



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

The days are getting shorter. In just a few weeks, we will be celebrating Chanukah together. As is our tradition at Temple Emanu-El, we will light

our Chanukiot together in the sanctuary. The light will shine brightly. This light, in the depths of winter, symbolizes hope; a hope that began with a story of victory over tyranny. But in reality, then as now, it is sometimes difficult to sort out all of the complicated details. Who is the hero, who is the tyrant? Intertwined within the story of the miracle of Chanukah is a story of Jewish religious extremism. In such a complicated world, where do we find our light of hope?

I find hope in the ways we have found to build and celebrate relationships. This fall, directly after the High Holy Days, we had a communal Simchat Torah celebration at Beth Jacob in Norwich. I am thrilled that the high energy, musically rich, joyful dancing Simchat Torah program that we have been building at Temple Emanu-El was able to be transformed into a community celebration for the second year, this time at Beth Jacob. Rav Julius was instrumental in creating a vision for the evening that built on everything Sherry and I created at Temple Emanu-El and elevated it. All of the rabbis came together with a few lay leaders to collaboratively create a program that brought the whole community together in joy.

I find hope through our recent Artist in Residence program. Rabbi Or and Feliza Zohar returned to Temple Emanu-El for a program that broke new ground. We collaborated with All Souls UU Congregation for a weekend of Building Beloved Community through Sacred Music. We prayed together, studied together, played and sang together, and ate together. We celebrated the historical connection between our congregations and breathed new life into our relationship. The sound of our Interfaith Choir brought tears of joy to the eyes of many. In an informal debrief after our Interfaith Service on Sunday, Rabbi Or commented that the level of collaboration that we engage in at Temple Emanu-El goes far beyond what he has seen anywhere around the country. We

are truly living the vision of being a light to the nations. This is Building Beloved Community.

I find hope in our renewed discussions with Beth El. All of you know that for the past three years we have gone through fits and starts with BE. Since they sold their building, both congregations have done deep soul searching. The leadership of both congregations has been earnestly guiding this process for three years, Sean Bendick, Judi Goldberg, and both rabbis worked diligently, and wholeheartedly. It is not an easy process to bring two disparate congregations together. No one should have expected that it would be easy to create an atmosphere where mutual respect, collaboration, and pluralism could win out over fears and anxieties centered around identity and geography. We aren't there yet, but with each iteration, with each discussion, we come closer to meaningful collaboration that benefits and respects both congregations.

I find hope in finding new meaning in our tradition. In December, just before Chanukah, Sherry and I will travel to the URJ Biennial in Chicago. The biennial is our chance to see and hear about the many Reform Jewish innovations from around the country and around the world. Without a doubt, Or and Feliza are innovators that have made a lasting impression in SE CT. They are one example of a movement that is constantly looking to the future, whether in Israel or the US. The melodies Or and Feliza bring to us are fresh and vibrant but the words and imagery are ancient. We are always striving to find meaningful ways for our Jewish tradition to meet the challenges of modernity.

Thus all of my hope is grounded in our mission because all of these things are in it. I find hope in the active pursuit of Building a Vibrant Community through Reform Judaism.

Happy Chanukah,

Rabbi Marc



President's Message - Jonathan Rowe



In October, my daughter Amanda performed in the Waterford High School Drama presentation of the Diary of Anne Frank. Amanda played the role of Anne for the three performances. I want to thank those from our congregation who attended. Many of you have known Amanda since she was a baby. My family

truly appreciates your support throughout all of these years, and through the milestones. We also appreciate those from Beth El who were in attendance. The play is universal to all Jews. The community support was a blessing.

The young adult actors were excellent, with the audience losing the fact that the actors were teenagers as they expertly portrayed the roles of older adults. Watching the play was quite difficult for me. My daughter became Anne Frank, and I knew that Anne was going to die in the holocaust. Anne Frank could have been my daughter, or any of our daughters. This brought me to tears each night.

