



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

Rosh Hashanah has past and Yom Kippur is around the corner. *T'shuvah* is a turning. What are we turning away from? What are we turning toward? As I write

this article, I am still polishing my Rosh Hashanah sermons. The topic is our environment. It is hard to ignore our environment. We breathe air, drink water, and eat what the environment provides. Throughout history, we have treated the environment as a resource from which to constantly draw. People and groups have been sounding alarm bells for years, for my entire lifetime and maybe yours too. Up until now, we have had the luxury of listening to, or ignoring those alarm bells. Now we have no choice but to return to our primary purpose.

You all know our creation stories. *Bereshit bara Elohim eit hashamayim v'eit ha'aretz* - When God began to create the heavens and earth. This seminal text does not begin with a human story, but rather the beginning of everything. God creates, steps back as an artist, and looks at it taking shape. God sees light and perceives it as good. God shaped the land, gathered the seas, and steps back. Good. God spoke and caused vegetation and seeds to come forth, good. God created the great lights, set them in motion, and established day and night. Good. God spoke and brought forth living creatures, those of the seas and those flying through the air. Good. God continues the conversation of creation and beasts roaming the land come forth. Good.

The Artist shaped the unformed void by speaking things into being, making them into something. Then, God speaks to an audience our tradition imagines as a host of angels. God says to them that they should create a new type of creature, *Adam*, humanity. Now returns the word at the very beginning, *va'yivrah* Elohim, and God created humanity in God's image. Humanity shall dominate what has already been formed. God instructs humanity, be fertile and increase, subdue the things created and master them. God does not remark that the creation of humanity is good. Only by stepping back and looking at the whole does God remark

that it was *tov m'od*, very good. Humanity only shares good as one inseparable aspect of creation with a unique place and purpose.

That place and purpose is clarified in the second creation story within our sacred text. In this story, God – *yitzer* – formed the human being from dust. God literally breathed life into the human being. God plants a garden. Both acts are much more profound than creating. God lovingly and purposefully places each living thing in the garden. Then the human, who was brought to life by an ultimate intimate act with God, is placed within the garden. The garden was not created for the human, rather humanity created for the garden. The purpose of humanity is made clear in Genesis 2:15. Humanity is to *l'avdah v'shamrah* – to work, serve, till; and to keep, watch over, preserve.

Our shared tradition that we must share with all humanity teaches that we must conduct ourselves as responsible for the world in which we have been placed. Our world was not put here for our enjoyment; we were put in this world to care for it, to sustain it, to protect it.

The Psalmist who was immersed in the human-God relationship, spoke from soulful depths regarding human purpose saying, *saneiti hashamrim hav'lei shav, v'ani el Adonai batichti*, I detest those who rely on empty folly, rather I trust in Adonai. Turn away from empty pursuits, return to being the stewards of God's glorious creation.

L'shana Tova,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Jonathan Rowe



Shana Tova!

To me, unlike the calendar new year, our Jewish New Year is not about plans for losing weight, cleaning the garage or saving more money. It's about repentance (*teshuvah*) and forgiveness (*mechilah*). The process is not to be taken lightly. I did some reading from a website called "MyJewishLearning.com" and pulled out this paragraph regarding how *teshuvah* and *mechilah* work according to our tradition;

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"The tradition, however, is quite clear that the offended person is not obliged to offer mechilah if the offender is not sincere in his or her repentance and has not taken concrete steps to correct the wrong done. Maimonides is decisive on this subject: "The offended person is prohibited from being cruel in not offering mechilah, for this is not the way of the seed of Israel. Rather, if the offender has [resolved all material claims and has] asked and begged for forgiveness once, even twice, and if the offended person knows that the other has done repentance for sin and feels remorse for what was done, the offended person should offer the sinner mechilah" (Maimonides, Mishne Torah, "Hilchot Chovel u-Mazzik," 5:10). Mechilah is, thus, an expectation of the offended person but only if the sinner is actually repentant."

Many of our congregants have spoken with me about our past annual meeting. They voiced their displeasure that we did not hold the discussion about Beth-El purchasing half of our building and having both congregations cohabitate. It is something that they would have supported. I am pleased to hear from these members, because it shows that there is a deep concern about the potential for fragmentation of our Jewish community.

When I consume the (dreaded) news, whether on internet or listening to the news when I drive, it seems that I can't go a week without another anti-semitic story hitting my web newsfeed or radio. With this going on locally and in the world, there should be no hesitation to open our doors to our people Israel.

