



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

Sherry Barnes, David Stein and I just returned from the Biennial of the Union for Reform Judaism. Over five thousand Reform Jews gathered in Chicago for

the conference. It was five days of sharing experiences and knowledge with our colleagues in large and small congregations across North America, Europe and Israel. Seminars and presentations covered topics including engagement, social justice, liturgy, theology, text studies, education, synagogue management and leadership, Reform Zionism and music. Most important, our leadership gave us a vision for the future. As I have told you many times in the past three years, our movement is not shrinking and is certainly not dying. However, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, URJ President, advised us that our future depends upon us rolling up the sides of our tent and pulling on the ropes to make our tent ever bigger. We must be making more room for more diversity. The future of Reform Judaism depends upon our congregations being ever more welcoming, even more inclusive, and reaching out even farther. The younger generations of Jews today will not be engaged in the same ways that we were. We should not be asking of our children, why can't you just be like us? Rather, we should be supporting them in reforming the liberal Judaism we love into the Reform Judaism that inspires them. As you've heard many times, 'Reform' is present tense and active. It is always happening. That has always been our strength.

Speaking of strength. WE NEED YOUR VOTE! The World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections are coming up. Voting will be open between January 21 and March 11 (the day after MLK Day until Purim). The Reform movement did extremely well in the last elections in 2015. This accomplished a great deal for us in Israel. It ensured \$20 million dollars over five years went to support our movement.

With this critical support, liberal Judaism has grown incredibly in Israel. Over the past five years the number of Reform communities has grown from 23 to 52. There are well over 100 Israeli Reform rabbis ordained from HUC-JIR in Jerusalem. Reform Jews sit at the table for important decision making at the Jewish Agency and KKL-JNF. Because of our presence and strength, our Reform leaders are able to insist on pluralism in Israel. That means justice and fairness with regards to marriage, conversion and burial regulations, funding for religious institutions, and appointments to important national offices. Because of our presence and strength, we are also building important bridges between Reform leaders and other stakeholders including the ultra-Orthodox parties. This is not about forcing our will on others, it is about guaranteeing our seat at the table when important agreements are negotiated and major issues are debated. An Israel that reflects our values of democracy and pluralism depends upon our vote.

Because we did so well in the 2015 elections, there are many organizations that are creating and working strategies to squeeze the Reform movement out of the 2020 WZC. Thus, we must not only equal our voting in the last election, we must surpass it. David Stein is our WZC Election Captain. David and I will be communicating with you many times between now and Purim. We will be explaining what the WZC and affiliated organizations are, what they do, and why it matters to us. We will also be explaining how to vote and helping everyone to do it. Consider this a warm-up for next November. You should have only one New Year's resolution - to vote in the WZC elections...and then the US elections.

Lastly, the next URJ Biennial will be in Washington, DC, December 8-11, 2021. We have a strong movement behind us. If we engage with it, it will help us achieve our mission of building a vibrant community through Reform Judaism. Put the next biennial on your calendar. If you can't go yourself, perhaps you can help send some of our leadership team.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Jonathan Rowe



I hope you had a great Hanukkah. Last month we had a tremendous start to the Hanukkah season with the annual Brotherhood Latke dinner. Chef Mike Reinhard led the charge of masterfully preparing brisket, barbecue chicken, green beans, potatoes,

carrots, salad, cake and of course, latkes (lots of them). Line chefs Brian Alpert, Stan Bloustein, Geoff Hausmann and Scott Zettler (hiding his secret identity as Brotherhood President) had not a single injury in the 8 hours of prepping and slicing. Attendance for the dinner was excellent, with a full house in the social hall. It was incredibly nice to see such a wide range of attendees; from babies to those with vast life-experience.

