



## Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Chaverim,

I am writing you in the days approaching Thanksgiving. It is a time to give thanks for our many blessings and accomplishments. **I am particularly thankful for the**

**magnificent AiR (Artist in Residence) weekend this past month.** The weekend had been in the making since the URJ biennial last year when I reconnected with **Rabbi Or and Feliza Zohar.** I left Boston with an idea that Sherry and I could bring something to our community that is exceptionally unique. The weekend demonstrated the vibrancy and creativity of Reform Judaism and also built another link between our community and Israel. Or and Feliza brought the gifts of their beautiful music and teachings to us, and we opened our hearts and spiritual home to them. Afterwards, they commented on how they felt a part of our congregation and that they had made real friendships. I believe this is true. Their music will continue to reverberate in our sanctuary and our hearts. This was a tremendous accomplishment for our congregation.

### **There are many people who made this weekend possible.**

Sherry Barnes jumped enthusiastically on board when I brought this idea to her. She worked countless hours pulling together all of the music and working with the choir and musicians. The endowment committee, particularly Barbara Senges who has encouraged me every step of the way, underwrote the weekend. Gail Weber led our committee of Merrill Mazzella, Caren Linden, Sherry and me. The committee worked hard to plan every aspect of the weekend. Merrill Mazzella not only brought her wisdom but also made sure all of the meals were wonderful. Special thanks to Terri Goldsmith for hosting and sponsoring our Erev Shabbat Oneg. Gail and Steve Weber hosted Or and Feliza in their home. Sue Fornara designed beautiful posters and postcards. Minuteman press donated posters and provided expert printing services. What really made the weekend special was how well Or and Feliza worked with our musicians Jonathan Rowe, Chris Rock, Barry Greenhalgh, our guest keyboardist Michael McCarthy and our choir members Jo-el Fernandez, Sandy Greenhouse, Bethany Kanfer, Barbara Luftglass-Morea, Merrill

Mazzella, Jo Michaelson, and Armi Rowe. Together, we plumbed the depths of our shared spiritual tradition. *Halleluya Mima-amakim-Halleluya* from the depths!

**Unfortunately, the tragedy in Pittsburgh tore at the fabric of our American Jewish experience.** To have such a tragedy happen in a synagogue ripped open deep wounds of anti-Semitism. There are two things that I feel have carried our Temple community through this horrific time. First is the tremendous outpouring of support from our community. The Monday evening vigil held at our house of worship included government, secular, and religious leaders and first responders from all over Southeastern Connecticut. My clergy friends and colleagues assuaged our wounds with their heartfelt words. I am grateful to them for being with us. Unlike anti-Semitism experienced in earlier generations, we do not stand as a people apart, but rather a people surrounded by our friends.

Second, our Temple Emanu-El security group had been working hard since before the High Holy Days to improve our security procedures. The increased security measures we have implemented since Pittsburgh were small additional steps along a well-thought-out path. Rich McCaffrey and Mike Haynes have been leading this effort. Armi Rowe and Jennifer Zettler implemented necessary security measures in our religious school even before Pittsburgh.

Many people are stepping up to be door monitors. Some of our newest members, Rob and Justice Szeligowski are helping track down grant programs for improving our security infrastructure. All this is to say, that we were already well on our way to making Temple Emanu-El more secure. You will notice that we will talk more about security at services and events and that there is a new level of vigilance.

We must not allow ourselves to become complacent. This is what is demanded of us by the new reality of the times in which we live. Rest assured there are many of us dedicated to ensuring our spiritual home is safe. I am grateful for all of them.

L'shalom,

**Rabbi Marc**



## President's Message—Sean Bendick



At the time that I wrote last month's article, it was before the tragedy at the Tree of Life Congregation and the agonizing days that followed. It was a week that was seared into our collective memory. Yet, after a subsequent tragedy in Thousand Oaks and an eventful Mid-Term Election the world seems to have moved on a couple

times over.

Still here we are on Dayton Road, working to make our Temple as safe as we can for you.

Whether you're aware of it or not, we set up a Security Committee over the Summer. The Committee is chaired by Rich McCaffrey and Michael Haynes. Perhaps you noticed over the High Holidays that we were beginning to institute emergency exit guidance before services? Even subtle, simple efforts like these require hours of discussion and consultation with local Law Enforcement.