One of the characters in the play that I found of particular interest was Albert Dussel (real name Fritz Pfeffer). I believe he had a line describing that his grandfather, father and he were all born in the Netherlands and he just thought of himself as a citizen. Mr. Dussel didn't come across as a practicing Jew and didn't even know Hanukkah traditions. However, to the Nazis, he was still a Jew. Mr Dussel died in the holocaust. No matter how we choose to identify within our Judaism (if at all), we are singularly Jewish to everyone else.

Moving on to activities of the Board

Carin Savel, the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Eastern CT, presented to the Board a vision for creating a Jewish campus centered around Temple Emanu-El. There is a parcel of land behind the sheds, on the school side, that could be acquired and used to erect a new building that would house JFEC, create meeting and other rooms, and whatever else can come to the community's imagination. In one really visionary approach, a Jewish senior center and senior housing could be part of the campus. The idea would be to centralize Jewish life for our region. This concept was presented to the Boards of JFEC, Beth-El and Emanu-El at separate meetings. All three Boards separately agreed that the vision is worth pursuing.

Financially, we received another gift from a benefactor family of which some of the funds went towards increasing the compensation of our teaching faculty, staff and the assistants. Those who have been working to make our school the gem of Jewish life were underpaid for what they do. This was indeed a blessing.

While we have had monumental contributions from our benefactor families that have paid off our mortgage, repaired the

heating and air conditioning, provided building security, improved the school and more, member dues are tracking below what we need to meet the dues component of the budget. As I spoke of at the annual meeting, I am not going to approve mid-year requests to be sent to the congregation for additional dues contributions. I will simply try to provide the actual data for your review. Working with what we can fiscally control, it will be the responsibility of the Board to find a way to ensure financial stability at the end of each year.

One thing to consider is that this is the 60th anniversary of the congregation. We hope to reflect this at the Starry Night Gala this June. If we can make that event larger in attendance than ever, that will go a long way to shoring up the dues shortfall. When the time comes, invite friends and family.

As a final note, the Artist in Residence weekend was just amazing. There was so much ruach, joy, and togetherness. I hope you had a chance to participate.

Jonathan

Notes from Sherry Barnes



I'm writing this article on the heels of our Artist in Residence program that also included All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation. From our Shabbat Services, evening Concert, and Sunday morning interfaith service, the entire weekend was amazing and spiritually uplifting. Or and Feliza Zohar's welcoming personalities, beautiful voices, and

inspirational music, created sacred space and built new relationships with our friends at All Souls. I was very happy to see how many of you came out to support such an important weekend. Hearing your voices and getting to dance at the end of Friday's Shabbat Service left me with a permanent smile on my face for the whole weekend. I made many new friends from the All Souls UUC Choir, and Tonya, their wonderful director, and look forward to collaborating with them again in the future.

I was very proud of our Temple Emanu-El choir members and musicians. I think they did a super job and I so appreciate the time they give to be a part of programs like this one. Thank you so much! A big thank you to Rabbi Marc for his vision and to all those who helped make that vision a reality!

This month Rabbi Marc and I will be returning to the URJ Bienial! It's being hosted in Chicago...brrrr. Looking forward to learning, networking, and praying with a few thousand Jew's!

CABARET!! Cabaret is on February 1, 2020. If you are interest-

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ed in singing, dancing, reading a poem, playing music, etc., please e-mail Armi or me and let us know what you would like to do. You don't have to have all the details, just let us know.

I hope that you have a very sweet Chanukah. Join us for our Chanukah service and bring your Chanukiah to light on Friday, Dec. 27. There are also outdoor Chanukiah lightings, one is in New London and one is in Gales Ferry.

B'shir,

Sherry

Religious School 860-439-0406 | religiousschool@tewaterford.org



It's hard to believe that our religious school year is almost half over.

