



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

The seder is over. Now, we are in the midst of counting the Omer. At the Passover seder, we are enjoined not only to remember the biblical story of the Exodus,

but also feel as though we were there. We are asked to feel empathy for our ancestors, to understand their flight from slavery, their entry into the wilderness, and putting their faith in God and God's appointed leader. When the Israelites trusted the process that God put before them through Moses, they began a journey toward Sinai. Their journey took them to the mountain where they experienced God. Sinai was not an end, but a beginning of a never-ending cycle. Through the annual counting of seven weeks of seven days that is the Omer, we relive an ancient journey in our own time, experiencing our own exodus and possibly, at the end of the counting, an ascendance to a new Sinai.

The Omer is also tied to the agricultural cycle. The ancient Israelites counted the weeks between the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. However, the fixing of the dates for Pesach and Shavuot was without respect to variations in planting and harvesting times. Thus, the counting of the Omer is not a guide for farmers, but rather an understanding that our collective fate is tied to the cycles of nature. Through nature we are tied to God. As the Psalmist ecstatically celebrates in Ps. 104:

He waters mountains from His lofts,
from the fruit of Your works the earth is sated.
He makes the grass sprout for cattle,
grass for the labor of humankind
to bring forth bread from the earth,
and wine that gladdens the heart of man
to make faces shine brighter than oil,
and bread that sustains the heart of man.

By our labor in the physical world, we reap produce that sustain us. In our present day, we harvest not only in fields, but also in factories and office spaces. As well as the Exodus,

the Passover seder symbolizes the first of our harvests. We consume in ritual fashion fruits of our labors. The time of the Omer can be for us a time for evaluating our ongoing relationship with the Divine.

What is the nature of our relationship? Clearly we no longer hold as truth the biblical system of rewards and punishments for our behaviors. Our theology has evolved alongside our scientific understandings of our world. One way this theological evolution is reflected is our Reform excision from our liturgy the second paragraph of the *v'ahavta*. Regardless, we cannot escape our relationship with the world that surrounds us. It clearly sustains us. But our faith demands we understand our relationship with nature in a different way. Torah in Gen. 2:15 teaches that we are servants to our environment, not it to us. The words are *l'avda ulshamrah*. This phrase could be translated simply as to till and keep. Yet the language calls us higher. *Avodah*, our sacred service; *Shamrah*, our sacred obligation to be a covenantal guardian.

The impact of humanity on the environment has increased dramatically since the beginning of the industrial revolution. Certainly we have addressed many egregious forms of pollution. However, invisible toxins in our water and air have become an even greater threat. We have nearly reached a point beyond which humanity might not be able to return. May we use this time, during the counting of the Omer, to simplify our complicated relationship to the earth. May we rededicate ourselves to the primary covenant between God and humanity, *l'avda ulshamrah*, as servants and guardians of the earth.

Rabbi Marc

President's Message



It's hard to believe, but this is my penultimate bulletin article as your president. No, that doesn't mean it's my best article; it just means that it's my next-to-last one. I've spent a lot of time thinking about something lofty to say in my final article, but I need to

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use this month's article for something more mundane.... yeah, it's finances again.

By the time you read this, you'll have received an e-mail from me, Rabbi Marc, Chris Rock, and Deb Linder making an appeal to help the Temple balance its budget for the year. I wanted to use my space this month to elaborate on what's going on.

First off, this isn't necessarily bad news. Every year since I've taken office, there is a point in the spring where we start coming up short with cash on hand. That's the bad news. The good news is that this year it's happening a little later than it has in the past.

The reason for the budget gap is pretty simple arithmetic. Our expenses exceed our income. Our expenses are pretty straightforward. Our staff needs to be paid, and our bills need to be paid. We've enjoyed a fairly mild winter, and that helped keep our utility costs down, but those bills still came in. We had some unexpected building expenses, that you might remember, such as mold abatement. Our income is also pretty straightforward. Either through annual pledges or through fundraising, most of our income comes from your generosity.

Managing the shortfall is stressful for the Finance Committee, the office, and the Board in general. **Chris Rock, Tom Smith, and Roberta Reisner-Winograd** deserve your thanks for putting forth this effort. If you've been to our annual meetings (this year's is June 2!) we've explained how we've handled this situation year by year. We've either borrowed from other funds, received some individual donations, or made arrangement to make good on our bills when we begin receiving pledge payments in the summer. I'm really happy to say that, as in past years, we haven't sought extra disbursements from the Endowment. Over my four years as president, I am proud to have let the Endowment grow. Still, on a year by year basis, we continue to fall a little short in the spring.