The committee struggles with conflicting constraints? How do we emphasize safety and security while still being the haimish, welcoming community that we project ourselves as? How do we ensure that we can keep the building safe with the tools that we have available to us? What more can we be doing within the constraints of our budget? As usual with Temple Emanu-El committees, the people serving on this committee are not paid consultants, they are simply congregants who have concern and a desire to invest some of their free time using their skills for the betterment of our community.

Our nascent policies were on display during the High Holidays, but quickly eased up after Simchat Torah. Pittsburgh added a renewed sense of urgency to the committee's cause. A comprehensive security policy is in final review. The congregation at large should not need to know the explicit details of how the Temple leadership and staff is being trained to respond to a crisis, but you will hopefully notice more friends greeting you when you come into the building, more routine guidance on where emergency exits are, and more programming available at the Temple from groups such as the Waterford Police.

What we're asking for, as always, is your support. You may find a locked door to the building where you didn't find one before. If the door isn't being monitored by a greeter, there is a doorbell on the door to the atrium. If you're able and willing, the Brotherhood is coordinating greeters for Friday Night services. Jonathan Rowe is heading up that effort. Do you have the resources to help us improve our infrastructure? Please contact Rich, Mike, or myself. We've got ideas that we'd like to implement, given the budget.

My best wishes to you and your family for happy and safe holidays.

**Sean**

## Notes from Sherry Barnes



This month we celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Lights. Each of the eight nights we light the chanukiah, we increase the brightness and the warmth of the flames. For me, there is nothing as beautiful as light against the darkness. The flickering flames of the candles are very comforting

in the darkness of a cold winter night.

Following through on the theme of lighting up the darkness with light, your light can shine extra bright this month.

Dec. 1, there will be a Joint Hurricane Relief benefit happening here at Temple Emanu-El. Our Jewish Community will be raising money to help the many elderly Jewish families that are trying to rebuild their lives and their homes in North Carolina. Many have lost everything. There will be a live stream from Rabbi Harley speaking about the challenges their community is facing in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence and how our efforts can help make a difference. Music and light refreshments will also be part of this very important event. Check The Jewish Leader for more information.

December 7, is our Chanukah service, chanukiah lighting, and lively music with our T.E. Band.

December 8, there will be an outdoor chanukiah lighting in Gales Ferry at 4:15, followed by havdallah and food to warm you up at my house in Groton around 5:00. Check the Bulletin for more information.

And if you you're looking to shine your light a little more, come light the last candle of Chanukah with us at Zachs Hillel House on the Connecticut College Campus on December 9, from 2-4, for a community Hootenanny/Sing-a-Long!

Whew...and that's just the beginning of the month!

A big, big, thank-you to Chris Rock, Jonathan Rowe, Barry Greenhalgh, Michael McCarthy, Jo Michaelson, Jo-el Fernandez, Sandy Greenhouse, Bethany Kanfer, Armi Rowe, Merrill Mazzella, and Barbara Luftglass-Morea. You worked hard to learn music and add your musical talents to our very special Artist in Residence weekend with the Zohar's. What an amazing weekend!

If you want to chant Torah this year, please contact me at the Temple.

Trope class is on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30.

If you are looking to join the choir, I'm always looking for altos, tenors, and basses!

We will be singing in January with rehearsals in December.

Thank you to Pat Sher for chanting Torah in November.

Chag Chanukah sameach!! B'shir,

**Sherry**

## Religious School 860-439-0406 | [religiousschool@tewaterford.org](mailto:religiousschool@tewaterford.org)

November was very busy and packed with activities our religious school families were able to experience as part of our Temple community.

A multi-generational crowd enjoyed Bingo Night on Saturday November 10. Pasta dinner prepared by members of the Religious School staff was a lovely casual dinner. It was fun playing 15 rounds of bingo and singing two sing-a-long songs together during a couple of brief intermissions. A huge thank you to Deb Linder who coordinated the entire event. Thank you also to Sean Bendick who called the numbers, Tom Smith who updated



the called numbers on a projected screen, Rabbi Ekstrand and Sherry Barnes for leading Havdalah and all the volunteers who helped to cook or set up, baked for the bake sale and helped clean up. We are so grateful for this fundraiser, as its proceeds directly benefit our Religious School.