We thank Rachel Sherman for facilitating our Temple Shabbat dinner on Friday, November 1 by sponsoring a more casual format. It was a wonderful time for our religious school families to get to know each other better. We are also grateful to her for coordinating a **Shabbat Potluck dinner on Friday, December 6 at 6:00 pm**. The children enjoy seeing each other outside of their classrooms at Shir Shabbat services at 5:30 pm and then being able to eat dinner together afterward. Sign up for a dish to share by logging on to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AAEAF2AA64-potluck> Please direct all inquiries to Rachel Sherman at rshermanesq@gmail.com

We look forward to supporting **Max Frischling** and his family on his **bar mitzvah on Saturday, December 7**. Fifth, sixth and seventh graders, this is a good opportunity for you and your families to observe the role of bar mitzvah in action at Shabbat morning service.

We were so happy to have been able to honor Mike Haynes, Joel Holwitt, Andy Parad and Adrienne Parad, our religious school parents who are active duty and veterans on Sunday, November 10. Thank you to Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry and our 8th graders for leading the service and helping to make it such a meaningful ceremony for our students. The special blessing over the celebrants was especially moving.

Thank you to Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry, Rabbi Or and Feliza for a very special musical interfaith service with All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Sunday, November 17. Thanks also to all of our teachers for their flexibility with lessons that day. It was an interesting experience for our religious school to attend and participate with students of All Souls, especially the story of all ages segment which we co-directed with Perry Montrose, their school's director.

Save the date for the school-wide Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 15. We need parent volunteers to make latkes and cookies for the event. If you are able to help, please let us or your child's teacher know. We also encourage our families to donate an unwrapped toy to help support local Toys for Tots collection drive. Thanks in advance to Barbara and Peter Kallan for their help with delivering these donations.

Chanukah Sameach,

Armi and Jennifer

Pre-School

Preschool begins on Dec. 8 and 15, 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: 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

The Sunday morning discussion group starts at 11:00 A.M. in the Temple sanctuary. This is open to everyone. If you have any questions, you may contact Edee Smith at ejsmith1969@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 P.M.

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

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class will be meets on Tuesdays, from 5:00-6:00 pm. If you can read Hebrew and would like to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah as an adult, this class is for you. We are aiming for a June 27, 2020 B'nei Mitzvah and will be using using Mishkan T'filah siddur. You can order one at CCAR Press or Amazon.

Beginning Hebrew Class will be meets on Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:00 pm. Whether you are a new learner, or want to brush up on your Aleph-Bet, our goal is to be reading from the siddur, prayer book, by the end of May! We will be using The First Hebrew Primer, put out by EKS Publications. You can purchase this book from EKS or Amazon.

Trope Class will meets on Wednesday mornings from 11:00 am.-12:00 p.m. We will be reviewing Torah trope and diving into Haftarah Trope. I'm hoping to teach the trope for Megillat Esther, so you can chant for Purim.

Translating Hebrew Prayers meets on Wednesday mornings from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. This is an ongoing class, which uses Prayer book Hebrew the Easy Way, published by EKS, and can be purchased through their website or Amazon.

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, 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 first hand. 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, December 4

Wednesday, February 5

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, May 6

Wednesday, June 3



Religious Practices

Wow! After our inspiring and entertaining Artist in Residence weekend (AiR), it is difficult to come back to every day life!

In December, our moods will be lightened with our celebration of Hannukah. \The first night is December 22. Please

bring your Hannukiot (menorahs) to our service on December 27. We will light our candles and experience the joy of this holiday together.

Our committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 in the Rabbi's office. Please join us to find out what we do and to help out! We look forward to seeing you.

Sisterhood — Merrill Mazzella & Gail Weber, Co-Presidents

Sisterhood continues with our movie nights and our popular dinner club evenings; Great ways to catch up with your friends and try new restaurants.

We would like to give a huge shout-out to Iris Freeman, Robbin Alpert and Shelley Arenson for organizing another successful and fun mah jongg day! Women come from all over to play in this fabulous tournament. Iris has moved away but continues to support Sisterhood and we are grateful. And thanks to all of the women who worked tirelessly on Sunday preparing the food and to those who helped serve breakfast and lunch on Monday.