Whatever it is that may be causing hesitation, think of teshuvah and mechilah. I'd like to help heal any rifts and welcome, and be welcomed by other Jewish people. The all-in model of selling our building and cohabitating was my idea. Because benefactors supported Emanu-El to secure our synagogue, selling our building was no longer necessary, but why not open our doors?

What does this look like? At the past Board meeting I informed the Board that if our sanctuary is not being used, I will not charge Temple Beth-El if they want to worship in our space on a Saturday. I can't charge fellow Jews to pray. We also discussed the idea of leasing a customized space to Beth-El as a place for them to hold Shabbat services and other worship activity. The Board approved investigating this possibility.

As I promised at the annual meeting, I will continue to be transparent about relevant Board discussions. Your feedback is important.

Jonathan



Notes from Sherry Barnes



This month we go from looking within ourselves and doing T'shuvah to celebrating with community as we invite people into our sukkah on Sukkot and dance with the Torot on Simchat Torah! If you want to fulfill the mitzvah of having a meal in a sukkah, but don't have a sukkah of your own, the

Temple sukkah is welcoming you to come in. After Sukkot, we will be celebrating Simchat Torah as a community, at Beth Jacob, in Norwich. Last year we had a great time coming together, dancing and singing with our Torot. It is definitely going to be a wonderful evening celebrating this holiday with our community family again.

November classes will begin again for Trope, Beginning Hebrew, Adult B'nai Mitzvah, and Translating Hebrew Prayers. Trope and Translating classes will be on Wednesdays during the day, starting on November 5, with Trope class running from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00, and Translating Prayers running from 12:00-1:00 P.M.

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah class will meet on Tuesdays, starting November 4, from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. and Beginning Hebrew Class will meet from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Please call the office to sign up for class.

A big thank you to our Torah and Haftarah readers, our marvelous Choir, Michael McCarthy, Harvey Snitkin, Jose Cordero, Andy Feinstein, and all those who participated in any way during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. You are very appreciated.

May this New Year, of 5780, be filled with peace, happiness, learning, music, and spending more time with your Temple Emanu-El family.

L'shanah Tovah tikateivu u'metukah. Here's to being written for a good and sweet year.

B'shir,

Sherry

September Service Oneg Thank You's!

Celena Appleby	Tammy Kaye
Erva Beard	Lisa Marcus
Edee Smith	Caryn Novick
Darlene Grasdock	Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
Susan Hausmann	Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood
Rebecca Haynes	
Norma Hollandersky	

L'Shana Tova! Now that introductions and alef bet review are behind us, religious school is in full swing with new lessons.

Special thanks to Richard McCaffrey and his Temple security committee who presented the emergency action plan for members of our religious school staff on September 8. We take school security seriously as a village.

A warm welcome to April D'Amato, who has also joined our staff as a Hebrew tutor and resource teacher. We appreciate that she is making herself available for our students on both Sundays and Wednesdays.

We are also busy preparing for a busy Jewish holiday season. Over the next few weeks, our teachers will incorporate age-appropriate discussions about the history, customs, and meaning behind Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

If you have not had a chance to mail in or drop off your child's book order forms and fees, please do so as soon as possible. We pre-ordered the students' books so they now have them but these funds help us cover the expense.

Please join us as our youngest learners in Ms. Siegal's Kitah Gan/Aleph (Kindergarten/1st Grade) class are welcomed formally in their religious school education as **Consecration celebrants on Friday, October 5** during the Shir Shabbat service at 5:30 P.M. and a special oneg at 6:00 P.M. RSVP through the Temple Office to also join us for Shabbat Dinner and regular Shabbat service at 7:00 P.M.

We are pleased to find local opportunities for our students to practice mitzvot values in action. **On Sunday, October 6**, our Kitah Hay (5th grade), Kitah Vav (6th grade) and Kitah Zayin (7th grade) students will participate as a **team in a walk for Safe Futures**. Parents are encouraged to join us. Thank you to Karen Rosenberg for her special presentation to our students which explained that even as youth they can help make a difference in the lives of children and families in need.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, religious school students and their families are invited to **participate in a food drive**. Please fill your bags and drop them off at the religious school office on Sunday or Wednesday.

There will be no religious school on Wednesday, October 9 in observance of Yom Kippur. We hope you can join us for two important Yom Kippur family services at **2:00 P.M. for the Children's Service and at 6:00 P.M. for the Neilah Service** which will conclude the holiday and lead to a **children-led Havdalah immediately after**. Our students helped put together the spice bags which we will pass around that evening. RSVP through the Temple office to attend the delicious Break-the-Fast dinner right after the Havdalah service.