Our religious school students paid tribute to five of Temple Emanu-El's U.S. Veterans on Sunday, November 11. During our tefillah assembly, our students sang patriotic songs, lead special



prayers, read poetry and gave a special presentation to our veterans. It was good for our students to hear from the veterans, who introduced themselves and shared which branch of military they served. It is important for our children to appreciate the everyday freedoms they have, thanks to the brave men and women who work so hard to protect us all.

Havdalah Pajama Movie Night on November 17 was a cozy

gathering for our religious school families. After a brief Havdalah storybook and songs, the children snuggled in their warm robes and sleeping bags, as they enjoyed a friendly movie and snacks with their religious school friends.



We look forward to the Religious School's Scholastic Book Fair which will be set up in the Temple Sanctuary beginning on Wednesday, November 28,

just in time for Chanukah gift shopping and gift giving. A huge thank you to Thea Johnson and Barbara Kallan for organizing the book fair and continuing the wonderful tradition of encouraging our students to read books which are authored by Jewish writers or are written by Jewish authors during this time of year. The book fair will also be open on November 28 4-6pm, Sunday December 2 9:30am-12:30pm and Wednesday December 5 4-6pm, or by special arrangement if someone needs to come at another time.

Parents are invited to join our school for a very special Chanukah Festival during religious school on the morning of Sunday, December 2. Families are also invited to bring an unopened unwrapped toy which the religious school will donate toward the Toys for Tots local drive. Thank you to Barbara and Peter Kallan who are coordinating the delivery. Hope to see everyone at the Chanukah Shir Shabbat dinner and service on Friday, December 7, when our 6th graders will participate at the 7:00 service. Remember to RSVP by December 2 to the Temple Office and bring your own chanukkiyot as we will light them all together.

Just a reminder as we approach winter that our Religious School follows the Waterford School District inclement weather closings schedule. Stay tuned to WFSB-TV Channel 3, WTNH-TV Channel 8 or WVIT-TV Channel 4 or 30 for Waterford Public School closing updates. We will once again be using the Remind app to alert parents of any religious school closings due to snow, other inclement weather or emergency issues. Please be on the lookout for e-mail instructions that we will send on how to opt into the Remind app.

Warmest regards,

**Armi Rowe & Jennifer Zettler**

TERS Co-Administrators

## 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](mailto:rabbi@tewaterford.org).

### Introductory Hebrew

Join Rabbi Marc for an introduction to Hebrew class

**Kitah Aleph 6:30 P.M. (Tues. Dec. 4 & 18)**

**Kitah Bet 7:30 P.M. (Tues. Dec.. 11 & 18)**

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](mailto: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. – December through June.** RSVP to Sherry Barnes

at [cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org](mailto: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 – Dec. 13.** 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 860-739-0474.

## Pre-School



Preschool takes place on **Sunday, Dec. 2 and 16, 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: 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.

## 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.**



## Religious Practices

It's time for Hanukah!! Please join us on **December 7**, which is a "first Friday", for a joyous celebration. We'll start with Kabbalat Shabbat at 5:30. Please bring your Hanukiot (Menorahs) and candles so we can experience illuminating our sanctuary together. We'll have our catered dinner and then continue our Shabbat worship at 7:00 during which we'll light Hanukiot. During the winter, it's always inspiring to have many candles burning brightly!

On **December 8 at 4:15 pm in Gales Ferry** (at 2 Military Highway near Ocean State Job Lot) there will be lighting of a giant

community Hanukiah. After the candles are lit, all are invited to Sherry Barnes's house (198 Morse Ave, Groton) for Havdalah and good company.

Please contact Sherry Barnes if you would like to host a Havdalah service. We would love to have Havdalah once a month during the winter. It's a short musical service that is a lovely way to end Shabbat and begin a social evening. Refreshments are at the discretion of the hosts.

