



## Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Dear Friends,

One can often work for years without any substantial confirmation that what we are doing is heading in the right direction or that the things we are doing are

effective. Often the time from first creating a vision until the vision bears fruit is measured in years, if not a lifetime. The purpose was to explore what you want the congregation to be. A common theme expressed was that we ought to be reaching outside Temple Emanu-El to build relationships.

We have worked very hard at Temple Emanu-El to build relationships within the Jewish community. For all the high-profile fits and starts that have been frustrating to many, I believe there are many examples of the liberal Jewish congregations in our area working together very well. Because of the commitment of the rabbis and lay leaders, we have had engaging and joyous community programs for Shavuot and Simchat Torah for several years now. This spring we are going to add Purim to the list of congregational collaborative events.

But for Reform Judaism, it is not enough just to be thinking inside the Jewish community. Reform Judaism has always been concerned not only with Judaism for the sake of Jews, but Judaism for the sake of the world. Reform Jews have always aimed to do tikkun olam, repair of the world. In order to repair the world, we need good partners, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Last year we reached across the world make connections with Reform Jews in Israel. Many of you will remember that back in November, Rabbi Or and Feliza Zohar were here for their second Artist in Residence weekend at Temple Emanu-El. This November's weekend we wanted to do even more bridge building. In faith-based work, good friends make good partners, and good partners make good friends.

When I thought of building bridges outside of Temple Emanu-El, I immediately thought of my friend Carolyn Patierno, Pastor at All Souls UU Congregation in New London. We partnered with All Souls to do truly groundbreaking interfaith work. We called it Building Beloved Community. The crescendo of our musical artist in residence weekend was an interfaith Sunday morning service at Temple Emanu-El. The combined Temple Emanu-El – All Souls Choir lifted our roof.

Our success reverberated even in Israel. Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Executive Director of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism praised our work at the URJ Biennial in Chicago because we not only built a bridge to Israel but connected it outside the Jewish community here. The vision expressed by Isaiah, for us to be a light to the nations, has borne fruit.

Soon, as we celebrate our 60th year, we will have a full house at 29 Dayton Road. God willing, we will soon be able to work out a way for Beth El to rent space in our building in a way that benefits both congregations. In the fall, All Souls will also be renting space from us while they renovate and enlarge their building. We will be returning the kindness that All Souls extended to us almost 60 years ago when we were just starting out. My hope is that we take every opportunity to strengthen the bridges we have built. If we do, then our light will shine even more brightly. This light is desperately needed in our broken world.

L'shalom,

**Rabbi Marc**

## President's Message - Jo-el Fernandez



Shalom Chaverim,

It is an honor to begin my tenure as president of Temple Emanu-El, and I can only hope that I live up to even a smidgen of the kind words that Jonathan said about me in his outgoing message. Even though Jonathan is no longer our president, he

will remain a mentor and sounding board for me, as well as a close friend, and I know that he has my back. He will be a tough act to follow. Roberta has also been amazingly helpful to me during this transition, and Temple operations would likely come to a grinding halt without her.

A little about me, for those who do not know me: I have been a member of Temple Emanu-El since approximately 2007, and I have a young adult son who spent his adolescent years engaged in Temple youth activities. I have worked for the Department of Children and Families (child protective services) for the past 20 years and have been in a supervisory position for nearly 11 of those years, which has offered me many transferable skills that will benefit me as I learn the role of synagogue president.

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I live in Niantic with my life partner, Sanford "Sandy" Greenhouse, who is a semi-retired physician at Gales Ferry Medical Group. I bring with me a passion for Jewish life, and for Temple Emanu-El. Our Board of Directors is dedicated and supportive, and, together with our talented clergy and staff, will guide our congregation into the future.

My vision for the duration of my presidency will focus on two areas, which I believe to be intertwined: sustainability and building community.

**Sustainability:** I attended my first finance committee meeting in early February, and it was very clear to me that we need to develop an immediate plan to sustain a long term financial future. Frankly, we have tapped out some of our more generous donors and need to ensure that all are contributing in some way towards making our community the vibrant Jewish community that we all want.

