



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

We are in the midst of an extremely important election season...no, not what you are thinking...keep reading. The World Zionist Congress (WZC)

elections are going on NOW. You can vote. Voting will be open until March 11 (Shushan Purim). The Reform movement did extremely well in the last elections in 2015. This accomplished a great deal for the growth of Reform Judaism in Israel. It ensured \$20 million dollars over five years went to support our movement. By comparison, the Israeli government annually provides nearly 4 billion NIS (\$1.1 billion) to Orthodox and Haredi institutions in Israel. With this critical support, liberal Judaism in Israel has grown incredibly. 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 now 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 our religious institutions, and appointments to important national offices. It also means that when secular Jews learn about Judaism in school, or when they are entering the Army, they now hear from Reform educators and rabbis as well as the Orthodox. Because of our presence and strength, we are building important bridges between Reform leaders and other stakeholders, even including the ultra-Orthodox. This is not about forcing our will on others, it is about guaranteeing our seat at the table when important agreements are negotiated, major issues are debated, and decisions are made. This is pluralism. An Israel that reflects our values of democracy and pluralism depends upon our vote. WE NEED YOUR VOTE! Vote Reform!

There is a downside to our success. 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. Looking at voter turnout from the last election, it seems that there were approximately 10 votes cast from our congregation. With our membership of approximately 300 adult individuals, we can easily surpass that number. Sixty votes should be easy. We must have a strong election turn out. David Stein is our WZC Election Captain. David and I will be communicating with you many times until voting ends.

Here is what you need to know about voting. Please note that there is a processing fee involved in registering to vote, \$7.50 for individuals older than 25, and \$5 for those aged 18-25. This is a fee imposed by the World Zionist Congress, not ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) or Temple Emanu-El. It only pays the costs of operating the election, safeguarding the security of the election website and process, and other administrative requirements. It can be paid via credit card, PayPal, or other payments available on the voter registration website. This is a fee that Temple Emanu-El is not allowed to pay on behalf of congregants, but we hope you will agree that it is a small price to pay to make the Reform voice heard and to have an impact in what happens in Israel.

Any Jewish person over the age of 18 is eligible to vote.

Voters in the WZC elections must:

- Be 18 years of age or older (by June 30, 2020)
- Self-identify as Jewish
- Agree to the Jerusalem Program, the official platform of the WZO and the Zionist Movement
- Agree to pay the processing fee.

Go now to azm.org/elections to vote if you have not already. Send me a message at marcekstrand@gmail.com to let me know you voted. Post it on social media. Then ask your friends to VOTE REFORM as well.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Jonathan Rowe



Dear Friends,

I took on the role of Temple President during difficult personal times. There was great political upheaval at my job, my mother-in-law was becoming increasingly ill and Armi and I moved her in with us out of necessity,

my mother on Long Island was having health issues and several other on-goings in my life were challenging. To be candid, being President doesn't reduce stress. All past presidents can confirm that. We do it out of devotion. There is a lot that must be managed.

This past fall, my department at work was eliminated. I am not nearly the first person from our temple who worked in the pharmaceutical industry to be impacted in this way. Most have moved away because that's where the jobs are. Being that I'm still at a point in my life where a regular income is needed, I began my search for a new job.

I landed a new career opportunity with a company based in New York City. This requires me to be away at least three days per work week. With the responsibilities of the new job and the remote location from Waterford, I didn't know if I would be able to sustain the tasks of President. I

discussed this with the Board. I thought we could try video conferencing for Board meetings as a solution, and was willing to give it a try. However, there are many day-to-day things that need to be accounted for as well.

In early January I had a serious health crisis. It was beyond a wakeup call. It was my body ordering me to stop trying to juggle multiple responsibilities. I wish I could say, "Hey, I'll just stop working!" That is unrealistic. Therefore it was imperative that I step down from another responsibility. I will no longer be able to carry out the duties of Temple President.

I and the temple are blessed to have a backup in my life. Jo-el Fernandez does not intend to support my family financially; however, she is fully prepared to become the President of Temple Emanu-El. I convinced her to be VP after my first presidency, and I had to have her as my VP because she's a brilliant, honest, compassionate and strategic leader. We are lucky to have her. I look forward to working with her on transitioning the role.