**Jo Michaelson**, Chair

## Sisterhood — Janine Sitko & Merrill Mazzella, Co-Presidents

Join us for some fun! Save the dates for...

**Movie Night ~ Tuesday, December 11** ~ As we get closer to the date, Merrill will send out an email with details on which movie we'll be seeing, the theatre, the movie time, and the time we'll be meeting.

**Dinner Club ~ Thursday, December 27, 6:00 pm** ~ With it being such a busy month, as we get towards the end of December, an email will be sent with all the details for this evening out.

**Oneg Shabbat dates** ~ Thank you to Sisterhood members who signed up to coordinate a Friday evening Oneg Shabbat! To help cover even more dates in 2019, beginning in January the Sisterhood has committed to coordinating the 2nd Friday night Oneg of each month. Please look at your calendars and mark these Shabbat dates as we'll be looking for baked goods, healthy snacks, and punch ingredients for the oneg. **Dates are: Fridays: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 20, June 14.**

Thank you in advance for your help!

### Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

Hanukkah begins on December 2. The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop has plenty of items for the gift giving season. In addition to our regular hours, the gift shop will be open during the Brotherhood Latke Dinner. As always special hours can be arranged by contacting [Judaicashop@tewaterford.org](mailto:Judaicashop@tewaterford.org).

### Volunteers are needed ~ Holiday Dinner for First Responders

~ The Temple Emanu-El Social Action Committee is developing plans to offer a Holiday Dinner to First Responders who will be on duty from 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve to 6:00 p.m. Christmas Day.

The Sisterhood and Brotherhood have been asked to help cook the food on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 23 and 24. The plan is to prepare a Turkey Dinner with sides and pies, etc. Temple members will be asked to prepare sides and/or donate \$.

The idea came out of a desire to do something for the general community. All of the police, fire and ambulance/EMT agencies in New London, Groton/ Mystic/Stonington, Waterford and East Lyme will be invited to place orders for dinners for those first responders who are on duty through the Christmas holiday. The meals will either be picked up or delivered.

Sybil Nassau ([sybil.nassau@yahoo.com](mailto:sybil.nassau@yahoo.com)) and Karen Bloustine ([ksbloustine@gmail.com](mailto:ksbloustine@gmail.com)) are co-chairs. Please contact them to volunteer to participate in this mitzvah for the community.

### Deadline approaching to Order 2019 Mah Jongg Cards:

#### Checks to the temple by January 25

We raised \$450 from the sale of National Mah Jongg League cards this past year, our highest profit ever. And we did it by each and every card sold. Please order your cards through Sisterhood and collect orders from your friends and family in all parts the country. Cards will be mailed directly from NYC to them in March.

The cost is the same as last year, **\$8 for standard size and \$9 for large print**. Checks should be made payable to Temple EmanuEl 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. **The deadline for getting your check to me is January 25.** Mail checks to: Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Attn: Iris, P O Box 288, Waterford, CT. 06385.

Thank you, Iris Freeman

### Thank you for all the support for our Fall Mahj Tournament!

I can't begin to thank you all for the generous donations, time, and energy provided by members of our temple to make the October tournament such a great success. We earned over \$3000 from this effort!

I will try not to leave anyone out, as our list of supporters is quite long, but here goes. Cohorts in every step from planning to pot scrubbing - Robbin Alpert and Shelley Arenson; Raffle prize magician - Barbara Garry; Quiche master - Cecile Feldman; Raffle prize donators - Shelley Weiss, Gail Weber, Flossie Betten, Cecile Feldman, Amy Perry, Caren Linden, Lesly Ginsburg, MaryAnn DeBruyn, Barbara Kallan, Claire Warren, Judy Deglin, Barbara Bentley Wolfe, Karen Bloustine, Merrill Mazzella, Karen Rosenberg, Edee Smith, Barbara Garry, Sue Fornara; Food prep, serving, set-up, clean-up - Norma Hollandersky, Barbara Garry, Cecile Feldman, Merrill Mazzella, Edee Smith, Karen Rosenberg, Caren Linden, Roberta Winograd, Leslie Spees, Ellen Gottfried, Carol Bridges, Brian Alpert, and Gary Freeman. And of course,

thank you to all who supported us by playing in the tournament. As I said, I hope I haven't left anyone out! With love and thanks, **Iris**

<< **Our Kickoff Dinner at Café Sol** on October 30 was a spirited and fun evening! Thank you to all for coming out to be with old friends and to welcome new friends as well!