It has been said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. We cannot keep asking the same few people to shore up the congregation monetarily, nor can the same handful of congregants continue to serve on the board or on committees. A new fundraiser is also not the answer to sustaining our financial future. Everyone has something to contribute, whether it is increased financial contributions, chairing a committee, or simply showing up at Friday night Shabbat services on a regular basis and bringing some cookies for oneg. There will be many more discussions concerning sustainability in the upcoming months.

**Community:** An important part of building and maintaining a sense of community is communication. The board has been hosting a series of "coffee and conversation" groups in congregants' homes in order to hear from you on a variety of topics. By the time you read this, the meetings should have concluded and the committee will be compiling the data from these groups and submitting a report to the congregation.

Temple leadership is also continuing to actively explore sharing space with Congregation Beth El in the footprint of the current Temple Emanu-El building. I would like to clarify that this is separate and apart from the community campus discussions that are currently occurring between JFEC and the area congregations. We can share space with Beth El regardless of when or if a community campus comes to fruition.

One topic that I heard loud and clear from the attendees at the coffee and conversation group that I facilitated in January is that congregants want and expect transparency from the Temple board about when and how decisions are made. As such, I will be using this column each month to discuss any pertinent actions taken or considered by the board dur-

ing that timeframe. I will also provide frequent updates on the progress of discussions with Beth El. It is challenging to provide information when discussions may become stale between the time I write this article and the time that the bulletin is published, so I invite congregants to contact me or any board member at any time in between.

At the time of this writing, Beth El and Temple Emanu-El senior leadership have had a number of productive meetings, and Beth El was comfortable enough with the direction of this process to engage an architect to come out and explore the viability of converting 2 classrooms in the Temple Emanu-El school wing into a chapel. The first step in that process is a compliance review to explore zoning and other regulations to determine whether this is even a feasible plan to consider. Prior to this, I had reached out to other Reform congregations across the country who are sharing space with Conservative congregations. I received a great deal of helpful advice and feedback in this process. The one message that I heard repeatedly from many congregations is that despite some growing pains in the process of developing the agreement, in the end, these types of arrangements were a phenomenal success, and were of mutual benefit to both congregations.

Given our focus on both sustainability and building community, I feel strongly that this arrangement will be mutually beneficial to Temple Emanu-El and Congregation Beth El as well. I know that there are still some lingering concerns expressed by a few members. In the hopes of alleviating these concerns, please refer to the separate "questions and answers" article in this bulletin.

In addition, the best way to find out what happens at board meetings is to become a member of the board! Gail Weber has agreed to head up this year's nominating committee, so please contact her if you are interested in becoming more involved in Temple governance.

L'shalom,

**Jo-el**

### Notes from Sherry Barnes



*"Grief is like the ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim."*

– Vicki Harrison

March 3 will be a year since my dear friend, Terri Goldsmith, died from cancer. It is hard to believe that a year has passed, when it still feels

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so close. I chose the quote above; because it reminded me of how much she loved the beach. Wonderful memories of collecting sea glass and laughing as she tried to find a place to keep the sea glass, but it kept falling out of her shirt. No one had a laugh as heart felt, and from the belly, as Terri's laugh. She loved birds, any kind, well maybe not turkey vultures. Her garden and backyard were filled with hummingbirds, crows, hawks, finches, bluebirds, blue jays, cardinals, and the list goes on and on. She made a sanctuary in her garden that she tended with such love and creativity. If you had a chance to spend time there, it was a slice of heaven. She was also the most creative person I knew. She could make something from nothing. Her basement was filled with every bobble imaginable. Glass jars, twinkle lights, material, and glitter. Anything she could use to teach kids, create an oasis, a shuk (marketplace), Cabaret decorations, or challah babies. Terri's amazing creativity flowed into the food she cooked. She loved to make bread on the grill and whip up a wonderful dinner from things she had in the fridge. She loved to entertain, and I loved listening to her create an amazing menu...and always something vegan for me. One day, after her cancer diagnosis, she said she wanted to make me vegan cupcakes, they were so good. I told her she didn't have to do that for me, and she said that she wanted them.