We are looking into some new events for the spring and will keep you posted in the next bulletin. I attended the regional Kallah in October and had an opportunity to meet our WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) area advisor. She is anxious to visit Temple Emanu-El and we are working together to create an interesting program.

As always, we value your support and any suggestions you might have. See you soon.

Gail and Merrill

Chanukah Fair – December 8

Believe it or not Hanukkah begins at sunset on December 22. It is time to purchase your Hanukkah needs at the Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop. Included with the usual Hanukkah items, there is merchandise which has never been stocked before. Come browse to see the selection.

Our annual Hanukkah Fair will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. We have a large selection of candles, many menorahs including some electric, a new selection of jewelry, and new gift choices. We also provide complimentary gift wrapping.

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop is the go to Jewish Gift Shop in Southeastern Connecticut. We accept cash and checks for your convenience. This year we will also accept Venmo.

The Hanukkah Fair does require some volunteers for both set up on Saturday afternoon beginning at 2:00 P.M. and during the fair on Sunday morning. Please contact Susan at 860-625-6618 to volunteer.

The gift shop is always open on Sunday mornings during religious school. Special arrangements can be made by contacting 860-625-6618 or judaicashop@tewaterford.org.

Our next **Book Club** meeting is on December 4 at Merrill Mazzella's home and we will discuss **Bread Givers** by Anzia Yezierksa. The following meeting is on March 4 at Michele Snitkin's home for **The Marriage of Opposites** by Alice Hoffman.

All books will be available at the Waterford public library.

Please check out book discussion items at the circulation desk, not at the self-checkout station. Items should be returned only to the Waterford Library if checked-out there, so they are removed from the customer's record.

In December, **Movie Night** will be a "pop-up" event. Merrill will send an email out a few days before, letting everyone know the details.

Sisterhood will be sponsoring the oneg on the **second Friday of each month**. The next oneg is Friday, December 13. Whenever you can help, we really appreciate it. Merrill will be sending out reminders.

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

The Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop is open regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. We have an ample Tallit selection and can order personalized kippot for any Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Don't miss the Chanukah Fair on December 8.

We always have a great selection of gift ideas and Chanukah necessities including candles, gelt, dreidels and menorahs. You can always reach us at judaicashop@tewaterford.org or 860-625-6618.

ORDER NOW: MAH JONGG CARDS FOR 2020

Thank you so much for purchasing your Mah Jongg cards



through me over the years. I just received our donation from the NMJL for last year's card order for \$580!! Once again, by purchasing your Mah Jongg cards through me, on behalf of Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, we receive a charitable donation. The cost to you is exactly the same, but NMJL gives a portion back for charitable collectors. What has really helped make this fund-raiser worthwhile is the number of you who have also ordered cards for friends, mahj clubs, and relatives. I feel like I have my own little pyramid scheme going here.

Good news: **the price will be the same for 2020**. That's **\$8 for standard size and \$9 for large size**.



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The rest is the same, so if you know it all, you can stop reading about now. I am collecting orders with payment (preferably checks rather than cash; sorry - no credit cards) and I have to place one large order in late January, 2020. After my cut-off date from NMJL, I cannot order additional cards. **DEADLINE FOR YOUR ORDERS/PAYMENT TO ME is JANUARY 24th, 2020.** The cards are mailed directly from the NMJL, so feel free to order cards for fellow mahj players anywhere in the country.

So what do I need from you?

Name, address if new or different from last year, email, number & size of cards ordered, and your check, payable to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood. If you are ordering for your group, I can send the cards to each member or to one member, whichever you prefer. And if you are a snow bird, use the address where you want the card mailed in late March.



Nar Anon

Temple Emanu-El hosts Nar-Anon meetings **every Thursday from 7:00-8:30P.M.** Nar-Anon meetings are primarily for those who know or have known a feeling of desperation concerning the addiction problem of someone close to them. If you are one of these people, come join us on Thursday evenings. This is your opportunity to engage in your own process of recovery.