## Sisterhood — Janine Sitko & Merrill Mazzella, Co-Presidents CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

**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 \$36.00/year. Membership dues go towards contributing to Temple general fund needs, gifts for our Bar/Bat Mitvah & 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 Temple Emanu-El women, as well as 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**

### Nov. Service & Oneg Thank You's!

Cecile Feldman  
Norma Hollandersky  
Jacqueline Mazza  
Jo Michaelson  
Karen Rosenberg  
Edee Smith



### Condolences to . . .



**Claudia and Lester Shapiro**  
on the passing of Claudia's sister, **Sylvia Moynihan**

**Janine and Ira Sitko**  
on the passing of Janine's father, **Eze Bashi**

**Ken Webman** on the passing of **Gail Webman**.  
Gail died after a long and courageous battle with Huntington's disease

### Brotherhood

**Jonathan Rowe, President / bioconsultants@yahoo.com**

As the second half of 2018 comes to a close, I'd like to reflect back and thank the Brotherhood members for their extraordinary volunteerism.

Gentlemen, you ushered the High Holidays, directed parking in the rain, built and took down the Sukkah, purchased the food for and set up free breakfast, Sunday after Sunday (and expertly cleaned up every time), provided a special free breakfast for the Artists in Residence weekend, held the super-special latke dinner, and provided security during services. We also held a very special Brotherhood service where you told fascinating, and occasionally whacky, stories of your Jewish experiences.

As individuals, you are exceptional contributors to the health and happiness of our congregation. You played in the band, fixed the building when needed, ran the travel raffle, were active

in services, served on the board and invited new members into the Emanu-El family. You are mensches indeed.

Again, thank you for your extraordinary volunteerism, Brotherhood. You are a key part of making Emanu-El the wonderful place that it is.

**Jonathan**



## December Birthdays

Kenneth Abrahms  
Morgan Abrahms  
Howard Brensilver  
Jillian L. Cedio  
Addison Dickey  
Ruth Dunkerley  
Andrew Feinstein  
Katie Feinstein  
Cecile Feldman  
Anna Feldman  
Casey Flax  
Irma Flitt  
Susan Fornara  
Florence Frank  
Max Frischling  
Susan Greenhalgh  
Jonathan Grossman  
Katelyn Haynes

Gavin Holwitt  
Ethan Johnson  
Andrea Kanfer  
Aaron Kaplan  
Emily Kil  
Steven Kriger  
Keith Levin  
Jonnie Marks-Wallis  
Annalise McCaffrey  
Debra Miller  
Lee Miller  
Elijah Mitchell  
Joseph Morea  
John Mountzoures  
Ari Mountzoures  
John Murphy

Steven Novick  
Ethan Novick  
Naomi Paulson  
Bill Posage  
Rebecca Reinhard  
Laura Ringer  
David Rosenberg  
Nathaniel Rowe  
Connie Rubin  
Barbara Segal  
Alvin Sher  
Bradley Sherman  
Danny Shiling  
Julie Snoke  
Jay Snoke

Howard Stillman  
Mollie Teeter  
Rebecca Teeter  
Frederic West  
Joel Wildstein



## December Jahrzeits

### December Anniversaries



Phil and Donna Schneider  
Lester and Claudia Shapiro  
David and Lee Snyderman



#### **December 7**

Edward Basch  
Mary Louise Boshner  
Sol Deglin  
Nash Feldman  
Allan Brian Glickstein  
Robert Kent  
Bernard Lieb  
Lynn Machette  
Jane MacMichael  
Kathy Reidhaar  
Marjorie Ryack  
Ethel Schnable  
Hilda Snyderman  
Blanche Solomon)  
Nathan Solomon  
Hannah Shafner Teicher  
Sheila Wasserman

#### **December 14**

Esther Clark  
Peggy Cramer  
George Daniels  
Marian Eisenstein  
Miriam Freedman  
Jeanette Gruber  
Daniel Iorillo