Please join us for the **Temple Sukkot Celebration on Sunday morning, October 13, at 11:30 A.M.** Religious school lessons will conclude at this time so our students can enjoy a Sukkot worship service with their families followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch outdoors (bring a blanket and or chair to sit on.) The event will wrap up by 1:30 P.M.

We are curious to see if you have heard anything from your children about snack. We now have a snack rotation calendar on Sundays and Wednesdays which offers something for everyone (even our gluten-free and dairy-free friends). Feel free to give us a buzz if you have any questions or comments.

Lastly, thank you to Russell Sheikowitz, our Temple's VP of Building and Grounds who is also one of our religious school parents, for helping us to replace the school bulletin board in the atrium and switching out our office desk (Thanks for the "hand-us-down," Sherry!).

May you and your families have a sweet new 5780,

Armi and Jennifer



Pre-School

Preschool begins on Oct. 13 and 27, 2019, at 10:30 A.M. The program includes music with Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes, and special programming for holidays with k-2. Additional dates for 2019-2020: Nov. 10 and 24, Dec. 8 and 15, Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 9 and 23, March 8 and 22, April 5 and 26, May 3 and 17. If you are interested in signing your child up for class, please contact the office at 860-443-3005.

Gift Cards

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



Adult Education

Adult Study Group

Barry Feldman will resume the Sunday morning discussion group on September 8 at 11:00 A.M. in the Temple sanctuary. This is open to everyone. If you have any questions, you may contact Barry at (860) 739-0474 or barrysfeldman@gmail.com

Food for Thought

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

First Thursday of the month, 12 noon – September through June.

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

The Sacred Path of Reform Judaism with Rabbi Ekstrand

A five-part course exploring the central aspects of Reform Judaism. Reform Judaism has continuously confronted the challenges of modernity. The movement in America is over 200 years old. This year we will explore together our Reform heritage in five sessions: Reform History; Mitzvot and Ethics; Justice; Spirituality; and Ongoing Revelation. A companion book to this course is suggested for purchase: *A Life of Meaning: Embracing Reform Judaism's Sacred Path*, edited by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan, PhD, was published in 2018 by the CCAR Press.

Course Dates: All meetings at 7 P.M. at Temple Emanu-El.

Tuesday, November 12 / Tuesday, December 17

Tuesday, January 14 / Tuesday, February 11

Tuesday, March 10

Judaism and the Interfaith Family Experience with Rabbi Ekstrand

Being in an interfaith family or relationship is common in Reform communities. Being in such a family has blessings and challenges. I know this firsthand. My father was not Jewish for most of my childhood and my mother grew up Orthodox. Let's get together and share our experiences and explore how our interfaith family can help us meet the challenges of an increasingly complicated world. This group will meet the first Wednesday of each month (skipping January and April).

Group Meeting Dates: All meetings at 7 P.M. at Temple Emanu-El

Wednesday, October 2 / Wednesday, November 6

Wednesday, December 4 / Wednesday, February 5

Wednesday, March 4 / Wednesday, May 6

Wednesday, June 3

Beginning Hebrew

Join Sherry for an introduction to Hebrew class

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

Teacher: Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes

Meets weekly, starting Tuesday, November 5, 6 – 7 PM

Classes are free to all

Contact Sherry Barnes at Cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org

Intermediate Hebrew

Learn to translate Hebrew vocabulary with the goal of being able to translate prayer and Torah.

Teacher: Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes

Meet weekly starting Wednesday, November 6, 12 – 1 PM

Contact Sherry Barnes at Cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Are you interested in preparing to become an adult bar or bat mitzvah?

Meets weekly starting Tuesday, November 5, 5 – 6 PM

Contact Sherry Barnes at Cantorialsoloist@tewaterford.org

Adult Choir

Sing unto G-d a new song! Participate in High Holiday and Shabbat services throughout the year.

Leader: Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes

Cantillation Class

Our Sacred texts come alive through musical codes. Come learn this sacred tradition with Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes, exploring Shabbat, High Holy Day, Magillot, and Haftarah cantillation.

Teacher: Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes



Sisterhood — Merrill Mazzella & Gail Weber, Co-Presidents

Walk with Sisterhood and help support Safe Futures on Sunday, **October 6** inside at Crystal Mall.

Registration 8:00 A.M., 4K walk kicks off at 9:15 A.M. Hope you can join us.

A number of members will be attending a northeast regional **Sisterhood Kallah** on Sat. Oct. 26 in Norwalk. As part of their Social Action initiative, they are asking all attendees to bring individually wrapped sanitary napkins and panty liners. These will be distributed to women in prison who have to pay for these items. If you would like to help, please drop off items in temple office. Thank you in advance for helping!