Funny that she only ate one and gave the rest to me to take home. Terri was more like a sister than a friend. She always took care of me through all of my life crushing moments. She was the first one I told that I was getting a divorce. She wouldn't let me go to court alone, and I'm glad she convinced me to let her take me. I could go on and on about what a wonderful person she was, but I think those of you that were fortunate to have known her, understand that she was one of a kind. We were friends for 33 years. Though the memories are still bittersweet, and I wish she were still here, I will cherish every memory. Some days those memories are accompanied by heartache and tears, and sometimes, I still hear that amazing laugh and it makes me laugh. Grief is a rollercoaster and I will ride that ride through tears and laughter and always keep her close.

***"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."***  
-- Helen Keller

Terri Goldsmith, friend, confidant, companion, sister of my heart and soul, your memory will always be a blessing for me.

In gratitude,  
**Sherry**

## Sharing space with Beth El -- Questions and Answers

### What do you mean by "Sharing Space?"

Congregation Beth El and Temple Emanu-El are currently exploring the feasibility of Beth El converting 2 classrooms in the school wing into a chapel. This would allow Beth El to utilize this space to worship during times that Temple Emanu-El is utilizing the sanctuary. When Temple Emanu-El is not utilizing the sanctuary, we would welcome our Beth El friends to pray in it. Rigorous calendar control would be required in order to avoid miscommunication over use of space.

### Is this really a first step towards a merger?

No. This is a first step towards ensuring that each congregation is sustainable for many years in the future. Beth El will

be paying for the renovations to the building to create a chapel and will lease the space from Temple Emanu-El under a long-term lease and joint operating agreement.

### But I don't want to be Conservative! I like my Reform Jewish identity!

Good news! Temple Emanu-El will continue to be the vibrant Reform Jewish congregation that it is now! By the same token, Beth El will remain a strong Conservative congregation, just as they are now. Some social and religious activities will be shared. For example, we have done community Simchat Torah and Shavuot observances, with considerable success. However, each congregation will retain their own religious identity, their own rabbi, etc.

## Condolences to . . .



**Allison Glickman** on the passing  
of her mother, **Paula Glickman**

**Henry Dunkerley and  
Sherry Barnes and family** on the  
passing of Henry's wife and Sherry's mother,  
**Ruth Dunkerely**



## 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](mailto: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.

### Classes with Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes:

**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.

## Rabbi Rosenberg speaks March 19

On Thursday, March 19 at 7 PM at Temple Emanu-El, 29 Day-ton Rd. in Waterford, Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg will speak on **"The History of the Southeastern CT Jewish Community."** At the invitation of the Waterford Historical Society, Rabbi Rosenberg, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, will review the amazing stories of the ever evolving local Jewish Community.

These stories include the first arrivals in the 1800's, to the Jewish farmers of Chesterfield, to the diverse synagogues, to Jewish immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, to local colleges and the Coast Guard and Sub Base, to the contribution of Jews to commerce, politics and the community at large. He will discuss occasional incidents of anti-Semitism and challenges to remain relevant and vibrant in an aging and diminishing community. He will discuss occasional incidents of anti-Semitism and challenges to remain relevant and vibrant in an aging and diminishing community.

There will be light refreshments and a tour of the sanctuary for those who arrive at 6:30 PM.

**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 Date: 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

Monday March 9, 6:00 P.M., Temple Emanu-El will be hosting congregations Beth El, Ahavat Achim and Beth Jacob for Purim! Come in costume (there will be a contest) or just come for the spiels, megillah reading and party.

Our Passover seder on April 8 will be at Langley's this year. We're looking forward to sharing the holiday with our Temple family in this new and gracious setting. More details are in the flyer in this bulletin.