As per tradition, the Annual Travel Raffle tickets were drawn at the Latke Dinner. Thank you to John Murphy for leading this very important fund raiser as well as all of those who took on the challenging task of selling raffle tickets. I also want to thank those of you who purchased tickets, and of course the individuals, businesses and families that donated the prizes. I am not exaggerating when I say that the existence of our Temple is dependent upon all of you. תודה רבה

On a personal note, by the time you are reading this article, I have started a new job. I'm happy to share with you the background on that in person. My new career will require me to be traveling quite often. My reason for sharing is that I am unsure of how this will impact my ability to remain President of the Board of Trustees. In particular, I can't ensure my presence at our regularly scheduled Board meetings. The Board has been discussing this and Jo-el Fernandez has worked with the Board to determine our path. We will try a technology solution to start (video conferencing, teleconference, etc). If my lack of actual presence is a detriment to effective oversight of the business of the congregation, we will move to plan B.

You may be aware that Carin Savel, the Executive Director of the JFEC, has been moving the community toward a vision of a centralized Jewish campus that could include constructing a new multipurpose building near our property to house the Federation and other useful services. This is in the visioning/feasibility stage and we have three of our congregants on the newly established Jewish Community Campus Steering Committee. The campus will not require any funds coming from Temple Emanu-El. We will still focus on our mission and our finances first. However,

I do strongly support a centralized community with flexible meeting and social space, senior services, learning centers for all denominations of Judaism and more. A gym perhaps...?

I wrote in my article two months ago that members of the Board will be hosting meetings at their homes to share with you some of the things going on in the community (such as the community campus idea) and also to get your feedback on the state of the congregation. Hopefully by the time this article has been published, someone reached out to you to participate. If not, feel free to contact me, Jo-el or the office.

Shalom.

Jonathan

Notes from Sherry Barnes

What an amazing conference! About 5,000 Jews gathered in the Windy City, Chicago, to learn, pray, sing, dance, meet old friends and make new ones. The Plenary sessions had inspirational speakers, which included the Governor of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, President of HUC-JIR, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, first woman ordained as Cantor, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the URJ, Jodi Kantor, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Investigative Reporter/ Journalist of The New York Times.



At our last Plenary, we were treated to the magnificent voices of Dr. Walt Whitman and the Soul Children of Chicago. The ruach in the room created by their singing and movement, filled the enormous room and everyone in it! As if that wasn't enough, members of The Second City comedy group kept us laughing as our time together drew to a close.

Beyond all of the inspirational speakers, who instilled a deep pride of being Jewish, engaging and championing causes in our communities, supporting causes within Reform Judaism, and feeling like you are a part of something bigger, we had a multitude of classes to choose from. I chose to take classes in retaining our post B'nei Mitzvah students, designing congregational experiences through human centered design, engaging students in prayer, using music to create bridges, and involving our younger students and families in tikkun olam, being good

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stewards of our earth. Many of the T'filah Services were very moving and filled with beautiful music. I hung out for a while at the Jewish Rock Radio area, where I listened to Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, and Billy Jonas. I attended a band called So is Life, filled with people I admire, like Dan Nichols, Cantor Ellen Dreskin, Josh Nelson, Cantor Rosalie Will, with Elana Arian playing violin and mandolin. Rich Recht who performed at our Temple some years back, sat at our dinner table for a bit and said hello. Highlight, getting to talk to Dan Nichols, who I have admired for many years. Biennial is a great way to recharge your soul with spirituality, your mind with education, and your being with comradery. Looking forward to the 2021 Biennial in Washington, DC. You should join us! You would have an amazing experience!

CABARET CABARET CABARET!! Please let Armi or I know if you're going to be a part of our show!

Thank you to Rabbi Polly Berg, Merrill Mazzella, and Jo-el Fernandez for leading Shabbat Services while we were at Biennial. Thank you to Pat Sher for chanting Torah!

B'shir, ***Sherry***

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Happy 2020!

Our holiday break continues until we **return to religious school on Sunday,**

January 5. However, please plan to attend the **first Friday Shabbat potluck dinner and service this coming Friday, January 3** as the 6th grade students and their teachers will be participating in the service.