Please welcome Jo-el with the same vigor that you have embraced me with over the years.

Thank you.

Jonathan

Notes from Sherry Barnes



This month we celebrate Shabbat Shira, the Song of the Sea. The song that is alluded to is from Parashat Be'shallach, Exodus 15: 1-21, in which G*d parts the Sea of Reeds to allow the Israelites to cross and find safety from their pursuers, the Egyptians. This Torah portion tells the details of that day and how G*d saved us. It is a song that praises

G*d for defeating the Egyptians. Yet, there is a midrash that softens the harshness of joy at the expense of another's death. It goes something like this; G*d hears his children singing and rejoicing and asked them, "What do see happening?", to which the Israelites reply, "We see our enemy drowning in the sea!" G*d replies, "I see my children dying." I have also heard it told as the angels being so filled with joy at the Israelites being saved, that they begin to sing and G*d says, my children are dying, and you sing?! No matter which way the midrash is told, it reminds us that even in the joy of victory, we need to remember that there is sorrow for those who were

not. Maybe remembering will keep us humble.

Exodus 15:11 says: Who is like you among the gods that are worshipped. Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, working wonders? Every evening and morning service, we sing the words from Mi Chamocha, so we always remember our going out from Egypt, from bondage to freedom.

In the Torah, this particular parasha is scribed differently than some of the others. It is supposed to look like the Israelites crossing through the Reed Sea. Another interesting thing which happens in this reading, which I know I say every year, is that the traditional trope is intertwined with that of a special melody wherever G*d's name is mentioned. So remember to listen for it, on February 7.

Thank you to our choir and Michael McCarthy for singing/accompanying on Shabbat Shira!

Enjoy these links to some of my favorite composers, that you may not have heard yet, singing Mi Chamocha! Dan Nichols, Elana Arian, and Nefesh Mountain.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uf_PvxosRo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzCID3_RS5c

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWmIM4Cm968>

B'shir,

Sherry

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

It's hard to believe that we've already reached the halfway mark for this school year! We are enthusiastically diving into the second half of the year with lots of new things to learn and holidays to celebrate together.



One of our goals at Religious School is to create a strong sense of Jewish community for all of our students. To that end, we spent some time last month with our older grades discussing the value of acceptance and how our students can address anti-Semitism if they encounter it. Rabbi Marc, Rabbi Polly, and Barbara Senges-Murphy also ran a discussion group for parents about ways to talk to our children about anti-Semitism. We encourage you to have those conversations at home, as well, so that all of our children are strengthened and supported in their interactions in the wider world.

This month, we hope you will join us at our First Friday-Shabbat on February 7. Our 5th grade class will be helping Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry in leading the service. This

month we also bid a fond farewell to our Young Emissaries, Tal and Roi, as they return to Israel for a few weeks to be with their families and friends. Please wish Tal and Roi safe travels if you see them around school. We will miss them both

and can't wait for them to return in March!

Although spring is getting close, we're not there yet! Please remember that we will typically follow the inclement weather snow/ice closing schedule of the Waterford school district on Wednesdays. We will notify parents by 12:00 through a Remind app text regarding any exceptions. We would only keep school open if road conditions are deemed safe by school time. For Sunday closures, we will do our best to make a decision Saturday night and will notify parents via the Remind app and email.

All the best,

Armi and Jennifer

Pre-School

Preschool begins on February 9 and 23, 2020, at 10:30 A.M.

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

tional dates for 2019-2020: 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.

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 (February 1 and 15). 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.

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 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 Mishkan T'filah siddur. You can order one at CCAR Press or Amazon.

Beginning Hebrew Class 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 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.

All meetings are at 7 P.M. at Temple Emanu-El.

Remaining Course Dates: 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.

All meetings area at 7 P.M. at Temple Emanu-El

Remaining Group Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, March 4 / Wednesday, May 6 /
Wednesday, June 3

Religious Practices

February is a time of looking forward to a quick end of winter and the arrival of spring. Appropriately, on February 10, the Jewish calendar notes Tu B'Shevat – a celebration of trees. Over the history of Judaism this holiday has meant many things – a time to consider the divine and nature, a time to consider ourselves and nature, a time to focus on environmental awareness. On Friday, February 7, we'll be observing this holiday.