Monya Millstein  
Samson Joel Mittelman  
Daniel Ravis  
Mollie Rifkin  
Helen Rosenstein  
Jean Rubinsky  
Rose Stein  
John Soda  
Ruth Steiner  
David Stoner

#### **December 21**

Gregory Bronfman  
Max Freeman  
Louis Garfinkel  
Gladys Goldstein  
Sidney Katz  
Gertrude Lieb  
James Murphy  
Robert Ostrow  
Franklin Prague  
David Rosenfield  
Harry Winograd

#### **December 28**

William Bentley  
Philip Cameron  
Gertrude Camassar

Milton Chatkin  
Arthur Feinstein  
Milton Frank  
Ida Covitz Freiberg  
Israel Goodman  
Betty Gotlieb  
Henry Hochman  
Beverly Kanfer  
Marci Robin Levine  
Lillian Gertz Lewiss  
Evelyn Rosenstein  
Anna Seidman  
Louis Siegel  
Roseleah Stein  
Pauline Trostler



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

### **Building Support Fund**

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

- in honor of Barbara Kallan
- in honor of Terri and Marc Goldsmith
- in honor of Sam Winograd and Roberta Reisner-Winograd

### **Cantor's Fund**

Harvey and Ellen Schiller

- in memory of the 11 people who died in Pittsburgh

### **Capital Improvements Fund**

Adam Kaufman & Rebecca Woodward

### **Endowment Fund**

Jamie Irwin Stavropoulos Family

- in loving memory of Sylvia Irwin on her yahrzeit

### **Essential Services Fund**

Alvin and Patricia Sher

- in appreciation of Rabbi Marc Ekstrand
- for the speedy recovery of Sam Winograd

Barry and Bonnie Bruun

- in memory of Maurice Blinderman

Karen Dinsfriend

- wishing Alicia Bauer a speedy recovery
- wishing Claudia Shapiro a speedy recovery
- special thoughts for Ethel Chatkin
- wishing Abe Fisher a speedy recovery
- in memory of Claudia Shapiro's sister, Sylvia Moynihan
- in loving memory of Golda Dinsfriend on her yahrzeit
- in memory of Gail Webman, wife of Ken Webman

Linda and Neil Willins

Erica and Richard McCaffrey

- in memory of Howard Noah

Lois and Stephen Panikoff

- in loving memory of Samuel Goodman on his yahrzeit

Martin and Joanna Lazarus & family

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

Nathan and Shelley Weiss

- in memory of Eze Bashi, father of Janine Sitko

Pamela Susan Turner

- in honor of Abbe Turner Shuster's birthday

Robert and Caren Linden

- in memory of Claudia Shapiro's sister, Sylvia Moynihan

Ronald Goldstein

- in memory of those who lost their lives in Pittsburgh

The McCaffrey Family

- in memory of Eze Bashi, father of Janine Sitko

### **Goldsmith-Kallan Religious School Fund**

Loir Corah

- in honor of Terri and Marc Goldsmith's retirement

### **Isaaca Siegel Landscaping Fund**

Barry and Cecile Feldman

- in memory of Eze Bashi, father of Janine Sitko

### **Lothar Knobel Library Fund**

Roz Etra

Sam Winograd

### **Mitzvah Fund**

Barry and Cecile Feldman

- in memory of Sylvia Moynihan, sister of Claudia Shapiro

- in memory of Esther Green, mother of Myra Gipstein

Bart A. Sayet and Lori Lindfors

- in loving memory of Laura Seder on her yahrzeit

Hali and Gerry Keeler

- in loving memory of J. Julius Schnable on his yahrzeit

Judy and Stephen Mann

- best wishes for a refuah schlemah

- with deepest sympathy on the death of Sylvia Moynihan

- with deepest sympathy on the death of Esther Green

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

Ethel Chatkin

- in loving memory of my sister, Pearl Gordon, on her yahrzeit

Jay Levin

- in memory of Sylvia Moynihan

Judith Glickstein

- in loving memory of Charlotte Winograd, Sam Winograd's mother

- in loving memory of my husband, Allan Brian Glickstein, on his yahrzeit

Leonard and Helen Goldstein

- in loving memory of Jon Scheiber on his yahrzeit

Richard and Myra Gipstein

- in loving memory of Sam Winograd's mother, Charlotte Winograd

### **Ruth Joan Brody Religious Fund**

Roy Clark

- in memory of Gail Webman, wife of Ken Webman

Stuart and Marilyn Fishbone

- in memory of Gail Webman, wife of Ken Webman

Marvin and Jane Schnur

- in memory of Rosella Rappoport



**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](mailto:cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org) or **860-443-3005** if you would like to attend and would like to be part of a car pool.