Our first **Book Club** meeting is on **Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:00 P.M. at Cecile Feldman's** home in East Lyme. The book, **The Hilltop, by Assad Gavron** is on hold at the Waterford library. Future book club dates are Dec. 4, March 4, 2020 and May 6, 2020 which will include dinner. A list of books will be in the next bulletin.

Our first **Movie Night** will be Wednesday, **October 30 in Niantic**. Movie to be determined.

Dinner Club will meet every other month this year. Our first date is **Tuesday, November 19 at 6 P.M.** Stay tuned for a restaurant location. Any favorite restaurants? Let us know.

Sisterhood will be sponsoring the oneg on the second Friday of each month. Whenever you can help, we really appreciate it. Merrill will be sending out reminders.

We are looking forward to an exciting year and any input from you is always appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Merrill & Gail

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

MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Monday, November 4, 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 deadline is October 31 or when we reach capacity (non-refundable).

We will again have our Relaxed Tables for those who are newer to the game, can't stay all day, or don't want to play at the tournament pace of 15 minute/game.

Contact Iris Freeman 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 November 4 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.

- **Donate to help offset the cost of food.**
- **Play!**
- **Volunteer for food prep Sunday morning, November 3 or set-up later that afternoon**
- **Volunteer to serve on Monday, November 4, around lunchtime!**

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

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop now has regular hours during religious school.

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I would like to introduce the gift shop to anyone who is not familiar with what we do. The gift shop is run by Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood and contributes to the temple in many ways. Some examples are donating to the general fund, gifts for confirmation students, and funding the Rosh Hashanah

Oneg and Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast. The gift shop also helps to support religious school holiday celebrations and donates to the kitchen fund.

The gift shop in particular donates (along with the Brotherhood) the candlesticks and kiddish cups for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. We give our college students electric menorahs to use in their dorms, and also provide dreidels and gelt to our religious school students.

The money you spend at the gift shop truly stays within our community.

We also have a tremendous variety of tallit and we can help order kippot for your important events.

If anyone would like to assist it would be greatly appreciated. This is not very time consuming. It could be helping with merchandise placement, purchasing or something else you think you could offer.

As of now, the gift shop only accepts cash or check. Please consider donating handled paper bags or reusable bags. Plastic bags will no longer be provided.

The gift shop is open on Sunday mornings 9:30-12. Special arrangements can be made by contacting judaicashop@tewaterford.org or 860-625.6618.

Brotherhood—Scott Zettler



Hi Brothers! As you all know October is a busy month with the High Holidays and other festivals. We are ushering and directing parking for each of the High Holiday services and we also serve dual roles as greeters and

helping with security for these busy days. Please reach out to Scott if you would like to help out.

The Brotherhood is also co-sponsoring the Break-the-Fast this year, come enjoy food after a day of fasting. The Brotherhood is sponsoring the Friday night oneg the 3rd Friday each month, please consider donating some baked goods or fruit so that we can have a great oneg for the congregation.

Brotherhood Bagels continue on Sundays starting at 9:30 A.M. when religious school is in session. We are keeping the price at a whopping \$0, that's right, free bagels and coffee! Please join us as we try to solve the world's problems or just talk about sports or other stuff, the more the merrier.

We will be building the Sukkah on October 13 at 9:30 and then will have a service at 11:30 followed by a bring your own picnic for the entire congregation.

Sam Winograd is organizing a Bro-B-Q to be held on October 20, 12:30 P.M., at Temple Emanu-El. All Brothers should watch your e-mails for more information.

We are looking forward to increasing participation in the Brotherhood this year and I am open to ideas and volunteers to organize an activity. Ideas include bowling, go karting, and card games. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these.

I hope to see you all at the temple this month and hope to get more active members this year, Happy New Year!

Scott Zettler, President

Shabbat Mornings - Prayer, Practice and Prophets

Shabbat morning services will return after the High Holy Days beginning **November 16** on the first and third Shabbat of each month.

Our mornings will begin with a **pot luck breakfast at 8:30**. Our **service will begin at 9:00**. It will not be a full service. Rather, we will pick one part of the service each week and explore the fixed prayers through song, chants, niggun, and poetry.

We will also study aspects of traditional service choreography, and traditional and modern interpretations of prayer.

Following prayer and practice, we will study the Prophets. The prophetic voice has been central to Reform Judaism. Their voice is timeless. In the turbulent times we live in, it will do all of us well to raise the volume of their call.