This year, we're appealing to you, our congregants, to help bridge the gap. Based on the budget shortfall and on the number of family units we have, I'm asking for \$100 from each family unit. As I am writing of this article, I expect that the e-mail you received will include a PayPal link to help make it easier to participate. We're working on making PayPal available for our regular annual pledge this summer.

On a personal level, I'm embarrassed that I need to reach out to you this way. I appreciate the generosity that all of you share with the Temple, either through your pledges, your participation in our fundraising efforts, or your volunteerism. I'm optimistic that I can count on you again.

Sean

Notes from Sherry Barnes



On May 10, I will be chanting from Parashat Kedoshim, in memory of Terri Goldsmith. It was her Bat Mitzvah Parsha and she had planned to chant it this year. I think this Torah portion was perfect for her, because it contains the well-known commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself," Lev. 19:18. Terri was always taking care of people, especially me. She always jumped in to give you exactly what you needed, to help you out in a tough time, or just a little something to make you smile, like a vegan cupcake!

Lev. 19:18 is a fundamental statement in many religions, though ours may be the oldest written version. Our Torah Commentary quotes many great thinkers, my favorite being from Hermann Cohen and Martin Buber. They said "Be loving to your fellow man, as to one who is just like you." Could it be that what makes my neighbor just like me is that he or she contains the same spark within them that I have within myself? That spark of G*d that is contained in every man, woman, and child? Are we not all part of the One? I find that very interesting!

Nachmanides said that we should free ourselves from jealousy and rejoice in our neighbor's good fortune. There is something to be said for rejoicing, showing great happiness, for someone other than ourselves who is blessed with good fortune. Great happiness is an extremely positive feeling, whereas jealousy is an extremely negative feeling that can certainly cause hate and discontent for your neighbor and for yourself.

We are made in the image of G*d, and Parashat Kedoshim is about striving to be holy like our Creator. What I gleaned from this portion is that we should treat one another with kindness, love, and respect. If we could set aside hate and jealousy and choose to take a step toward the holy, and at the very least, respect those around us, what a different world this would be. Bernard Bamberger writes in our Torah Commentary Book, "The idea of holiness implies that what we do and what we make of our lives matters not only to us as individuals, not only to society, but to the entire cosmos. A divine purpose runs through our existence."

My friend, our friend, Terri, through her caring about others, did live her life with a divine purpose. May her life inspire us to make our lives matter to those around us.

Thank you to o May Torah readers: Ari, Ezra, and David Rosenberg, and Regina Magnus-Aryitey

Interested in leading a Shabbat Service on a Friday evening in July or August? Now is the time to think about it. Please let me know as soon as you can, because the dates tend to fill up fast.

B'shir, **Sherry**

We hope everyone had a wonderful Pesach celebration with family and friends, and that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation during Spring Break. We can't believe that religious school is now at the homestretch. Please note, there are **no more mid-week Hebrew classes** for the rest of the school year. We have three final Sunday sessions with our students this month.

Special thanks to our teachers Randee Siegal (Kitah Gan-Aleph/K-1), Rachel O'Brien (Kitah Bet/2), and Monica Goldstein (Pre-K), who helped lead the Passover Seder for our Pre-K through 2nd graders on Sunday, April 7. The children followed along nicely in their colorful children's Haggadot. Many thanks to Rabbi Ekstrand and Sherry Barnes for leading our Kitah Gimmel (3rd) through Kitah Zayin (7th) students during their Passover Seder on Wednesday, April 10. It was an especially meaningful and engaging version of the Haggadah that inspired many of the students to participate with much ruach. We purposely scheduled these early in preparation for the actual holiday during break. Thank you to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood for helping to sponsor the ingredients for the school's Passover Seders.

Many thanks again to Scott Wolfe for accompanying teacher Liam Feldman and his 8th graders Ethan Johnson and Spencer Haynes, along with our emissaries Liron and Roy, for their field trip to New York City on April 7. We very much appreciate that you took time out of your busy schedule to lend your experienced tour guidance as the group visited Jewish history sites of interest with you in Manhattan.