Our next committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm in the Rabbi's office. You're welcome to attend any meeting and we'd love to have some new members join our group.



## Sisterhood — Merrill Mazzella & Gail Weber, Co-Presidents

**Hi Ladies,**

The spring is turning out to be a busy time for our Sisterhood with many activities from which to choose.

The **Challahdog Sale Fundraiser** is **Sunday, March 1**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the temple kitchen. If you'd like to help with making the dough on Saturday, or with wrapping the Hebrew National hot dogs with challah dough and baking them on Sunday, **please email Merrill**. We always have a fun time in the kitchen!

**Book Club** will meet **Wednesday, March 4**, 7:00 P.M. We will be discussing "A Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman at the home of Michele Snitkin. Books are available at the Waterford library.

We are all looking forward to **Golda's Balcony with Sandra Laub as Golda Meir**. This one woman 90 minute show will highlight the journey of Golda Meir to become Israel's 4<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister. This event will take place here at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday afternoon, **April 5**, 2020 at **1:30 P.M.** We have arranged for a food truck – **The Rolling Tomato** – to come to our parking lot at 12 noon so that you can arrive early, buy pizza and schmooze with your friends before the show. Sandra Laub has received rave reviews and has agreed to have a brief question and answer period following the performance. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Friday evening, **May 8**, is our **Sisterhood Shabbat Service**. What a great way to begin Mother's Day weekend. You will have an opportunity to participate with either an English or Hebrew part, or to simply attend, whatever you would like. Thank you, Erica McCaffrey and Merrill Mazzella for coordinating this.

On Thursday evening, **May 14**, Sisterhood will host our Regional VP from Women of Reform Judaism. There will be a talk on **Jewish Mediation** and then time for us to practice meditating. Check the bulletin and your emails for more details as we get closer.

Sisterhood **Dinner Club** and **Movie Night** dates are sent out by email. Let us know if you have any favorite restaurants.

As always, thank you for helping to make our onegs on the second Friday of the month look and taste fabulous. It is very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Merrill & Gail**



### Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

Do not let Passover pass you by! Instead of plagues, we are celebrating 10 things you need to purchase from the gift shop this year. We have the following available for you:

**Haggadahs / Seder Plates / Passover socks  
Elijah Kiddush Cup / Sam the Matzo Man / Passover games  
Afikomen presents such as jewelry / Passover cookbooks  
Candlesticks / Plus many other items**

For the month of March, the gift shop will be open 3/1, 3/15, and 3/29 from 9:30 to 12 noon. You can also reach Susan at 860-625-5255 or email address [judaicashop@tewaterford.com](mailto:judaicashop@tewaterford.com). Special orders are possible. Remember the gift shop normally beats the prices that you find on Amazon. Paper bag donations are always accepted.

**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.  
[lfreegang@aol.com](mailto:lfreegang@aol.com), 860-460-3081.

## Brotherhood—Scott Zettler

Can you believe it's March, already? That can only mean one thing...it's Italian Night! **On March 15** come join the Brotherhood for our annual **Italian Night** (flyer attached). Mike Reinhard and our Hood crew will be cooking up a storm all day to serve delicious Eggplant Parmesan and pasta with homemade sauce! Get out of the kitchen and get to the temple, it's always a great time and a great meal. We could use cooking help from the brothers so mark your calendar.

Sunday, April 26 come have breakfast and learn everything you want to know about solar panels and how it can save you money! Presentation by Brian Kelleher, Trinity Solar  
And please join us on Sunday mornings for Brotherhood Bagels; I hope to see you there!

**Scott**

## Social Action

Although there was no large group Social Action meeting in February, there were several smaller and focused meetings of the Committee during the month. We need to come together as a group, though, in order to focus our efforts and decide on an overall plan for Social Action in the Temple going forward. So there will be a Temple wide Social Action Committee meeting in March at a time and date to be decided upon very soon. Below is a summary of what's happening relative to our core activities. If you have a need that you feel Temple Social Action can help with, please contact Roberta at the Temple office or Marty Zeldis at [ztr8n@aol.com](mailto:ztr8n@aol.com). Below are some of the Social Action activities of the present and near future.