If you would like more information or need help determining if Nar-Anon is right for you, contact Rabbi Ekstrand.

Mail your orders to **TEMPLE EMANU-EL SISTERHOOD, Attn: Iris, P.O. Box 288, WATERFORD, CT 06385**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at ifreegang@aol.com, or phone at 860-460-3081. Thank you!

Iris Freeman

Sisterhood information can be found on Temple Emanu-El's website. Click on Get Involved in the blue bar on the left and select Sisterhood. If on a mobil device, click the little box in the upper left corner to get the drop down navigation menu.

Kitchen

Please consider volunteering to sponsor the oneg on **December 27 or January 24 or 31.**

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 dishtowels. Donations would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Edee Smith

Kitchen Coordinator

Hope After Loss

Temple Emanu-El hosts Hope After Loss meetings the **second Thursday of the month, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.** The group provides free peer bereavement support programs to women and men who grieve the loss of a pregnancy or infant. They help one another on their journey of healing.



Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Support Group

Temple Emanu-El hosts Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meetings the **second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 P.M.** Living with Crohn's disease or Ulcerative Colitis can be difficult, but the right resources and support can make day-to-day living easier.



TERS students were so happy to have been able to honor **Mike Haynes, Joel Holwitt, Andy Parad and Adrienne Parad**, our religious school parents who are active duty and veterans on Sunday, November 10.

Thank you to Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry and our 8th graders for leading the service and helping to make it such a meaningful ceremony for our students. The special blessing over the celebrants was especially moving.



January 3, 2020



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

6:00 P.M. *Shabbat dinner*

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



Please join us for a **Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner at 6 pm on Friday, January 3, 2020!** There is no cost for this informal dinner as it is pot luck. Any contribution can be store-bought or homemade. The main purpose of the event is to get families together to welcome shabbat!

For those members who receive emails from the temple, please watch for a separate email regarding this event approximately two weeks before. A link for the Sign Up Genius will be included so you can choose how you would like to participate. For those members who do not receive emails, please reach out to Rachel Sherman directly so you can RSVP and coordinate with her as to how you would like to participate.

Kindly RSVP no later than Tuesday, December 31st. Please direct all inquiries to Rachel Sherman at rshermanesq@gmail.com or (518) 421-8491.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Brotherhood—Scott Zettler



Brothers, It was another busy month! Thank you all for your assistance for the Artist in Residence weekend! It was a great success and 2 great breakfasts were cooked and prepared for the congregation and our guests from All Souls. Everyone really

appreciated the help from the Brotherhood.

December means one thing...Latkes and brisket! We are having our **annual Latke Dinner on Sunday December 15 at 5:00 P.M.** so please plan to join us for this fun meal. Of course we

need lots of help preparing the food so if you can assist it would be greatly appreciated. We will be there all day preparing so please let Scott know if you can assist.

Of course we continue to do bagels on Sundays so please join us from 9:30 to Noon. Please reach out with any activity ideas as we are always looking for more fun stuff to do. I hope to see you around the temple.

Scott Zettler



Shabbat Mornings - Prayer, Practice and Prophets

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8:30 A.M. Pot Luck Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Service

Shabbat morning services will return after the High Holy Days **beginning December 21 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.

Travel Raffle & More -- Tickets on Sale Now!



The Travel Raffle drawing is two weeks away. The drawing will be on **Sunday, Dec 15 at 6:00 pm** – during the **Brotherhood's annual Latke Dinner**.

Tickets are still only \$25 each – and there are under 200 tickets left out of 720. Selling all 720 tickets will allow the temple to take in \$18,000 due to the generous support of our sponsors.

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 John Murphy (cell 860-608-0774 or email jem37@atlanticbb.net)

Time is Limited. You Don't Need to Wait for a Phone Call, You Can Send In Payment With A Note or Call John or the Temple and Request Tickets.