Remember the children's classroom themed baskets? Winners of those baskets, as well as family activity and destination donations from local businesses, will be announced at

the Spring Fling Basket Bonanza Sock Hop Dance Party. **The last day for basket ticket sales is on the morning of Sunday, May 5, in the school atrium, which is open to our entire Temple.** Please consider supporting this effort as the event and baskets support Temple Emanu-El's Essential Services Fund. The drawing will take place during the Sock Hop dance party right after religious school that day at 12:30 P.M. Families, please join us with the kids for a fun social with pizza, ice cream, face painting and dancing! We need your R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to: religiouschool@tewaterford.org.

On Sunday, May 19, the last day of religious school, we invite all the religious school teachers, faculty assistants and students to join us for a fun barbecue picnic outside once we are done with end-of-year presentations in the sanctuary.

Very important... as the school year ends, we also need to plan for next school year. So teachers, faculty assistants and school families, please be on the lookout for a survey that will ask you to confirm whether you will be returning to religious school next year. We appreciate your prompt response so we can plan accordingly.

We have had such a productive school year, one filled with new knowledge and connections, as well as some learning curves. We couldn't have done it without the consistent support of Rabbi Ekstrand, Sherry Barnes, all of our dedicated teachers, faculty assistants and, of course, our amazing Young Israeli Emissaries Liron and Roy! We wish Liron and Roy all the best as they return to Israel to embark on their next chapters.

Wishing you all a great summer!

Armi and Jennifer

Co-Administrators, Temple Emanu-El
Religious School



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 mornings, 11:00 A.M. – through June

RSVP to Sherry Barnes at Shirley3860@aol.com

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 – May 9

Pre-School



Preschool takes place on **Sunday, May 5 and 19 at 10:30 A.M.** Monica Goldstein is the teacher. These are the final two classes for this school year.

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

If you are interested in signing your child up for classes in the fall, please contact the office at 860-443-3005.

Free Breakfast
(Thank-you Brotherhood)

Annual Congregational Meeting
Everyone is encouraged to attend,
listen, ask questions and vote.

Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 A.M.

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.

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

Passover has ended and with the arrival of good weather, our thoughts turn to summer activities. Let's start planning for some Havdalah services at congregants' homes! These evenings have been wonderful opportunities to gather with old and soon-to-be-new friends while celebrating the last minutes of Shabbat. Please contact Jo Michaelson, Sherry Barnes, or Roberta in the Temple office if you would like to host one of these evenings or have any questions about how to do so.

It's also time to think about leading Shabbat services. During the summer, we give the Rabbi a break and step up to design and lead some of the Friday evening services. Sherry Barnes is a wonderful resource to help organize your service. The onegs are provided by the service leader, so your imagination is the limit! More details about scheduling will be coming soon.

Jo Michaelson

Sisterhood — Janine Sitko & Merrill Mazzella, Co-Presidents

Movie Night ~ Wednesday, May 15 ~ Movie, time and location TBD. An email will be sent a week before to announce the movie information.

Dinner Club ~ Tuesday, May 28, at 6 P.M. Restaurant information TBD

Don't miss... The Excitement! The Food! The Prizes! The Laughs! The Camaraderie!

Mah Jongg Tournament Monday, June 3, 2019

9:00 to 4:30, starting with Continental Breakfast at 8:30 A.M.

See the registration flyer for all the details. Registration and payment deadlines are May 30 or when we reach capacity (non-refundable). We will again have our Relaxed Tables for those who are newer to the game, can't stay all day, or don't want to play at the tournament pace of 15-minute/game.

Contact Iris with any questions at ifreegang@aol.com or 860.460.3081.



HELP SISTERHOOD WITH OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR

There are several ways you can support our June 3 Mah Jongg Tournament, and you can do more than one. We are most successful if it's a

team effort. You'll feel good and have fun.

- **Play!**
- **Volunteer for food prep and setup on Sunday, June 2, morning, early afternoon!**
- **Volunteer to serve on Monday, June 3, around lunchtime!**
- Donate to the RAFFLE. This raises about a \$1,000 for the temple. This can be a cash donation and we'll buy the gift items or solicit just one gift donation for the raffle (restaurant, hair or nail salon, giftshop, theater, service, etc.) or donate a gift card. Your support with this would be huge! Our goal is to have 15 prizes with a minimum value of \$35 or more. We need these by mid-May to get the baskets ready in time.
- **Buy raffle tickets (\$5 each, 3 for \$10).**

Contact Iris to help in any of these ways at ifreegang@aol.com or 860.460.3081.