We aim to complete our Shabbat morning program around **10 A.M.**



October Birthdays

Miles Appleby
Marla Renee Barnett
Jacob Bendick
Marcia Brensilver
Jean Brown
Norman Cooper
Linda Cordero
Bruce Darling
Karen Dinsfriend
Westerly A. Donohue
Ann Doyle
Adam Engelman
Andrew Feldman
Alexis Fenton
Jo-el Fernandez
Kenneth Fischburg
Kimberly Fischburg
Stuart Fishbone
Chris Fornara

Arthur Fox
Aleah Fox
Samuel Gipstein
Paul Goldstein
Monica Goldstein
Aaron Green
Seymour Hendel
Morgan Hicks
Jennifer Kaplan
David Raymond Kaplan
Rachel Kayla Kaplan
Rick Kaye
Mitchell Krasney
Alicia Krieger
Gregory Kronisch
Simone Lerner
Barbara Luftglass-Morea

Steve Mann
Jo Michaelson
Caryn Novick
Michael O'Brien
Rachel O'Brien
Jacob Randall
Mike Reinhard
Roberta Reisner-Winograd
Katherine Rosen
Moira Ross
Evan Seeman
Sara Seeman
Anna Seidner
Sophia Selke
Barbara Senges
Samuel Sher
Adam Sheriff

Jacoby Shiling
Danny Sitko
Thomas Smith
Martin Trehub
Laurie Wickson
Scott Wolfe



October Anniversaries

Susan and Chris Fornara
Lawrence and Susan Goldman
Mike and Rebecca Haynes
Clayton and Elyse Hicks
Adam Kaufman and Rebecca Woodward
Richard King and Lisa Gilbert
Louis and Anne Kronisch
Robin Margolis Silsby and John Silsby
Amy and Dan Orce
Joseph Quaratella Jr. and Barbara Quaratella
Bradley and Rachel Sherman
Andrew and Samantha Venooker



October 4, 2019

David Bienstock
Irvin Christenson
Stanley Gordon
Norman Hirsch
Bill Kosseff
Jack Millstein
Michael Ronay
Dr. Leonard Silverman
Russell Smith

October 11, 2019

Betty Bendick
David Bialer
Eleanor Comforti
William Dibner
Joel Dinsfriend
David Edgar
Aryeh Friedman
Jeffrey Gleit
Esther Green
Donald Martin Kelmar
Harry Linden
Phillip McCaffrey
Luke Moreo
Adele Panikoff
Sarah Ann Salowitz
Laurene Stewart
Eleanor Torrest

October Yahrzeits

Margaret Yeomens
Warren
Miles Weinberg
Samuel Werner

October 18, 2019

Anna Beck
Jason Becker
Wolf Davidson
Eugene Frank
Sarah Friedman
Julia Gejdenson
Morris Irwin
Kate Liebling
Frances Perry
Louis Ratner
Joel Sandy Shapiro
Dina Sharack
Max Yavener

October 25, 2019

Paul Cantor
Ann Goldblatt
Evan Scott Goldman
Samuel Goodman
Meyer Goodman
Shirley Gordon
Elizabeth Greenhalgh
Rochelle Gurwitz
Hilbert Hendel
Gussie Kaufman

Sarah Belva Lewis
Betty Jean Linden
Judy Lupkay
Sylvia Moynihan
Yale Orenstein
Matthew Perry
Alexander Rosen
Ludwig Rubinsky
Jon Scheiber
J. Julius Schnable
Max Seeman
Klare Selo (Seelo)
Peter Simpson
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surgery
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---in loving memory of David Flitt on his yahrzeit

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Religious Practices

Somehow we are well into autumn. Hopefully, this will be a sweet, healthy New Year for us all.

On Yom Kippur we examine our lives and ourselves. It is a long and draining day, but we hope that as many of our congregation as possible will join together for our Break-the-Fast in the social hall. This is an opportunity to socialize and get some nourishment in the presence of friends, old and new. Have a quick nosh or stay for a full plate of dairy dishes and dessert. All are welcome!

Two opportunities to celebrate Sukkot:

1. Sunday, October 13 we will be celebrating Sukkot with a morning service by the Sukkah at 11:30 A.M. followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch outdoors (bring a blanket and or chair to sit on.) Please join us for this new approach to our observance of this holiday.

2. Monday, October 14, 10:30 A.M. we will be having a Sukkot morning service in the Sukkah followed by a potluck lunch in the Sukkah.

Simchat Torah festivities will be on Sunday evening, October 20. Last year we celebrated being given the Torah at Sinai at our Temple with a gathering of many of the region's congregations. We were awed to have more than 10 Torah in one place. And we danced!! The experience of dancing with all those scrolls and with so many people was really special. We anticipate an equally memorable evening this year as we gather at Beth Jacob synagogue in Norwich! We are hoping that Temple Emanu-El members turn out in large numbers for this gathering.