The Prizes and sponsors are listed below:

1st Prize – Secrets Capri in Cancun Trip for two - Includes round-trip air from Hartford, roundtrip transfer from the airport to hotel, 6 days and 5 nights, all-inclusive.

Sponsor: Kenn and Kim Fischburg

2nd Prize \$1000 Travel Gift Certificate – Tzel Travel

Sponsor: Sayet & Seder

3rd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card

Sponsor: Creative Office Interiors

4th Prize - \$300 Best Buy Gift Card

Sponsor: Bill and Ellen Seeman

5th Prize - \$200 Target Gift Card

Sponsor: Medical Meeting House

6th Prize - \$150 Walmart Gift Card

Sponsor: The Senges/Murphy Family

7th Prize - \$100 Amazon Gift Card

Sponsor: The Rowe Family

December Birthdays

Kenneth Abrahms
Morgan Abrahms
Linda Barnett
Howard Brensilver
Jillian Cedio
Krum Chuhev
Dale Rebecca Dennis
Addison Dickey
Ruth Dunkerley
Andrew Feinstein
Katie Feinstein
Cecile Feldman
Anna Feldman
Gavier Figueroa
Casey Flax
Irma Flitt
Susan Fornara

Florence Frank
Max Frischling
Susan Greenhalgh
Jonathan Grossman
Katelyn Haynes
Clayton Hicks
Gavin Holwitt
Ethan Johnson
Andrea Kanfer
Aaron Kaplan
Emily Kil
Annalise McCaffrey
Lee Miller
Debra Miller
Joseph Morea

John Murphy
Steven Novick
Ethan Novick
Naomi Paulson
Bill Posage
Rebecca Reinhard
Dale Zechman Rosen
David Rosenberg
Nathaniel Rowe
Connie Rubin
Alvin Sher
Bradley Sherman
Danny Shiling
Julie Snoke
Jay Snoke

Frederic West
Joel Wildstein



December Anniversaries

Leonard and Sandra
Epstein
Phil and Donna Schneider
Lester and Claudia
Shapiro
David and Lee
Snyderman



*I found the one
my heart loves...*
Song of Songs 3:4



December Yahrzeits

December 6

Avraham Duvid ben Moshe
Edward Basch
Ada Bloustine
Mary Louise Boehner
Sol Deglin
Nash Feldman
Allan Brian Glickstein
Dorothy Goldman
Robert Kent
Bernard Lieb
Lynn Machette
Janet MacMichael
Marjorie Ryack
Ethel Schnable
Hilda Snyderman
Blanche Solomon
Cynthia "Rusty" Sutel
Bessie K. Tankel
Hannah Shafner Teicher
Sheila Wasserman

December 13

Esther Clark
Peggy Cramer
George Daniels

Goldy Davidson
Isadore Diamond
Marian Eisenstein
Miriam Freedman
Jeanette Gruber
Emily (Rachel) Heilweil
Daniel Iorillo
Dr. Charles Irwin
Jody Katz
Monya Millstein
Samson Joel Mittleman
Mollie Rifkn
Helen Rosenstein
Jean Rubinsky
John Soda
Rose Stein
Ruth Steiner
David Stoner

December 20

Gladys Goldstein
Esther Greenberg
Sidney Katz
Gertrude Lieb
James Murphy
Robert Ostrow
Franklin Prague
Helen Shulman

Saul Robert Shapiro
Max Resnick

December 27

William Bentley
Gertrude Camassar
Arthur Feinstein
Milton Frank
Ida Covitz Freiberg
Israel Goodman
Betty Gotlieb
Beverly Kanfer
Lillian Gertz Lewiss
Marci Robbins
Evelyn Rosenstein
Mabel Rutman
Louis Siegel
Pauline Trostler



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

Cantor's Fund

Harvey and Ellen Schiller
-- in memory of Jody Katz on the 2nd anniversary of her passing
Martin and Joanna Lazarus
-- in loving memory of Caroline Hillsberg on her yahrzeit
-- in loving memory of Lottie Lazarus on her yahrzeit