We are just about at the halfway point of our school year. Parents just received their children's school reports. Teachers have indicated what material their classes have been learning and where their students are with their individual progress. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about these.

On Sunday, December 15, students at Temple Emanu-El Religious School enjoyed our annual schoolwide Chanukah celebration with festive food, fantastic friends, and fabulous fun! Each class rotated through various stations, including Chanukah line-dancing with Marcia Reinhard; menorah making with Young Emissaries Tal and Roi; and Chanukah singing with Armi Rowe. In addition, the 8th grade class led the younger grades in playing the dreidel game and 'Chanukah Candle' bowling. Students also made holiday cards that will be mailed to U.S. Troops stationed abroad and, with their families, brought in toys and games to donate to Toys for Tots. The children capped off the morning with delicious Chanukah treats of potato latkes with applesauce, sufganiyot, and Chanukah cookies, shared with parents.

We would like to give special thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this morning so engaging and memorable for our students. In addition to Marcia, Roi,

and Tal, we offer special thanks to Josh Friedman for generously providing materials and spending many hours working with Roi to construct the Chanukiyot. Many thanks also to Steven Novick, Jenna Cohen, Renee Weinstein, Rachel O'Brien, and Barbara Senges-Murphy for baking cookies and providing sufganiyot. We also thank the Temple Sisterhood for their generous support, as well as Edee Smith and Barbara & Peter Kallan for coordinating the mitzvah projects. And, as always, thank you to our wonderful teachers and faculty assistants for making the day so great for our student

We have several more people to thank for their help with recent school activities. We very much appreciate Caryn Novick, Rabbi Marc Ekstrand, our 8th grade Jewish History teacher Liam Feldman and our young Israeli emissaries Roi and Tal for chaperoning our 8th graders on their Nov. 24 field trip to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. It was ideal team learning and bonding time. Thanks again to Rachel Sherman for coordinating a fantastic potluck Shabbat dinner on Dec. 6. It was very well attended and a welcomed time for families to mingle. Congrats again to Max Frischling who became a bar mitzvah the following day.

SAVE THE DATE for our **Hot Chocolate Havdalah on Saturday, January 18.** More details to follow.

Please remember that we will typically follow the inclement weather snow/ice closing schedule of the Waterford school district. We will notify parents by 12:00 pm through a Remind app text regarding any exceptions. We would only keep school open if road conditions are deemed safe by school time.

Happy Secular New Year, ***Armi and Jennifer***

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, pub-

lished 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.

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

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, February 5 / Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, May 6 / Wednesday, June 3

Religious Practices

We may be in the middle of winter, but we're thinking ahead to Passover! We are inviting anyone in our congregation to join our new "book club" that will be reviewing new and different haggadot. Our goal is to survey what is available and find some we like. This study group will have the opportunity to learn more about the content and design of a haggadah, and we may find a new version for our congregational seders. Our current books

have seen some wear and tear over the years, and we need to do some investigating before choosing their replacement. (We can't update this spring due to financial constraints in any case.) Our group will be meeting informally on a schedule yet to be determined. If you would like to be a part of this group and/or if you have a favorite haggadot that you would like us to study, please leave a note in the committee mailbox in the office, contact the Rabbi or email Jo Michaelson at jhmmah@aol.com.

Sisterhood — Merrill Mazzella & Gail Weber, Co-Presidents

We hope everyone has enjoyed the planned events of the past few months. It has been a great time to re-connect with friends we haven't seen for a while and also a wonderful opportunity to make new friends.

A huge shout out to Susan Hausmann for running our beautiful gift shop year-round! The Chanukah Fair highlighted the variety and large selection of Judaica items. Thanks to everyone who helped with set up and sales and for all of you for supporting this event.

January tends to be a quieter month for Sisterhood. We will still be responsible for the second oneg of the month, Fri Jan 10. If you are able to bake or buy items, please know we appreciate it. Everyone enjoys schmoozing after services, and of course, that means we need goodies.