Friday, May 10, 6:30 P.M. Sisterhood Pot luck dinner

7:30 P.M. Shabbat Service/Sisterhood will be participating

On **Friday, May 10, at 7:30 P.M.**, the Sisterhood will be leading the Shabbat service. Erica McCaffrey is organizing the service and giving out parts, both Hebrew and English, to our members.

If you would like to participate in the service, please let Erica know at rmccaffrey@snet.net and please specify if you'd like a Hebrew or English reading.

Additionally, there will be a pot luck dinner before the service **at 6:30 P.M.**

A-L last names: please bring a main dish, and M-Z: please bring an appetizer.

We will also be hosting the oneg that evening, so please sign up on the website to help make our Oneg warm, invit-



ing and delicious, as always!

Please sign up using this link to the SignUp Genius: <https://tewaterford.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=27ca8fdd35063604f5b859d29&id=2f048f895e&e=298b80a177>

You will need to scroll to 05/10/2019. It's very quick & easy to use. (Store bought or home baked goods are both fine! 🙏)



I'd like to encourage all sisterhood members to attend the pot luck dinner and service regardless of whether you will be participating in the service itself. It will be a great opportunity for us all to get together once again.

Brotherhood

Jonathan Rowe, President / bioconsultants@yahoo.com

The Last Brotherhood Bagels of the season will coincide with the last day of Religious School on Sunday, May 19.

The Brotherhood will be catering a breakfast for all who attend the Temple's Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 am.



What are Onegs?

The name, Oneg Shabbat actually means “joy of Shabbat.” These social times increase our joy at the arrival of Shabbat.

By contributing some desserts, fruit, cheese and crackers or other snacks for the receptions that follow Shabbat evening services, we provide a warm and inviting evening for us all to socialize and get to know one another.

Please help make these evenings the inviting and sociable times we all need in this hectic world.

Contact Edee Smith (text 860 501 0382) or Roberta if you would like to bring food or a monetary donation, and we will shop for you. Celebrate an anniversary, birthday, remember a Yahrzeit, etc.

Social Action

THE TEMPLE'S MITZVAH CORPS IS IN PLACE AND READY TO ASSIST. The goal of the Mitzvah Corps 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. There are a number of recent examples of the Mitzvah Corps doing just that, but we need to spread the word and help with what needs to be done. Any Temple member in need of such help or any Temple member who wants to volunteer for the Mitzvah Corps should contact the Temple Office at 860-443-3005.

Our involvement with various groups and many activities continues. On **April 28 at 1 P.M. the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London** will sponsor their **Annual Walk to end Homelessness**. (I realize that this is the May Bulletin, but you may be getting it before April 28—maybe not). And lo and behold, **the Sunday Habitat Builds resumed in April** and was successful. Many volunteers were there and a home in Groton came a little closer to being ready for its new owner. I am told that this is the resumption of regular **monthly** Builds.

Also, our involvement with the **New London Meals Center** keeps being successful on the **third Tuesday of each month**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Hali Keeler. Finally, for now, the Temple is working with the American Red Cross to sponsor at least two Blood Drives at the Temple for later in the year. A meeting of the **Social Action Committee is planned for May 19 in the morning (probably 9:30)**. We welcome new voices and new ideas.

Marty Zeldis

April Service & Oneg Thank Yous!

Erva Beard
Stan Bloustine
Susan Cramer
Karen Dinsfriend
Abraham and Sandra Fisher
Elsa Freedman
Ellen Gottfried
Pamela Kilbey-Fox
Harriet Lesko
Caren Linden

Merrill Mazzella
Jenna Randall
Armi Rowe
Edee Smith
Barbara Wolfe
Sunday Adult
Education Class
Temple Emanu-El
Sisterhood

Let's try this again — Celebrating 50 with the Rosenbergs!

Please join the Rosenberg family on **Friday night, May 17**. Following Shabbat services, Ari, Elon, David, and their families will be sponsoring the oneg in honor of their parents, Rabbi Aaron and Karen, in celebration of their 50th anniversary.



Condolences to . .