Jo Michaelson

Kitchen

Please consider volunteering to sponsor the oneg on October 4 or 25, November 22 or 29. Please contact Edee Smith, ejsmith1969@gmail.com, 860-501-0382 if you can help out. Sponsor one in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone.

The Temple Emanu-El Kitchen is in need of new or gently used pot holders and dishtowels. Donations would be appreciated. Thank you,

Edee Smith Kitchen Coordinator

Social Action

THE TEMPLE EMANU-EL MITZVAH CORPS is ready to assist.

The goal of the Mitzvah Corps 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.

A happy, healthy and joyous 5780 to all. As we enter the New Year, it is a good time, recognizing the myriad of other things in our lives, to consider how we can give to others, especially where the need is greatest. Giving of ourselves is always a two way street where everybody wins. Social Action is one of those two way streets.

In the last Bulletin a number of goals for the New Year were noted. A few other concerns should be emphasized now. One of the problems for Social Action in the Temple is that there are more things that are considered part of our "mission" than we have people able and willing to contribute. As a result there is the danger of focusing on the things we have historically done well while ignoring other areas of need which are at least as pressing. There are related concerns and, in part, those are as follows:

- First, Social Action needs to become more visible in the Temple and the good things we are already doing need to become more widely known.
- Second, Social action volunteers need to get younger and newer, and with that, fresh ideas and goals need to be encouraged.

-Finally, it is the opinion here that Social Action needs to focus more on the Temple community.

To make many of these points we can turn to the Mitzvah Corps. At the start of each Bulletin article it is noted that the Mitzvah Corps is up and running, and ready to help. The focus of the Mitzvah Corps is on the needs of Temple Members. In fact the number of requests has been relatively few, which at least in part is due to a lack of the Corps visibility. And then when requests are made, the process for helping our own is woefully unknown and is largely ineffective in its execution. For whatever the reason, this failure is on us--the Social Action Committee. As we go into the new year of 5780 there should be an acknowledgment of the good things we do by way of social action, but there also needs to be a recognition of the things we must do better, That's the only way that "doing better" can actually be attained. Finally, while it is good to be involved with broader and global needs, it cannot be forgotten that there are needs close to home that should not be ignored. Join us in the world of Social Action, and add your new and fresh outlook as we try to accomplish our "mission" one baby step at a time.

If you wish to become involved, please contact Marty Zeldis, ztr8n@aol.com, or just show up for a Social Action Meeting – watch weekly e-mails for the dates and times.

Bar Mitzvah -- Miles Appleby



Miles Richard Appleby will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 2, 2019, assisting Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes in leading services on Friday evening, November 1, and Saturday morning. He will be

reciting from the Torah portion, Noach, which tells the story of the flood and Noah's Ark.

Miles is the son of Celena Reiser (Appleby) of Stonington and Jason Appleby of Groton, and brother of the late Ruben Reiser Johnson. A member of Temple Emanu-El for the past year, and Beth El synagogue previously, Miles has fully committed himself to his religious school and temple life, engaging in numerous community projects and embracing core Jewish values. He is also a member of the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut's Junior Youth Group.

Miles is an eighth-grade high honors student at Cutler Middle School in Mystic, CT, where he sits on the Student Council and recently was selected to be an assistant manager of the

Boys' and Girls' soccer teams. For the past two years, Miles has dedicated his free time to the TigerEye Dance Team, a team from the region who excel at hip-hop and contemporary dance and regularly perform statewide--having won numerous competitions. He has also developed a passion for cooking and enjoys making dinner and baking for his family and friends often. Additionally, Miles has attended Vermont Youth Dancers camp in Jericho, VT, for the past three summers where he has been cast in a variety of leading roles in their productions.

Miles has a passion for animals, theater, dance, and helping those in need. For his Mitzvah project, he has been volunteering at Giving Garden at Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center's Coogan Farm in Mystic, CT. Giving Garden donates all its produce to help the food insecure population of Southeastern Connecticut. Knowing that his efforts would help to feed people in need was the reason why Miles chose Giving Garden. He enjoyed the atmosphere and being in a different environment and for Miles this only added to a rewarding experience.