Stay tuned for more information about our plans for Purim which starts March 9!

Our committee is looking for Haggadahs for review. The ones we have for our congregational Passover seder are showing their age. Please give us your suggestions for versions to replace ours. If you would like to help us review new versions or pass on information about a favorite version, please contact: Jo Michaelson (jhmmah@aol.com) or Roberta at the Temple office, office@tewaterford.org, 860-443-3005.

Sisterhood — Merrill Mazzella & Gail Weber, Co-Presidents

Save the Date!

Sisterhood is thrilled to announce that we will be hosting a one woman show on Sun April 5, 2020 here at temple at 1:30. **GOLDA'S BALCONY** with Sandra Laub as Golda Meir is a 90-minute production which has received rave reviews. Mark your calendars and come join us.

Fri., Feb 14 is the next **oneg** that Sisterhood will be sponsoring. Watch for an email reminder.

We always appreciate your help.

For those ladies interested in **Book Club**, we are reading The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman. Books are available at the Waterford library. We will meet at the home of Michelle Snitkin on Wed., March 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. The discussions are always lively - come join us!

If you have any suggestions for future programs, just let us know.

See you soon!

Merrill & Gail



The **Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop** is open every Sunday morning for your convenience. The gift shop offers jewelry, tallit, kid-dush cups, candlesticks and special holiday items. Special

orders are possible.

You will find *our gift shop prices beat Amazon's significantly most of the time*. The case in the atrium shows a price comparison on many items which are sold at the gift shop. You can reach the gift shop at Judai-cashop@tewaterford.org or 860-625-6618. Please consider donating paper or reusable bags. Thanks, Susan

Save The Date

Spring Mah Jongg Tournament

Wednesday, May 27

Note this is a new day of the week than we have done in the past.

To our awesome helpers: Preparations will take place on Tuesday.

All members: Please start collecting any items that would be good for our Raffle. This could include items that we can use to build a gift basket, gift cards, restaurant vouchers, etc. If we can assemble raffle items in advance, it will be a tremendous stress reducer!!

Contact Iris Freeman with any questions. Ifree-gang@aol.com, 860-460-3081.



Brotherhood—Scott Zettler

Have you ever dreamed of coming to the Temple on a Sunday morning and having a free bagel and coffee and hanging out with some fun people? If so then your dreams are answered every Sunday with Brotherhood Bagels!



That's right! You and your family and anyone else can join in for free bagels and coffee with the Brotherhood every Sunday from 9:30 to Noon. It would be great to see you there!

Also if you have any program ideas just let me know at scottzettler@gmail.com, it would be great to get new

people involved, hope to see you, **Scott**

Social Action

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Social Action is important to all of us both inside and outside the Temple Community.

In the last few weeks there have been discussions with the Rabbi about how to get more involvement in social action. We not only have a need for more people, but we have an even more pressing need for new involvement to be younger involvement. Those of us, who have been involved in social action for decades, while continuing to be very valuable, need to pass along the value of social action to our children and our children's children... from generation to generation...

All that being said our core projects remain successful and productive:

New London Community Meals Center

The amazing thing about our many years of working with the Soup Kitchen is that we never miss a beat. I cannot recall a single month in the past decade and more where there were not enough volunteers from the Temple. Every third Tuesday we prepare and provide a meal from soup to nuts and more. Our specialty is a spaghetti dinner and our volunteers have made it into almost an art form. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hali Keeler.

Habitat for Humanity

It is hard to believe that the Temple has been working with Habitat with our monthly, Sunday, Builds since the 20th Century. We now also build in conjunction with Beth El. Recently, the students at Connecticut College's Hillel have indicated an interest in joining us too. Even though our January Build was in the dead of winter (it was 71 degrees) we had many volunteers and we continued work on the Golden Street home in Norwich. We started there when it was just a foundation, and now the home is in its final stages. Our next Build is again on Golden Street on February 2. If you are interested in joining us, try not to let furry creatures see their shadow and contact Marty Zeldis.

Start Fresh

After a long hiatus, Start Fresh will be welcoming into New London a new refugee family from Sudan. They will be arriving in early February and will have many initial needs to help get them into their new home and accustomed to this area. If interested in helping, please contact Karen Bloustine.