Our **next book club** will be held on **Wed March 4** at the home of Michelle Snitkin. *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman will be discussed. It will be available at the Waterford Library.

Movie Night and **Dinner Club** will resume in February. Stay warm. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Gail & Merrill

Judaica Shop

Our Hanukkah Fair was a big success as always. I want to thank everyone who shopped at the fair. I realize there are more convenient ways to shop and I appreciate your support. The fair could not be such a big success without a lot of help including set up, working the fair and cleaning up. I would like to thank Emily and Arthur Lerner, Trevor, Sue and Chris Fornara, Gail Weber, Amy Perry, Karen Bloustine, Shoshanna Weiss, Caren Linden, Barbara Seneges, Pat Sher, Andrea Fenton and Marcia Reinhard. I would like to thank Don Kasper for his hard work in setting up the tables in such a beautiful way. Most importantly, I would like to thank my husband, Geoff. Without all his help and advice, I would never get anything done. Look for new and exciting merchandise in the upcoming year. – Susan

The **Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop** is always open on Sunday mornings during religious school. We accept cash and checks for your convenience. This year we will also accept Venmo. If you are unable to visit the gift shop on Sunday mornings, special arrangements can be made by contacting Susan at 860-625-6618 or judai-cashop@tewaterford.org.

ORDER NOW: MAH JONGG CARDS FOR 2020 (Deadline January 24)

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**.

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 24, 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 snowbird, use the address where you want the card mailed in late March. 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 ifree-gang@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 mobile device, click the little box in the upper left corner to get the drop-down navigation menu.

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Social Action

As the year 2019 ended there was concerted discussion among members of the committee to do a substantial project similar to last year's very successful First Responders' Dinner. After discussion with individual members, it was decided not to try to replicate last year's project. There were other suggestions made:

First, to do a project that will tackle linking the homeless, and those who are unwilling, even in the winter, to seek available shelter with this area's homeless shelter, the New London Homeless Hospitality Center with an eye towards working together to alleviate the problem.

Second is connecting the sweets and cold of Valentine's Day and February with our local Meals on Wheels.

There is a Social Action Committee meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 12 at 10 A.M. at which these and other matters are expected to be discussed.

As for some of Social Action's other ongoing projects, there was a **Habitat Sunday Build** in the cold on December 8 where we worked on two homes in Norwich (a

brand-new duplex). Thank goodness for space heaters, we were able to tape, caulk, and plastic seal the exterior walls and upper levels of the houses. (Nobody says that helping to build homes is glamorous). As always so far, and in combination with Beth El, we had enough volunteers to get all the necessary work done despite the freezing weather. **Our next Sunday Build is scheduled for the afternoon of January 12, 2020.** We encourage new volunteers. In this regard Social Action will seek to sponsor a Habitat Friday night service in the near future where the ins and outs of Building Habitat homes can be discussed.

Without ever missing a beat, the Temple, coordinated by Hali Keeler, has been successfully preparing and serving an evening meal at New London's Community Meal Center for more than a decade. This happens on the third Tuesday of every month. January of the New Year and the new decade will be no exception.

Finally, the Mitzvah Corps appears to be functioning more effectively than it has in the past, although there continues to be room for improvement.

Coffee & Conversation

Everyone is invited to sign up to attend one Coffee and Conversation session hosted by a Temple Emanu-El Board member.

So far the session times are as follows:

- In Waterford at someone's home, Sunday, January 5, at 11:00 A.M.
- In East Lyme at someone's home, Wednesday, January 15, at 6:45 P.M.
- In Niantic at someone's home, Sunday, January 19, at 10:30 A.M.
- In New London at someone's home, Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 P.M.
- In Mystic at someone's home, February date and time to be determined

- At Temple Emanu-El, dates, times to be determined. Additional locations, dates and times will be scheduled, **so please contact the office, 860-443-3005**, to R.S.V.P. for one of the above locations or to find out about additional locations. R.S.V.P. is necessary so the host will know how many to expect and in order to keep the number of people at each location small enough to have a conversation and so that everyone's feedback can be heard.