Susan Smith on the passing of
Marlene Simon

Robert Levine and family on the passing of **Sheldon Levine**

Marcia Reinhard and family on the passing of
Marcia's mother, **Shirley Feuerman**

Naomi Paulson and family on the passing of
Nathan Paulson

Starry Night Dinner Dance

The 2019 Starry Night Dinner Dance fund-raiser will be held at **6:00 P.M., Saturday, June 1, at the Port'N Starboard, Ocean Beach Park in New London**. In addition to a beautiful evening of cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, and of course, dancing, this year's event will also feature **Phred & Friends Jazz Quartet**. Jazz vocalist Phred Mileski has been described as one of New England's finest song stylists. She has performed all over the world, and her band features some of the area's best musicians. Phred & Friends consistently packs the house at the exclusive Side Door Jazz Club in Old Lyme. If you haven't seen Phred perform, you don't want to miss this. If you have, you know not to miss it.

May Birthdays

Emma Gail Arruda
Florence Betten
Dr. Barry Bienstock
Karen S. Bloustine
Eric Blum
Emmett Brengman
Rhonda Daniels
Harris Daniels
Sue Darmon
Henry Dunkerley
Haley Flax
Trevor Fornara
Paula Garnica
Alice Gilbert-King
Richard Gipstein
Lori Goldstein
Barry E. Greenhalgh
Sanford Greenhouse

Alan Gruber
Patricia Gruber
Peter Gruber
David Hausmann
Mike Haynes
Robert Hoffman
Lance Holwitt
Merrill Katz
Adam Kaufman
Isaac David Kaufman
Gladys Kimmel
Elyse Kirschblum
Joshua Krasney
Anne Kronisch
Emily Lerner
Caren Linden

Camrynn Marcus
Justin Mazza
Sierra McCaffrey
Sybil Nassau
Mikayla O'Brien
Mathew Orcutt
Edward Perl
Leonard Prokopets
David Sayet
Cheryl Schwartz
Joseph Segal
Ben Shiling
Perry Anne Smizer
Brendan Suroviak
Susan Turner
Vivian Weinberger

Nathan Weiss
Gabrielle Zettler



May Anniversaries



Stanley A. and Karen S.
Bloustine

Erik and Sapir Brengman
Jose' R. and Linda Cordero
Scott and Rhonda Daniels
Leonard and Helen Gold-
stein

Rick and Tammy Kaye
Martin and Joanna Lazarus
Richard and Sheri Pascal
Mike and Marcia Reinhard
Elwin and Cheryl Schwartz
Alvin and Patricia Sher
Nathan and Shelley Weiss



May 3

Dorothy Dolly Abrams
Craig Blumsack
Eileen Cohen
Agnes Diamond
Anthony Freeman
Martin Greenbaum
Barbara Kelco
Max Kline
Reginold Krasney
Abraham Allie Lamchick
Betty K. Lavender
Philip Luner
Abbe Ressler
Morris Rosenthal
Mary Rubin
Stanley Sheikowitz
Samuel Sher
Isaac Wessel
Martin Yavener

May 10

Marcia Bentley
Sidney Chivian
Louis Friedman
Paul Hans
Kurt Hopfer
Lillian Katz
Lothar Knobel
William Kozek
Jerry Lavender
William Miller
Mary Louise Murphy

May Yahrzeits

Phillip Schlesinger
Anna Schlesinger
David Schulman
James Solomon Smith
Samuel Steckler
Mark Wildstein

May 17

Jerry Arenson
Ruth Cotton
Lena Epstein
Milton Finkelstien
Beatrice Fishbone
Judy Flax
Belle Galvin
Kathleen Greenhalgh
Beverly Keeler
Julian Krieger
David Rifkin
Irving Shafner
Raphael Shafner
Leah Sher
James Shleffar
Ernest Jacob Shoor
Sam Sitko
Carl Stoner
George Trehub
Marion Vail
Nathaniel Wharton
Rose Winter

May 24

Mary Ann Connell

Toby Deckler
Benjamin Fox
Mason Marcus
Mildred Orenstein
Samuel Perlowitz
Dr. Jeanne C. Prokesch
Wendy Senges Ryder
Yetta Solomon
Hilda Ursinus
Alice Werner

May 31

Ann Brown
Ruth Cantor
Rose Cantor
Katherine Edgar
Samson Engel
Michael Green
John Greenhalgh
Jacob Hartman
David Kornstein
David Levin
Marcelle Levine
George Orenstein
Margaret Ratner
Bernard Rosefeldt
Lizabeth Love Ryan
Eleanor Samuels Schnur
Hazel Shaw
Bernard Shulman
Alfred Sunshine