Homelessness in this area

Over the last several weeks there have been small groups of social action members who have been trying to become focused on the problem of homelessness in this area. At our last committee meeting in January, we were joined by two people, Hayward and Adam, who are part of the New London Mutual Aid Collective. The Collective tries to assist with blankets, coats etc. for homeless people who choose not to use the facilities of the area Homeless Shelter, and instead find shelter in this area's "Tent Cities." More recently the Rabbi, Judy Mann and Marty Zeldis met with Cathy Zall, director of New London's Homeless Hospitality Center, to determine how we can most effectively help those who have little or no shelter. While we cannot expect to eradicate homelessness in our midst, we can be one small positive step in that direction. If you are interested in becoming involved, Judy Mann is the person to contact.

If you have an interest in trying to help in all types of social problems be they local or international, please consider joining the Social Action Committee. Our next meeting will be in February on a date still to be determined.

Marty Zeldis

Mazel Tov to . . .



Barbara and Scott Wolfe on the birth of their grandson, **Wes Hewitt Bentley**; the proud parents are **Jordan and Ashley Bentley**

Ken Webman on the birth of his grandson, **Geddy Webman**;

the proud parents are

Ben Webman and Jennie Salditos

Sam Winograd and Roberta Reisner-Winograd

on the engagement of their son

Yitzchak Winograd to Amanda Wycoff



Coffee & Conversation -- Updated

- **What made you decide to join Temple Emanu-El?**
- **Why do you remain a member of the Temple?**
- **How could we add value to your synagogue membership? In other words, what can we offer that would be meaningful to you?**
- **What do you see as Temple Emanu-El's role in collaborating with the wider Jewish community, including the possibilities of leasing space to Congregation Beth El and the possibility of a community Jewish campus at 29 Dayton Road?**
- **How should we address security concerns in this time of increasing anti-Semitism?**

The Temple Emanu-El Board is holding Coffee and Conversation sessions to discuss the state of our congregation, the congregation in the larger community, and to learn about your feelings as to what you may be looking for or expecting from the Board/

January Oneg Thank Yous!

Flossie and Mike Betten

Edee Smith

Ethel Chatkin

Thea Kallan

Rachel and Bradley Sherman

Michele and Harvey Snitkin

Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood

Temple Emanu-El Religious School 6th grade families

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

Congregation. The Board is interested in knowing what is important to our congregants.

Everyone is invited to sign up to attend a Coffee and Conversation session hosted by a Temple Emanu-El Board member. To see more detailed information and to R.S.V.P. go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4DAFAF22ABFC1-coffee>

If you cannot R.S.V.P. using the above link please call the Temple 860-443-3005 to sign up for a session. Session times are as follows:

- **In New London, at Perry/Posage residence, Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 P.M.**
- **In Mystic at Bendick residence, Sunday, February 9, at 6:00 P.M.**
- **At Temple Emanu-El, Sunday, February 23, at 9:45 A.M.**

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.

Condolences to . . .



Armi, Jonathan Rowe and family
on the passing of Armi's mother,
Alita Sevilla



HOWARD ILSON MEMORIAL

TEMPLE EMANU-EL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Ilson Award**, which is given annually to a member who has contributed to Temple Emanu-El in an important way. The award is in honor of Howard Ilson, a former president of our Temple who died suddenly while in office.

Areas of service to consider include:

- ~ Years of service as an officer or Board member
- ~ Years as a committee chairperson
- ~ Years of service in auxiliaries such as the Religious School, Sisterhood, Brotherhood
- ~ Years of community service as a representative of Temple Emanu-El
- ~ Years of time and energy expended for the betterment of Temple Emanu-El

Nominations will be accepted until March 1. The award committee will then review the nominations, and the winner will be announced in the Temple *Bulletin*. The award winner will be honored at a Shabbat service, and his or her name will be engraved on a plaque on display in the Temple.

Please take the time to consider a worthy nominee. It is one way of thanking our members for volunteerism that often goes unnoticed. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form on the back of this sheet and return it to the Temple, by mail or by depositing it in the nomination box located in the entryway. All nominations will be strictly confidential.