Pre-School

Preschool begins on January 12 and 26, 2020, 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: 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.

A Welcome Weight Gain

Our High Holy Day food drive collected **over 1100 pounds of food for the Gemma Moran United Way Labor Food Bank**. Thanks to all those who filled their grocery bags to help those in our community in need. To my knowledge, this is the largest HHD drive we have ever had. Thank you to Karen Bloustine for organizing the drive, Stop & Shop for donating the bags, and all those who helped sort and box food items for pick up by the food bank.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Marc

December Oneg Thank Yous!

Joan Frischling

Steven Frischling

Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood

Temple Emanu-El Religious School Seventh
Grade Families

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

Sponsor an Oneg

Please consider volunteering to sponsor the oneg on 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.

Thank you, **Edee Smith**

Kitchen Coordinator

Mazel Tov to . .



Lee and David Snyderman
on celebrating their **50th wedding anniversary!**

Rabbi Rachel Safman and Daniel Robinson
on the birth of their **baby girl** on Dec. 18,
5:52 P.M., weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Temple Emanu-El's 7th Annual Cabaret Night

Saturday, February 1, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Havdalah, Appetizers, Variety Show, and Dessert

Temple Emanu-El Social Hall

R.S.V.P. 860-443-3005

\$18pp/ \$50 family donation — Benefits the Essential Services Fund

Brotherhood—Scott Zettler

We had a great time at the latke dinner. **Thanks to Mike Reinhard, Stan Bloustine, Brian Alpert, Jonathan Rowe, and John Murphy for your help preparing a de-**

licious meal. It was enjoyed by over 80 people in attendance.

We are continuing our brotherhood bagels on Sunday mornings. Please join us. Thanks

Shabbat Mornings - Prayer, Practice and Prophets

8:30 A.M. Pot Luck Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Service

Shabbat morning services will be on the **first** and **third** Shabbat of each month (**January 4 and 18**). 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.

2019 Raffle -- Huge Success!

The drawing for the raffle was held Sunday evening, December 15 during the Brotherhood Latke Dinner. The dinner was well attended –the food was outstanding as always. First, I would like to thank everyone (members, former members, friends, family and the local community) who helped us sell out all 720 tickets again. In addition, our success wouldn't have happened without the help of: **Scott Wolfe, Barry Feldman, Marcia Reinhard, Armi Rowe, Merrill Mazzella, Stu Fishbone and Roberta Reisner-Winograd.** Finally, I would like to **thank all the sponsors** (see list below) for the prizes which **allows us to raise \$18,000** for the Temple. Congratulations and Mazel Tov to all the winners (listed below)

Thanks, **John Murphy,**

Chairman 2019 Temple Emanu-El Raffle

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

Winner: Ken Sunshine

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

Sponsor: Sayet & Seder

Winner: Alicia Bauer

3rd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card

Sponsor: Creative Office Interiors

Winner: Adam Kaufman

4th Prize - \$300 Best Buy Gift Card

Sponsor: Bill and Ellen Seeman

Winner: Lou Ziegler

5th Prize - \$200 Target Gift Card

Sponsor: Medical Meeting House

Winner: Rabbi Susan Schein

6th Prize - \$150 Walmart Gift Card

Sponsor: The Senges/Murphy Family

Winner: Greg Selke

7th Prize - \$100 Amazon Gift Card

Sponsor: The Rowe Family

Winner: Stuart Deglin

January Birthdays

Cole Barnett
Lynn Brown
Ethel Chatkin
Betty Cooper
Lisa Darling
Hanna Deglin
Andrea Fenton
Simon Frischling
Marc Goldsmith
Patricia Hans
Samantha Hans
Patricia Hendel

Justice Kali
Maya Kriet
Deborah R. Linder
Jim Michalove
Leslie Orenstein
Eleanor Ostrow
Jonathan Panikoff
Marnie Rock
Judd Mayer Rosen
Solomon Ross
Nathaniel Ross
Sam Schaperow
Marvin Schnur