May Services & Schedule of Events

May 2	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
May 3	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat (Birthday Blessings)
		6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service (Birthday Blessings)
May 5	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		12:30 P.M.	School Spring Basket Bonanza and Sock Hop Dance Party
		2:00 P.M.	Community Yom Hashoah Remembrance
			At Zach's Hillel House, Connecticut College
May 6	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
May 8	Wed.	7:30 P.M.	Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees
		7:30 P.M.	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Support Group
May 9	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food for Thought
		5:45 P.M.	Community Yom Ha'atzmaut at the Holiday Inn, New London
		7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
		7:30 P.M.	Hope After Loss
May 10	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
May 11	Sat.	6:30 P.M.	Havdallah and Presentation of <i>Shtetl to Ellis and Beyond</i> by Leah Kaplan
May 12	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Bible Study Group
May 13	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
May 14	Tues.	7:00 P.M.	25 th International Film Festival Begins (see flyer in bulletin for additional dates and times)
May 15	Wed.	TBD	Sisterhood Movie Night
May 16	Thur.	4:00-9:00 P.M.	Moe's Southwest Grill Dinner Fundraiser (see flyer in bulletin)
		7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
May 17	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
			Celebrate Rabbi Aaron and Karen's anniversary
May 19	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
			Religious School Family Picnic
		9:30 A.M.	Social Action Meeting
May 20	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
May 23	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
May 24	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service (Anniversary Blessings)
May 28	Tues.	TBD	Sisterhood Dinner
May 30	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar Anon
May 31	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
			Howard Ilson Award Presentation to Mike Betten
			Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship
			Presentation to Emily Feldman
June 1	Sat.	6:00 P.M.	Starry Night Dinner Dance at the Port 'N Starboard
June 2	Sun.	10:00 A.M.	Free Breakfast (thanks to brotherhood)
			Annual Congregational Meeting
			Everyone is encouraged to attend, listen, ask questions and vote.
		12:00 P.M.	Mah Jongg Tournament Food Prep
			If you can help out either on Sunday or Monday, please contact Iris Freeman or Robbin Alpert
June 3	Mon.	8:00 A.M.	Mah Jongg Tournament

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

Cantor's Fund

Alvin and Patricia Sher
---in appreciation of Michele Snitkin
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
Barbara Quaratella
---in loving memory of Joseph C. Quaratella on his yahrzeit
Norma Hollandersky
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
---with deepest sympathy to Elsa Freedman on the loss of
her brother Paul Wharton

Capital Improvements Fund

Adam Kaufman

Essential Services Fund

Alvin and Patricia Sher
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
---in honor of Edee Smith's Bat Mitzvah
Jo Michaelson
---in loving memory of Helen Michaelson on her yahrzeit
Michelle Blinderman
---in loving memory of Gertrude Pat Blinderman on her
yahrzeit
Nathan and Shelley Weiss
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
---in loving memory of my father, Merton Goldstein, on his
yahrzeit
Panikoff and Kaplan Family
---in loving memory of Rebecca Goodman on her yahrzeit
Patricia and Jay Hans
---in honor of the engagement of Aaron Weber, son of Steve
and Gail Weber, to Jess Mayer
The Kil Family
---in loving memory of Mira Kil on her yahrzeit

Goldsmith-Kallan Fund

Barry and Cecile Feldman
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
Bart Sayet
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
From the caring people who helped sponsor Terri's
Celebration of Life and Shiva
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
Henry and Jane Weinberg
---thank you to all who gifted us with the Purim Mishloach
Manot bags
Leslie and Jay Ginsburg
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith
Martin and Joanna Lazarus
---in loving memory of Mary Temple on her yahrzeit
Patricia and Jay Hans
---in loving memory of Terri Goldsmith
Peter and Lisa Marcus
---in memory of Terri Goldsmith

Isaaca Siegel Landscaping Fund

Barry and Cecile Feldman
---in loving memory of Abraham Allie Feldman on his yahrzeit
Donald and Lois Steinman
---in honor of Michael Betten receiving the Howard Ilson
Award

Mitzvah Fund

Barry and Cecile Feldman
---condolences to the family of Natalie Prokesch
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Todah Rabah

A big thank-you to our friend, Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg, for his kindness in donating a beautiful Star of David to the chapel at Bride Brook Health and Rehabilitation Center. The chapel is lovely with both Christian and Jewish symbols. It is not unusual to observe a steady stream of people visiting daily, including Sunday school teachers bringing their students.



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Thank you from the heart

A personal note of thanks,

To all those who contributed so generously and selflessly to help honor Terri's memory and legacy by supporting her celebration of life and Shiva, my sons and I can only offer sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

The kindness, concern, warmth, and love by so many attests to the value of community and the special people we are blessed to call friends and family.