Howard Ilson Award Nomination Form

Name of person being nominated: _____

Name of nominator: _____

Summary of nominee's attributes and service to Temple Emanu-El (Must be completed for nominee's consideration); Please use a separate piece of paper to complete and send to the Temple or put in the nomination box in the main entrance of the Temple.



February Birthdays

Nicole Arruda
Harrison Howard Arruda
Spencer Bentley
Judith Deglin
Reuben Deglin
Jacob Feinstein
Barry Feldman
Abraham Fisher
Shayna Fox
Elsa Freedman
Allison Sue Glickman
Andrew Goldman
Helen Goldstein
Jack Haynes
Autumn Hicks
Viviane Holwitt

Peter Kallan
Jillian Kallan
Jerry Kil
Barbara Kil
Philip Krasney
Keith Kriet
Rachel Kriet
Ben Lazarus
Harriet Lesko
Camden Levine
Jared Miah Linder
Regina Magnus-Aryitey
Lisa Marcus
Merrill Mazzella
Gregory Morea
Andrew Parad

Ethel Perl
Matthew Perl
Jacob Reinhard
Amanda Rowe
Mark Rubin
Ann Schwartz
Gregg Selke
Philip Shapiro
Milton Sheriff
Alisa Sheriff
Oliver Shiling
Tracy Shoor
Ira Sitko
Jessica Sitko
Leslie Spees
Elisha Stavropoulos

Pamela Stein
Joel Suisman
Barry Thorp
Nancy Trostler
Robert Trostler
Kenneth Webman
Henry Weinberg
Sherry Zelvin
Amanda Zettler



February Yahrzeits

February 7

Larry Axmaker
Frances Bloomfield
Eleanor Freeman
Harold Goldman
Richard Grills

Gerhard Hausmann
David Hillsberg
Bernice Moss
Flora Nassau
Sheldon Schlissel
Louis Shoor
Bessie Snitman
Henrieta Weber
Shelly Weinberg

February 21

Jennie Atkind
Samue Cohen
Philip Crystal
Ruth Fearer
Rhoda Feinstein
Eva Isaacson
Joseph Lewiss
Fannie Schlissel
Harold Shapiro
Joseph Shepard
Benjamin Sherman
Sheba Lazev Stark
Benjamin Stricker
William Surnamer
Elizabeth Weber
John Zarcheck
Jack Zavatsky
Phyllis Zettler

February 28

Benjamin Angert
Joseph Bloustine
Irwin Braverman
Louis Brensilver
Terri Goldsmith
Howard Helveston
Carl Isaacson
Eva Kozek
Harold Margolis
Nathan Novar
Gail Piotrkowski
Charles Reisner
Norman Schnur
Sheldon Weinberg
Phyllis Weiss

February Anniversaries

Daniel and Shelley Arenson

Dr. Burton and
Janet Gischner

Rachel and Michael O'Brien

Aaron and Karen
Rosenberg

Milton and Alisa Sheriff

Donald and Lois Steinman



February 14

Dorothy Benmaor
Helene Bloom
Jack Greenberg
Eleanor Katz
Pauline Mann
Lillian Miller
Albert Punty
Victor David Rosen
Nathan Rubin
Leo Scharfman
Larry Schneider
Clara Sibelman
Helen Stein
Phyllis Thall
Paul Wharton
Pauline Ruth Wildstein



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

Building Fund

Bruce Goldstein

Cantor's Fund

Greg and Barbara Morea

- in memory of Eleanor Grossman

Capital Expenditure Fund

Adam Kaufman and Rebecca Woodward

Craig Blumsack Fund

Bruce Goldstein

- in support of teens going to the L'Taken conference
- Joel Blumsack
- in gratitude for the kindnesses of Rabbi Rosenberg to the Blumsack family
- Kenneth and Kimberly Fischburg
- in support of teens going to the L'Taken conference
- Nathan and Shelley Weiss
- in support of teens going to L'Taken conference

Essential Services Fund

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

Connie Rubin

- in loving memory of Marshall Rubin on his yahrzeit
- Gail and Steve Weber
- in loving memory of Harry Weber on his yahrzeit
 - in honor of the birth of Wes Hewitt Bentley, the grandson of Barbara and Scott Wolfe
- Gary and Iris Freeman
- in honor of the engagement of Yitzchak Winograd to Amanda Wycoff
 - in memory of Alan Krasner's mother, Phyllis Krasner
 - in honor of Ethel Chatkin's birthday
 - get well wishes to Jonathan Rowe