October Services & Schedule of Events

Oct. 1	Tues.	7:30 P.M.	Religious Practices Committee
Oct. 2	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:00 P.M.	Judaism & the Interfaith Jewish Family / Sisterhood Book Club
Oct. 3	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food for Thought
		7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal / Nar-Anon
Oct. 4	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat including Consecration
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Oct. 6	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
Oct. 7	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Oct. 8	Tues.	8:00 P.M.	Kol Nidre
Oct. 9	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Yom Kippur Morning Service
		12:30 P.M.	Yom Kippur Discussion Group
		2:00 P.M.	Yom Kippur Children's Service
		4:00 P.M.	Afternoon Service
		5:00 P.M.	Yizkor Service
		6:00 P.M.	Neilah Service
		6:30 P.M.	Break-the-Fast (Monetary donations are being accepted)
		7:30 P.M.	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Support Group
Oct. 10	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Hope After Loss
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Oct. 11	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Oct. 13	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
		11:30 A.M.	Sukkot Celebration and Picnic
Oct. 14	Mon.	10:30 A.M.	Sukkot Morning Service
Oct. 16	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Oct. 17	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Oct. 18	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Oct. 19	Sat.	3:30 – 11:00 P.M.	Dine Out Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse
Oct. 20	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
		12:30 P.M.	Brotherhood Bro-B-Q
		6:00 P.M.	Community Simchat Torah Celebration being held at Congregation Beth Jacob in Norwich
Oct. 21	Mon.	10:30 A.M.	Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret Service at Temple Emanu-El
Oct. 23	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Oct. 24	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Oct. 25	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Oct. 27	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
		12:30 P.M.	Tag Sale – rent a space, sell your wares or come and shop, new to you items
Oct. 28	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Community Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Oct. 30	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Movie Night // Oct. 31
	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon

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Get your tickets starting in Oct. There is less than two months to this year's travel raffle which will be drawn on **Sunday, Dec 15 at 6:00 pm** – during the Brotherhood's annual Latke Dinner.

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Tickets will be 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

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Multi-Synagogue Visit to Romaniote Synagogue in NYC

By Cécile & Barry Feldman

On Sunday, Aug. 25, the adult study group organized a trip of 22 congregants from Emanu-El, Cong. Beth El and NYC's Park Avenue Synagogue to visit **Kehila Kedosha Janina (KKJ)** – North America's only Romaniote synagogue and heir to the Romaniote stream of Judaism that first established itself in Greece hundreds of years before the destruction of Jerusalem's Second Temple.

Located on Manhattan's Lower East Side, the modest 30-foot-wide two-story brick building built in 1927 is sandwiched between two larger buildings. Its facade features the Ten Commandments and the lions of Judah, but is otherwise unadorned.

But we hadn't primarily come for the architecture but to learn more about Europe's oldest Jewish diaspora community and its unique history, liturgy, language, culture and the tragedy of its virtual extirpation at the hands of the Nazis in 1944.

We were met at the door by Marcia (Marika) Haddad Ikonomopoulos, the Museum director, historian, humorist, and all-around synagogue volunteer. She, along with Gabbai (and Holocaust survivor) Sol Kofinas, who has not lost his accent nor his passion for Ionnina's Romaniote community, spoke for a good hour and a half on the history of their community in Greece.

Prior to the arrival of Sephardic Jews after the Spanish Expulsion of 1492, Romaniote Jews (with their own Greco-Jewish language and rituals) were found throughout Greece. Over the last 525 years, however, most Romaniotes were absorbed into the Sephardic community with just a limited number of relatively isolated Romaniote communities remaining. Among these was the small Romaniote community in Ionnina [pronounced *ee-an-ee-nah*] located near the modern Albanian border from which about 2,000 Romaniotes emigrated to the US at the beginning of the 20th century.

We began our 3-hour synagogue visit in the narrow main floor sanctuary in front of the Aron Kodesh. It contained eight Torah scrolls in traditional Sephardi-style round cases - one dating to the 18th century. While most of the seats surrounded a central Bimah in the Sephardic tradition, Marcia and Sol explained that the Romaniote rite has many differences with the Sephardic rite. Beyond maintaining their tradition at their synagogue, young community leader Stewart Miles explained how KKJ works to support the Jewish remnant in Ionnina and the cause of Jewish renewal elsewhere in Greece.

We were then ushered to KKJ's basement café/social hall for a traditional kosher Greek lunch of spanakopita, grape leaves, Greek salad and Greek pastries served with grapes and tea for dessert. Next we ascended to the second floor which serves both as the Orthodox shul's women's balcony and as a museum and small gift shop.

While KKJ has no dues, a loyal global following of 3,000+ provides support to maintain the synagogue. Though there's been no resident rabbi since the 1960s, weekly Shabbat and holiday services continue unabated. We bid Marcia, Sol and Stewart goodbye around 3pm. Our group then split up, with some searching for a good knish and the others visiting the Eldridge Street synagogue just two blocks away.

