, the Social Action Committee is working to keep its core programs successful while taking on new social action issues as appropriate and as they materialize.

The Core Programs:

1. **The Soup Kitchen.** We make the dinner meal, from soup to nuts, at the New London Community Meals Center on the **third Tuesday of each month**. We generally serve over 100 meals, and quite often much more than that. We have been doing this with The Soup Kitchen for far more than a decade—maybe even two decades. **In November we will be making the meal on November**

20. If you are not involved, but want to become involved, please contact Hali Keeler.

2. **Start Fresh.** Start Fresh is the local group, primarily the effort of area congregations, that works with the local refugee community. The primary objective of Start Fresh is to help adjust and acclimate New London County refugees to their new homes in Connecticut. Start Fresh is currently working with five area families. **The next Start Fresh meeting is on November 1 at 5:30 at the St. James Episcopal Church in New London.** If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Temple member Karen Bloustine.
3. **Habitat for Humanity.** For nearly 20 years, the Temple has been involved with the local Habitat program in building homes for families in need. Over the years this has evolved to monthly Sunday Builds at an area Habitat site. After doing this on our own for several years, the Temple is now partnered with Beth-El as we make Habitat sites and houses into real live Homes. The November Build date and site location has not yet been an-

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nounced. Anyone interested in participating in our Sunday Builds should contact Marty Zeldis.

4. **Homeless Shelter in New London.** For many years the Temple has been directly involved with the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London. This includes fund-raising marches, providing shelter and housing for those without such essentials, and searching for more permanent homes for those without. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Homeless Center, please contact Judy Mann.

The Social Action Committee strives to do good things for a wide array of social needs and issues without being political. In addition to those projects cited above, we try to be

involved in issues and fund-raising for Israel; we organize locally based Mitzvah Days; try to provide help for such groups as the Waterford Country School and where appropriate, the Women's Center (Safe Futures) in New London. In order to provide meaningful help to all these entities, be it at the Temple, in the community, or for Israel, we need the involvement of many people. And believe it or not, we still hope to be involved with the creation of the temple gardens when they become a reality in 2019. Think seriously about joining us!

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 28, 9:30 A.M. at the Temple.



JFEC Missions to Israel — February & March 2019

Dear Emanu-El Member,

For 31 years, on almost an annual basis, the Jewish Federation of Eastern CT has run a Mission to Israel. They have been as small as 8 and as large as 48. In recent years participation has ranged from 12-20 people.

Many people have asked us to run a “more affordable” Mission, and this year we have found a way to do that. We will run an **“ISRAEL ON A BUDGET” MISSION** that is perfect for first-timers, interfaith couples, and even for returnees who have not been to Israel in the last 10 years. It will cost **\$3,200 per person, double occupancy including airfare** (Single supplement \$750). **It departs Feb. 24 and returns March 7.**

I will personally lead this trip. We will cover Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and the Galil, and will visit Afula and the Gilboa to have first-hand encounters with the programs the Jewish Federation supports and the people we work with.

There will also be a highly focused **MISSION FEATURING THE ART, CULTURE, CUISINE, ARCHEOLOGY, AND ARCHITECTURE OF ISRAEL** that departs **March 10 and**

returns March 21. The cost for that Mission is \$4,750 per person, double occupancy including airfare (Single supplement, \$990). It is an enhanced reprise of our first Mission like this which ran last March.

Both Missions offer optional extensions to Eilat (Bird Migration time); Eilat & Petra (Raiders of the Lost Ark); and Eilat, Petra and Wadi Rum (Lawrence of Arabia).

Feel free to ask **Flossie Betten, Myra & Rick Gipstein, Sherry Barnes, Barbara & Scott Wolfe** or many others in the Congregation about JFEC Missions. They will give you an honest appraisal of their experiences.

I hope you will consider coming. Call me at **860-442-8062** or write me at **jerryfischer49@gmail.com** with any questions.

Best,

Jerry Fischer

Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Eastern CT



Howard Ilson Memorial Distinguished Service Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Ilson Award**, which is given annually to a member who has contributed to Temple Emanu-El in an important way. The award is in honor of Howard Ilson, a former president of our Temple who died suddenly while in office.

Areas of service to consider include:

- ~ Years of service as an officer or Board member
- ~ Years as a committee chairperson
- ~ Years of service in auxiliaries such as the Religious School, Sisterhood,

Brotherhood

- ~ Years of community service as a representative of Temple Emanu-El
- ~ Years of time and energy expended for the betterment of Temple Emanu-El

Nominations will be accepted until March 1. The award committee will then review the nominations, and the winner will be announced in the Temple *Bulletin*. The award winner will be honored at a Shabbat service, and his or her name will be engraved on a plaque on display in the Temple.

Please take the time to consider a worthy nominee. It is one way of thanking our members for volunteerism that often goes unnoticed. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form below and return it to the Temple, by mail or by depositing it in the nomination box located in the entryway. All nominations will be strictly confidential.

Howard Ilson Award Nomination Form

Name of person being nominated: _____

Name of nominator: _____

Summary of nominee's attributes and service to Temple Emanu-El (Must be completed for nominee's consideration); **Please use space below and/or a separate piece of paper to complete** attributes and service and send to the Temple or put in the nomination box in the main entrance of the Temple.



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November 10, 2018 • 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

 **FIFTEEN GAMES OF BINGO PLAYED**
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Bring your own suggestions

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Chanukah is coming!

Visit the Temple Emanu-El Chanukah Fair
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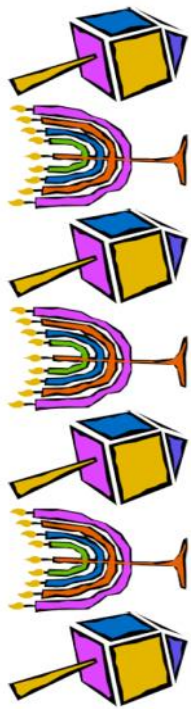


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Can't make the Chanukah Fair?

The Temple Emanu-El Judaica Shop is open on Sunday mornings, from 9:30 - Noon. Or, e-mail tewaterfordgiftshop@gmail.com or call Susan, 860-625-6618, to arrange time.



Brotherhood's Annual Chanukah Latke Dinner

Potato Latkes, Brisket with Vegetables,
Salad, and more!

Sunday, December 2, @ 5:00 P.M.

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EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!
Start the season early with good food, friends, and family.
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Annual Temple Travel Raffle will be drawn at 6 P.M.



Save the Date

Dec. 7th



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5:30 Shir Shabbat and lighting
6:00 Family Shabbat Dinner
7:00 Shabbat Service and lighting

Come join your Temple family for this unique celebration
Bring your Chanukah and celebrate the
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RSVP for Dec. 7th Dinner by Sunday Dec. 2nd

Name _____ Phone _____
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