Capital Expenditure Fund

Adam Kaufman
Rebecca Woodward

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Lillian Yormark
-- in loving memory of Benjamin Yormark on his yahrzeit

Essential Services Fund

Peter and Beverly Herstein
Bob and Elly Hoffman & family
-- in loving memory of Helen Angert on her yahrzeit
Bob and Elly Hoffman & family
-- in loving memory of John Hoffman on his yahrzeit
-- in loving memory of Sheldon Leibowitz on his yahrzeit
Lois and Stephen Panikoff
-- in memory of Barbara Segal
Nathan and Shelley Weiss
-- in honor of Kenn Fischburg's 70th birthday
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Matthew Shulman

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---in memory of Adele Panikoff on her yahrzeit
---in memory of Samuel Goodman on his yahrzeit

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---in memory of Barbara Segal

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Ethel Chatkin
---in loving memory of Fanny Gordon, my mother,
on her yahrzeit
---in loving memory of Pearl Gordon, my sister, on her
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Brotherhood's Annual Chanukah Latke Dinner

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Sunday, December 15, @ 5:00 P.M.

Social Hall at Temple Emanu-El

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!

Start the season early with good food, friends, and family.

\$15 per person *** \$35 for three or more**

Please RSVP for planning by Monday, December 9.

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December Services & Schedule of Events

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| Dec. 2 | Mon. | 12:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 11:30-8:00 P.M. | Federation Senior Lunch Jewish Community High School Dine-to-Out at Filomena's Restaurant on Boston Post Road in Waterford |
| Dec. 3 | Tues. | 7:30 P.M. | Religious Practices |
| Dec. 4 | Wed. | 4:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. | Hebrew School Judaism & the Interfaith Family Sisterhood Book Club |
| Dec. 5 | Thur. | 12:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. | Food for Thought Nar-Anon |
| Dec. 6 | Fri. | 5:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. | Shir Shabbat including Birthday Blessings Shabbat Potluck Dinner R.S.V.P. to Rachel Sherman Shabbat Service including Birthday Blessings |
| Dec. 7 | Sat. | 10:30 A.M. | Shabbat Morning Service/Max Frischling/Bar Mitzvah |
| Dec. 8 | Sun. | 9:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. | Chanukah Fair Brotherhood Bagels Religious School Adult Study Group |
| Dec. 9 | Mon. | 12:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. | Federation Senior Lunch Jewish Community High School |
| Dec. 11 | Wed. | 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. | Hebrew School Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Support Group Tempe Emanu-El Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Dec. 12 | Thur. | 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. | Hope After Loss Nar-Anon |
| Dec. 13 | Fri. | 7:30 P.M. | Shabbat Service |
| Dec. 15 | Sun. | 9:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. | Brotherhood Bagels Religious School Preschool Adult Study Group Brotherhood Latke Dinner |
| Dec. 16 | Mon. | 12:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. | Federation Senior Lunch Jewish Community High School |
| Dec. 17 | Tues. | 7:00 P.M. | Sacred Path of Reform Judaism |
| Dec. 18 | Wed. | 4:30 P.M. | Hebrew School |
| Dec. 19 | Thur. | 7:00 P.M. | Nar-Anon |
| Dec. 20 | Fri. | 7:30 P.M. | Shabbat Service including Anniversary Blessings |
| Dec. 26 | Thur. | 7:00 P.M. | Nar-anon |
| Dec. 27 | Fri. | 7:30 P.M. | Shabbat Chanukah Service-bring your chanukiot |

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Visit the Temple Emanu-El Chanukah Fair
on Sunday, December 8, from 9:00 – 12:30.



Browse for great traditional and innovative gift ideas, and items for entertaining. Visit while the children are in religious school. Children will be given an opportunity to shop during school time. Free wrapping! Cash or check only please.



Can't make the Chanukah Fair?

The Temple Emanu-El Judaica Shop is open on Sunday mornings, from 9:30 – Noon.

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