The Eldridge Street synagogue is much larger and ornate than KKJ, its architecture echoing the Dohany Street synagogue in Budapest - but on a much smaller scale. It was the first synagogue on the Lower East Side built (in 1887) by eastern European Ashkenazim, who got financial assistance from the German Jewish and Sephardic communities who hoped it would keep their poorer brethren from moving uptown where their synagogues were located. We spent an hour with a guide, but only really explored the sanctuary.

"On the road again" by 4pm, we agreed to return not only to finish our tour of the Eldridge Street synagogue, but also to explore Jewish history and culture both in the Lower East Side and elsewhere in New York City.

For more information about Romaniote Jewry and Kehila Kedosha Janina, go to:

<https://greekamericangirl.com/greek-jews-celebrate-at-kehila-kedosha-janina/>



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

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Yom Kippur Service Schedule

Tuesday, October 8 Erev Yom Kippur/**Kol Nidre** Service 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 9 Yom Kippur **Morning** Service 10:00 A.M.

Yom Kippur Discussion

Three times a day, after saying Shema, we add in hushed voice, Baruch Shem Kevod Malchuto L'olam Va'ed. At the end of Yom Kippur, we repeat three times, loudly, the same line. Blessed is God's Glorious Kingdom for ever and ever. After the morning service of Yom Kippur, we will gather and address the question of Where is God's Glorious Kingdom? Does it exist now or only after the Messiah comes? Can we find it now, in our every day lives? Do we have the choice to live in God's Glorious Kingdom today? If so, how do we get there and how do we enter?

Wednesday, October 9 Yom Kippur **Children's** Service 2:00 P.M.
Yom Kippur **Afternoon** Service 4:00 P.M.
Yom Kippur **Yizkor** 5:00 P.M.
Yom Kippur **Neilah** 6:00 P.M.

Dairy Potluck Break-the-Fast

Temple Emanu-El coordinates the Break-the-Fast following the concluding services (about 6:30 P.M.) on Yom Kippur. The Break-the-Fast will be prepared by Gregg Morea and other volunteers. We are taking this opportunity to ask you for a suggested donation of \$18 per person toward the Break-the-Fast.

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For Sukkot we will need volunteers to put up and take down the Sukkah. Help build the Sukkah on Sunday, October 13, at 9:30 A.M. Our Sukkah is very large, so we need a lot of material for the roof (Schach, in Hebrew). Please bring materials for the Sukkah any time after Yom Kippur. Things like ornamental grasses or cornstalks are ideal for the roof (schach). Please contact Scott Zettler at scottzettler@gmail.com or 860-912-6687 for further details.

Sukkot Service and Picnic Lunch

Please join us for the Temple Sukkot Celebration on **Sunday morning, October 13, at 11:30 A.M.** We will enjoy the Sukkot worship service followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch outdoors. (Bring a blanket and or chair to sit on.)

Then there will be a Sukkot Morning Service on Monday, October 14, at 10:30 A.M., followed by a potluck lunch in the Sukkah.

Simchat Torah

After the solemn High Holidays, participate in a truly joyful celebration. Join the entire Jewish community in celebration of the Torah at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 400 New London Turnpike, Norwich on Sunday evening, October 20, 6:00 P.M. We will complete the yearly cycle of Torah reading and begin again and of course there will be food.

Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor Service will be at Temple Emanu-El on Monday, October 21, at 10:30 A.M.



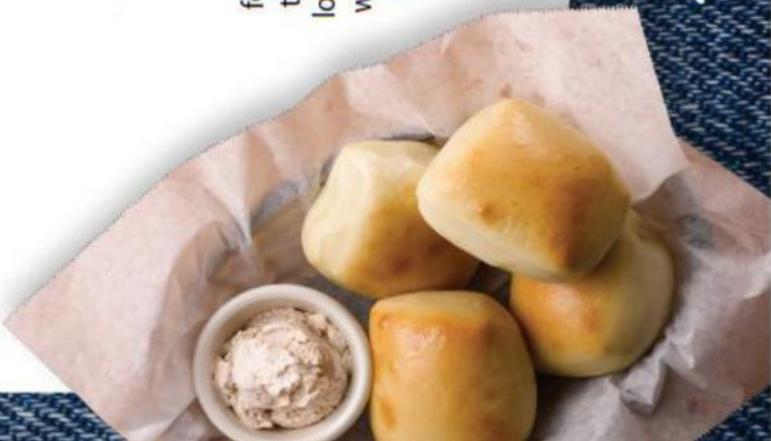
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