Please know that we are forever grateful,

Marc Goldsmith

Join us for Havdallah and Presentation of *Shtetl to Ellis and Beyond* by Leah Kaplan

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

6:30 Program with dessert & coffee
followed by Havdallah at Temple Emanu-El

Leah explores the experiences common to many of our Jewish ancestors – stories of poverty, persecution, immigration. Leah's curiosity about her maternal grandmother led her to 5 major research institutions and museums. Her grandmother's story is told through photographs, audio recordings and treasured objects.

Scholarship Awarded

Emily Rachel Feldman

**2019 Recipient of Rabbi Rosenberg
Tikkun Olam Scholarship Award**

The Rabbi Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Award Committee has selected Emily Rachel Feldman as this year's honoree. Emily is the daughter of Andrew Feldman and Carey Kelly of Waterford. She is the sister of Liam Feldman, a teacher in the Temple Religious School.

Emily is a senior at Waterford High School where she has consistently earned honor roll status. Emily credits Temple Emanu-El and Rabbi Rosenberg with instilling in her "strong moral values and a strong sense of compassion". She exhibits these qualities in her daily life and in the many hours she has spent in community service projects, helping young children, animals and senior citizens.

Emily has a life-long love of animals. After graduation she plans to "pursue her dream" of helping and caring for animals by studying to be a Veterinary Technician at Three Rivers Community College.

Rabbi Rosenberg will present the Award to Emily at Shabbat Services on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Starry Night Dinner Dance — Saturday, June 1



The second annual Starry Night Dinner Dance to benefit the Temple's Essential Service Fund will be held at 6 pm Saturday, June 1st at the Port 'N Starboard at Ocean Bach Park in New London. This is the Temple's largest fundraising event.

In addition to enjoying cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, a sundae bar, and dancing to Boppers Entertainment, guests will be treated to a performance by Phred Mileski's Jazz Trio [Phred&Friends](https://www.phredsings.com/jazz). (<https://www.phredsings.com/jazz>).

Jazz vocalist Phred Mileski has been described as "amazingly talented" and "one of New England's finest song stylists." Her astonishing range and engaging stage presence have earned her friends and fans all over the world. Her jazz trio features some of the area's best musicians and a playlist that runs from classy cocktail standards to full-on swing and soul. Phred&Friends have performed to appreciative audiences at various venues, including the exclusive Side Door Jazz Club in Old Lyme, CT, where they consistently pack the house.

Auction items are currently being accepted. Please contact Deborah Linder at deborahlinder29@yahoo.com for item pick up or you may drop off your donation or gift certificate to the Temple office.

Take out an ad in the event Program Book as well as purchase a sponsorship to show your support. For information about this go to the [Starry Night website](https://www.teastarrynightdinnerdance.com/sponsor-advertise) (<https://www.teastarrynightdinnerdance.com/sponsor-advertise>).

Tickets are \$75 pp and can be purchased online with a credit card, or by sending a check in the reply envelope included in the invitation.

RSVP by Friday, May 17. Invite your friends and family for what is sure to be a fun event all to benefit the Temple.

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FULL DAY MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 3rd, 2019 9:00 AM– 4:30 PM

Registration/Breakfast 8:30 – 9:00; Tournament begins at 9:00

Our fun day includes:

- Continental Breakfast and return of our “OLD” Lunch
- Lots of mah jongg - 6 rounds
- Cash prizes for top scores
- **Extra ways to win cash hands**



Tournament play: 15 min game, using 2019 NMJL card-
Novice tables for those wanting a more relaxed game; experience a tournament with no pressure but all the fun. Also an option for players who can't be with us for the whole day.

Cost: \$36 per person – includes everything above!

To register: Mail tear-off below with \$36 check to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.

Deadline: Thurs, May 30 or when we reach capacity. Register early to ensure a spot! No refunds.