## Religious School Scholastic and Judaic Book Fair

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

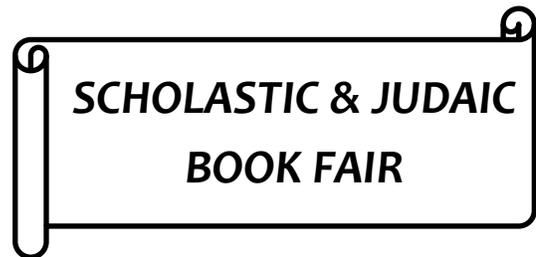
**Wednesday, December 5, 4:00-6:00 P.M.**

**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.

There are plenty of great choices, including our special feature, the four most recent books by author Lisa Greenwald. This is a great place to get some last-minute Chanukah gifts or spend some of your Chanukah gelt.

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



## Social Action

**THE TEMPLE 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 who need home visits, assistance with rides, 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.**

**Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays.** After the tragic horror of Pittsburgh, it becomes more imperative than ever that we at Temple Emanu-El set a contrasting example and do good deeds as much and as often as we can, both inside and outside the Temple community and both inside and outside the Temple Social Action structure. Here are some of the mitzvahs that the Social Action Committee is doing, and trying to do at the moment.

**First Responders Holiday Dinner.** Social Action at the Temple is planning to make a First Responders Holiday Dinner for on-duty area fire fighters, police and ambulance personnel for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The goal is to prepare and provide, deliver and perhaps in some instances serve, a hot holiday meal to our First Responders--a turkey dinner with all the fixings and trimmings (I don't think fixings and trimmings are the same thing). Several social action committee members are working hard on this project, but what we NEED more than anything in order to make this a grand or modest reality is **Volunteers** of every generation to help before, during and after the meal. If you are interested in volunteering or want to find out more about this project, please contact Sybil Nassau at 860-395-4354 or Karen Bloustine at 860-451-8249. It is a mitzvah at this holiday season to show our First Re-

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sponders that we appreciate and value all the important and often dangerous work that they do for us where we cannot.

**The Soup Kitchen.** For many years on the **third Tuesday of every month**, the Temple has been preparing and serving dinners at the New London Community Meals Center. We generally serve over 100 meals each month and quite often much more than that. An annual tradition for the Temple's group of volunteers, is that, on Christmas Eve, they are responsible for the meal at the Center after which the volunteers enjoy a Chinese meal together. If you are interested in being a volunteer at the Meals Center, you should contact Hali Keeler. Also, I would be remiss if I did not note that a number of Temple members volunteer at the Groton Soup Kitchen. If interested in information about volunteering there, contact Matt Shulman.

**Habitat for Humanity.** After a too-lengthy hiatus, we are

told that our monthly Sunday Builds will resume again in January. Temple volunteers together with Beth-El volunteers have historically helped build homes for Habitat for Humanity. We need volunteers. Home building experience is not required. If interested, please contact Marty Zeldis.

**Homeless Hospitality Center.** The Hospitality Center provides shelter for those who are without. If interesting in helping, please contact Judy Mann.

For those who want to be involved, the Temple offers a wide array of volunteer opportunities in the Temple Community, the Eastern Connecticut Community and the Israel Community. We always can use volunteers and hopefully we provide valuable assistance to those in need.

**Marty Zeldis**

## Communications Committee Fall 2018 WEBSITE Update

As part of the Communications Committee objectives, Temple Emanu-El transitioned to a new website design, and then heard from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), who hosts our site, that they were changing to a WordPress-based site. This meant our site needed to change again. Thanks to Hannah Winograd, we were able to transition the site, and our new website went live this past summer. We will continue to strive toward easier navigation and to keep our content up to date.