Karen Dinsfriend

- in honor of Ethel Chatkin's special birthday

Lois and Stephen Panikoff

- in loving memory of Morris Kaplan on his yahrzeit

Lou Rosenberg

- in appreciation for attending the High Holy Days

Michele Snitkin

- in loving memory of Louis Snitkin on his yahrzeit

Robert and Caren Linden

- in honor of Ethel Chatkin's 91st birthday
- wishing Jonathan Rowe a speedy recovery

Goldsmith-Kallan Fund

Jane and Marvin Schnur

- in memory of Saul Kadin

Lothar Knobel Library Fund

Rabbi Rachel Safman

Mitzvah Fund

Edith R. Ziegler

- in loving memory of Sigmund Sol Rosenholtz on his yahrzeit
- Michele and Harvey Snitkin
- for Ethel Chatkin on her 91st birthday

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship

Karen Rosenberg

- in loving memory of Roseleah Stein on her yahrzeit
- Harold G. Dizengoff
- in memory of Doreen Rubin Quintin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Elwin and Cheryl Schwartz

- in loving memory of Ellen Schwartz on her yahrzeit
- Ethel Chatkin
- in loving memory of Milton Chatkin on his yahrzeit
 - in memory of my dear friend Phyllis Krasner
- Jane and Chic Weinberg
- in loving memory of Al Weinberg on his yahrzeit
- Joyce and Myron Sturm
- in memory of our dear friend Jody Katz
- Shirley and Emanuel Gottesdiender
- in memory of Joan Lazerow

Ruth Joan Brody Religious School Fund

Leslie Spees and family

- in loving memory of Dorothy Segool on her yahrzeit



Please make checks payable to Temple Emanu-El and remit to PO Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385

February Services & Schedule of Events

Feb. 1	Sat.	8:30 A.M.	Potluck Breakfast
		9:00 A.M.	Shabbat Service
		7:00 P.M.	Cabaret
Feb. 2	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
Feb. 3	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Feb. 4	Tues.	7:30 P.M.	Religious Practices
Feb. 5	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Feb. 6	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food for Thought
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
		7:00 P.M.	Coffee and Conversation at the Perry/Posage Residence
Feb. 7	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat including Birthday Blessings
		6:00 P.M.	Potluck Shabbat Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Feb. 9	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
		6:00 P.M.	Coffee and Conversation at the Bendick Residence
Feb. 10	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Feb. 11	Tues.	7:00 P.M.	The Sacred Path of Reform Judaism
Feb. 12	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Feb. 13	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Hope After Loss
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Feb. 14	Fri.	4:00 P.M.	Dine-Out at Panera Bread Fundraiser
		7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Feb. 15	Sat.	8:30 A.M.	Potluck Breakfast
		9:00 A.M.	Shabbat Service
Feb. 19	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:30 P.M.	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Support Group
		TBA	Sisterhood Movie Night
Feb. 20	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Feb. 21	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
Feb 23	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		9:45 A.M.	Coffee and Conversation at Temple Emanu-El
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
		2:00 P.M.	Federation Adult Education
Feb. 24	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Feb. 26	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
Feb. 27	Thur.	TBA	Sisterhood Dinner Club
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
Feb 28	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service



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DELIVERY PURIM WEEK!**



March 6, 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, March 6, 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 Monday, March 2. Please direct all inquiries to Rachel Sherman at rshermanesq@gmail.com or (518) 421-8491.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Annual Brotherhood 'Italian Nite' Dinner

Pasta, Eggplant parmesan. homemade sauce, salad, and bread, freshly made and served by the Temple Brotherhood

Sunday, March 15, 5:00 PM

Social Hall @ Temple Emanu-El

\$20 per Person* \$35 Couple*** \$40 for Family**

Advance RSVP Discount --

\$15 per Person ** \$30 Couple ** \$35 Family

RSVP for planning by March 8

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Call Temple Emanu-El at 443-3005 to make reservations.



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