Susan Seeman
Dr. Adam Seidner
Lester Shapiro
Anna Cloe Sheikowitz
Rachel Sherman
Fiona (FiFi) Sherman
Noah Shiling
Michael Adam
Snyderman
Elizabeth V. Walz
Michael Weiss
Barbara Wolfe
Jessica Wolfe

**No January
Anniversaries**



January Yahrzeits

January 3

Eva Berkowitz
Karen Jan Silver
Blinderman
Randy Deglin
Samantha Deglin
Elizabeth Farran
Henry Germaine
Edward Gipstein
Henry Hochman
Anna Jezeski
Shirley Kriet
Murray Lazarus
Arne Levinson
Sylvia Lewiss
Daniel Ravis
Roger Rouquette
Harry Rubin
Rachel Wessel

January 10

Donald Bloom
Morris Brickman
Gregory Bronfman
Louis Caplowe
Hannah Cooper
Elsie Deglin
William Fishbone
Max Freeman
Louis Garfinkel
Audrey Germaine

Marvin Goldstein
Shirley Grayson
Lillian Kane
Daniel Kanfer
Morris Kaplan
Murray Rapoport
David Rosenfield
Frederic Rosenstein
Fred Seeman
Stanley Skigen
Louis Snitkin
Rose Tobin
Anna Tropp
Harry Weber
Al Weinberg
Harry Winograd
Richard Donald Zettler

January 17

Frances Brensilver
Philip Cameron
Milton Chatkin
Ray Cohen
Barbara Ellen Lupkay
Combs
Tillie Finkelstein
Edwin Haflich
Stephen Horton
Joseph Lasser
Mildred Meitzen
Marilyn Morgenstern
Doris Reinhard

Ellen Schwartz
Anna Seidman
Reuben Shiling
Roseleah Stein
Herman Weber
Grace Wertheim
Alice Wiesniewski

January 24

Esther Hoffman
Eleanor McCaffrey
Maurine Miner
David Nirenstein
Frances Ogulnick
Yetta Paulson
Sigmund Sol Rosenholtz
Beatrice Sherman
Alex Stancovski
Morris Thall
Mynna Weiss

January 31

Phyllis Adler
Helen Arbetter
Miriam Shoor Ballot
Carol Blaise
Joan Cherry
Frank Church
Edith Greenberg
Ekstrand
Abraham Irving Epstein

Ruth Freeman
Michael Bennett Freeman
Younne Frydel
Elizabeth Glen
Samuel Grau
Gladys IlsonL
Allen Kaufman
Paul Kriet
Jules Levine
Sophie Pagnes
Dorothy Segool
Mortimer Shaff
Isaaca Zelda Siegel
Harriette Siegel
Rochelle Tripp
Irwin Tuchfeld
Esfir Vestel



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

Cantor's Fund

Joanna and Martin Lazarus

- in loving memory of Murray Lazarus on his yahrzeit

Lois and Stephen Panikoff

- wishing Michael Betten a speedy recovery
- thank you to Sherry Barnes for many years of hard work