**Please note** that when viewing our website on a computer, you will see a vertical blue bar on the left with our logo and navigation tabs such as About Us, Worship, Learning, and Get Involved. When viewing on a mobile device such as a phone or iPad, this blue bar appears as a small box with lines on the upper left. Please touch or select this box, and the blue bar will appear for you to easily navigate through the website.

Check out Highlights and Featured This Week for information and links to Upcoming Events right on our homepage. Scroll down for more information on events and activities at our temple, and check out the In the Jewish Community link for direct links to other Jewish organizations in our area.

Also, please explore our site to find detailed information on topics such as Special Events, Religious School and Adult Education (under Learning), the latest *Bulletin*, and multiple ways you can participate (under Get Involved).

For information on Temple Emanu-El events that should be posted on the website, please send content to **webmaster2@tewaterford.org** at least a week before the information should be posted.

The screenshot shows the Temple Emanu-El website homepage. At the top left is the temple's logo. Below it is a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT US, WORSHIP, LEARNING, MEMBERSHIP, GET INVOLVED, BULLETIN, CALENDAR, CONTACT US, DONATE, and JUBAICA SHOP. The main content area has a header with the text "Building a Vibrant Community Through Reform Judaism". Below the header are several sections: "Welcome!" with a message about the Greater New London Jewish community; "Featured This Week" for Simchat Torah on Friday, October 5, 2018; "Highlights" for Artist in Residence (AIR) Weekend; "Religious School" with a photo of children; "Save The Date" for Friday, October 5, 2018; and "Upcoming Events" with a calendar view. The page is powered by WordPress.

## December Services & Schedule of Events

Dec. 1	Sat.	7:00 P.M	Community-wide relief effort on behalf of families affected by Hurricane Florence
Dec. 2	Sun.	9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Scholastic and Judaica Book Fair
		9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School Chanukah Celebration
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Bible Study
		5:00 P.M.	Brotherhood Latke Dinner (travel raffle drawing 6:00 P.M.)
Dec. 3	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Dec. 4	Tues.	6:30 P.M.	Torah Cantillation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Kitah Aleph Hebrew Class
Dec. 5	Wed.	4:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.	Scholastic and Judaica Book Fair
		4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Dec. 6	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
Dec. 7	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat-bring your chanukiot to light
		6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat service-bring your chanukiot to light
Dec. 8	Sat.	4:15 P.M.	Community Chanukiah Lighting 2 Military Highway in Gales Ferry
		5:00 P.M.	Havdalah at Sherry Barnes' home
Dec. 9	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Dec. 10	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Chanukah Party
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Dec. 11	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Confirmation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Torah Cantillation Class
		7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Movie Night
		7:30 P.M.	Kitah Bet Hebrew Class
Dec. 12	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
		7:30 P.M.	Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
Dec. 13	Thur.	12:00P.M.	Food for Thought (bring a bag lunch if you like)
		7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
		7:30 P.M.	Hope after Loss
Dec. 14	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Dec. 16	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Dec. 17	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Dec. 18	Tues.	6:00 P.M.	Confirmation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Torah Cantillation Class
		6:30 P.M.	Kitah Aleph Hebrew Class
		7:30 P.M.	Kitah Bet Hebrew Class
Dec. 19	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Dec. 20	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
Dec. 21	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Dec. 27	Thur.	6:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Dinner Club
Dec. 28	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat



*January 4, 2018*

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

*6:00 P.M. Shabbat dinner*

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

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R.S.V.P. for January 4 dinner by Sunday, December 28

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

Number of Adults, Chicken Florentine: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$18 per person)

Number of Children, Chicken Fingers: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5 per child)

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Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Todah Rabah*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you to those  
who made Friday Evening October 5 such a  
celebratory and memorable occasion.*

*Your warmth surrounded us,  
making the evening so special.*

*We were all touched and will forever  
remember your heartfelt appreciation.*

*Barbara K., Marc and Terri, Barbara S.,  
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**Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 / 2:00-4:00 pm**

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