PRE-PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS

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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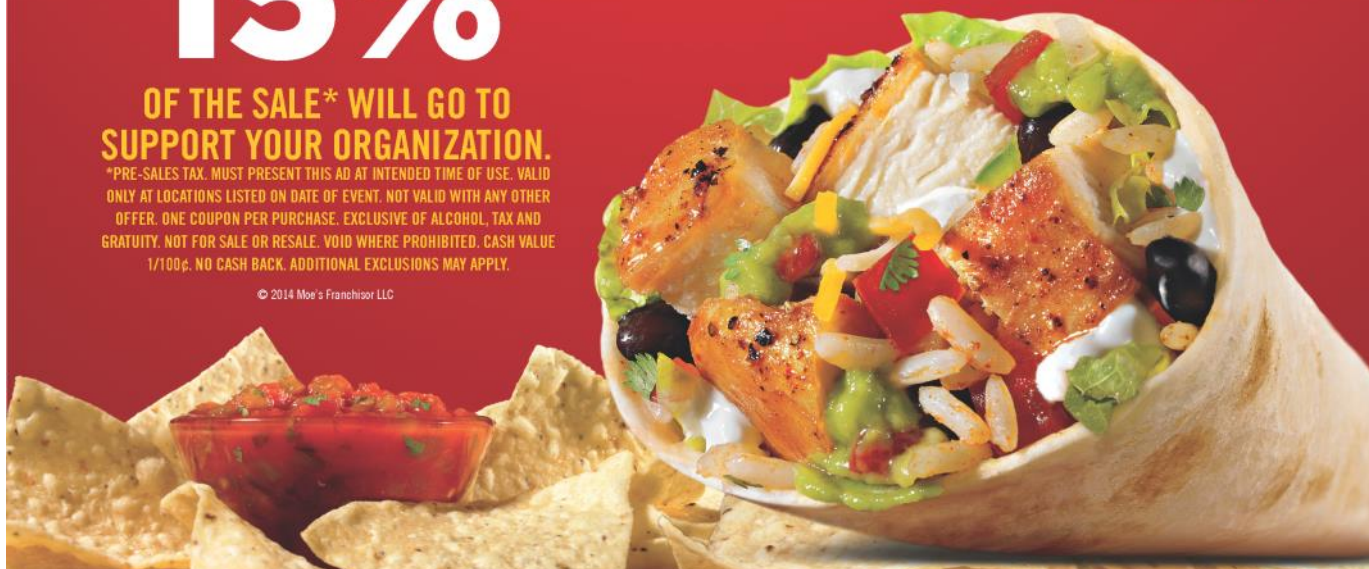
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6:00 P.M. Shabbat dinner

7:00 P.M. Shabbat service including birthday celebrations

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May 14 - June 3, 2019 / FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

VENUES

Garde Arts Center, 325 State Street, New London

Mystic Luxury Cinemas, 27 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic

Granite Theatre, 1 Granite Street, Westerly, RI

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

B. P. Learned Mission, 40 Shaw Street, New London

TICKETS

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

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

Doors open 30 minutes prior to screening. Pricing listed below.

DATE	FILM/EVENT	TIME/VENUE/ADMISSION
Tuesday, May 14	93QUEEN (USA, 2018, 90 minutes)	7:00 PM / BP Learned / \$10
Thursday, May 16	THE CAKEMAKER (Germany, Israel, English subtitles, 2017, 113 minutes)	7:00 PM / Mystic / \$10
Sunday, May 19 25th Anniversary Official Opening	~ A Besere Velt (A Better World) Boston Workmen's Circle Yiddish Community Chorus ~ A NIGHT AT THE GARDEN (USA, English 2019, 7 minutes), Academy Award nominee ~ WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY (USA, Poland, English subtitles, 2018, 95 minutes)	2:00 PM / Garde / \$20 <i>Gala Post Movie Reception</i>
Tuesday, May 21	SCHINDLER'S LIST (USA, Poland, English, 2018, 195 minutes, 25 th Anniv. Screening)	TBD / The Garde / No Charge
Thursday, May 23	SHOELACES (Israel, English subtitles, 2018, 90 minutes)	7:00 PM / Mystic / \$10
Tuesday, May 28	THE LAST SUPPER (Germany, English subtitles, 2018, 80 minutes)	7:00 PM / Olin / \$10
Wednesday, May 29	DISOBEDIENCE (Canada, English, 2018, 117 minutes)	7:00 pm / Olin / \$10
Sunday, June 2	THE LAW (France, English subtitles, 2016, 100 minutes)	2:00 PM / Garde / \$10 <i>Post Movie Closing Reception sponsored by Hadassah of ECT Chapter</i>
Monday, June 3	GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT (USA, English, 1947, 97 minutes) Oscar Winner	7:00 pm / Granite / \$10 <i>Post Movie Reception sponsored by Cong. Sarah Zedek</i>



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