Capital Expenditure Fund

Adam Kaufman and Rebecca Woodward

Essential Services Fund

Marilyn and Stuart Fishbone

Bart Sayet and Lori Lindfors

- in honor of Kenn Fischburg's 70th birthday

Jane and Chic Weinberg

- in loving memory of Mollie Rifkin on her yahrzeit

Michele and Harvey Snitkin

- in loving memory of Daniel Iorillo on his yahrzeit

Patti and Alan Gruber & sons

- in loving memory of Jeanette Gruber on her yahrzeit

Goldsmith-Kallan Fund

Lori and Mitch Corah

- in memory of Marilyn Marcus on her yahrzeit

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Jan. 2	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food for Thought
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Jan. 3	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat including Birthday Blessings
		6:00 P.M.	Potluck Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Jan. 4	Sat.	8:30 A.M.	Potluck Breakfast
		9:00 A.M.	Shabbat Service
Jan. 5	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
Jan. 6	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Jan. 7	Tues.	7:30 P.M.	Religious Practices Meeting
Jan. 8	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:30 P.M.	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Support Group
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Jan. 9	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Hope After Loss
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Jan. 10	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Jan. 12	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:00 A.M.	Social Action Meeting
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
		12:30 P.M.	Habitat for Humanity Build
Jan. 13	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Jan. 14	Tues.	7:00 P.M.	The Sacred Path of Reform Judaism
Jan. 15	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Jan. 16	Thur.	4:00 P.M. –	
		9:00 P.M.	Dine-Out at Moe's Southwest Grill, 909 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Jan. 17	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Jan. 18	Sat.	8:30 A.M.	Potluck Breakfast
		9:00 A.M.	Shabbat Service
		6:00 P.M.	Religious School Hot Chocolate & Havdalah
Jan. 19	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
Jan. 22	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Jan. 23	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Jan. 24	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Jan. 26	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
Jan. 27	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Jan. 29	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Jan. 30	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Jan. 31	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service



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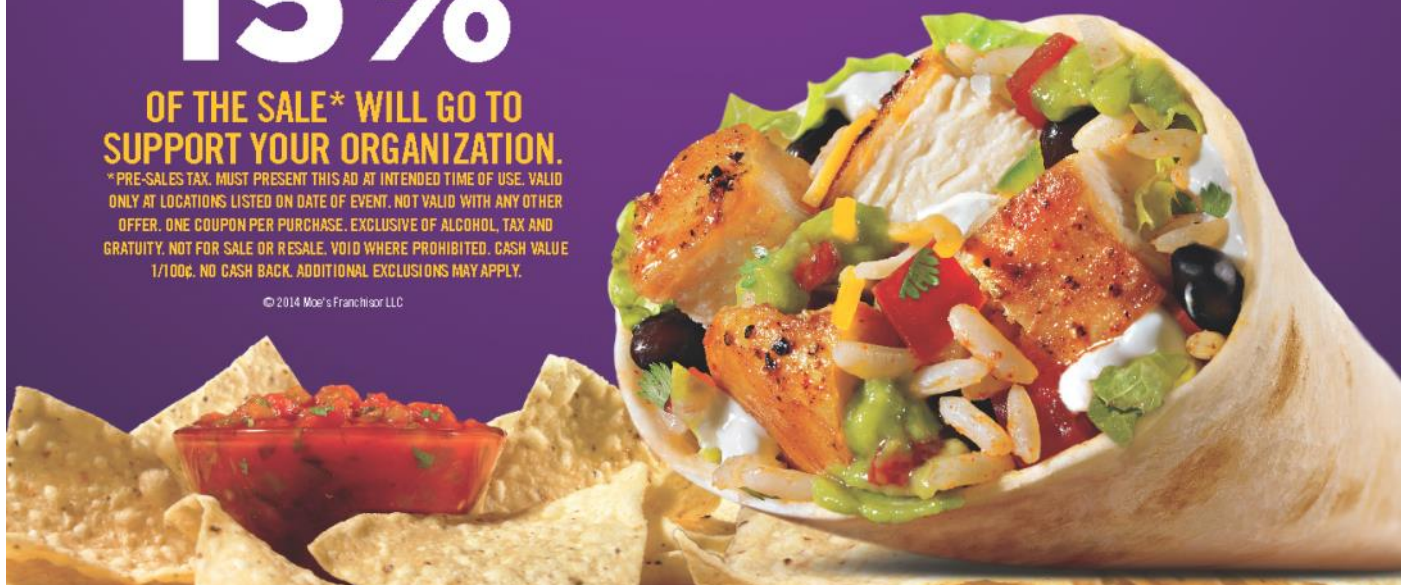
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February 7, 2020



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6:00 P.M. *Shabbat dinner*

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Please join us for a **Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner at 6 pm on Friday, February 7, 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.

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