**Homelessness in the area.** Efforts are ongoing to link those who fall through the cracks of this region's rather effective ability to have shelter, meals and showers available to everyone, and those who, for whatever reason, do not get covered by the available protectors. Next month this space will give a more complete update re progress in this area.

**Start Fresh** The new refugee family has arrived. There is a need for volunteers willing to drive the family to such things as medical appointments and school meetings. If you are interested and able to volunteer, contact Penny Miller at

[Penelopemillr@gmail.com](mailto:Penelopemillr@gmail.com). All the other refugee families sponsored by Start Fresh have adjusted to their new homes extraordinarily well.

**Habitat for Humanity** For the past several monthly Sunday Builds we have worked on a new construction duplex on Golden Street in Norwich. These homes are coming into the home (pun intended) stretch, and it is rewarding to see construction go from foundation to finished home, and to realize that we were a small part of that. Our next Build is scheduled for March 8 and is again at the Golden Street home in Norwich.

**New London Community Meals Center** It almost goes without saying that our work at the Soup Kitchen goes chugging along without missing a beat every third Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hali Keeler.

**Mitzvah Corps.** During the past month we have been providing appointment rides to Temple Members. If you have a need that you feel could be met by the Mitzvah Corps, please contact Roberta or the Rabbi at the Temple Office.

Social Action--providing help to those who have needs--is important. Please consider getting involved in whatever way works for you.

## Religious School 860-439-0406 | [religiousschool@tewaterford.org](mailto:religiousschool@tewaterford.org)

A couple of weeks ago, we wished Tal and Roi a wonderful break as they visit their families in Israel. We welcome them back this month with renewed energy. Second semester has so much more in store for our religious school students.



On Sunday February 9, our students enjoyed celebrating Tu B'Shevat as a school. Everyone participated in a nature scavenger hunt on Temple Emanu-El's grounds, planting their very own parsley plants to take home (which will hopefully be ready to harvest by Passover) and creating edible fruit mandala and tree art.

Kudos to our Kitah Hay (5th grade) students who participated in the Shabbat service on Friday, February 7. We look forward to having our Kitah Dalet (4th grade) students participate in the Shabbat service on Friday, March 2.

On Sunday March 8, our students will participate in a school-wide celebration of Purim. Parents and children are invited to wear costumes and bring their most creative, loudest and most obnoxious groggers to religious

school that day as we will once again participate in a costume parade and contests. There will be fun carnival games and a special guest performer. Thank you to Barbara Senges-Murphy who is coordinating on behalf of Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood a special delivery of hamantaschen from a bakery in New York City. We welcome donations of baked hamantaschen cookies to supplement this for the school's Purim party which parents are invited to attend (please e-mail us at [religiousschool@tewaterford.org](mailto:religiousschool@tewaterford.org) if you are able to contribute).

We invite religious school families and friends to join us for a fun and casual game night on March 21 at 5:00 P.M. We will play bingo and have other games on hand. There will be light refreshments. Please note that this is not a fundraiser. It is simply a way to bring our families and the community together.

Warmest regards,

**Armi Rowe and Jennifer Zettler**

TERS Co-Administrators

## Pre-School

**Preschool begins on March 8 and 22, 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: 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 (March 7 and 21). 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.

## Coffee & Conversation -- One More Chance to Respond

**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?**



## February Oneg Thank You's!

Flossie and Mike Betten  
Susan Cramer  
Allison Glickman  
Merrill Mazzella  
Erica McCaffrey  
Caryn and Steven Novick  
Armi and Jonathan Rowe  
Edee Smith  
Pat and Alvin Sher  
Rachel and Bradley Sherman  
Gail and Steve Weber  
Roberta and Sam Winograd  
Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood  
Temple Emanu-El Religious School 5<sup>th</sup> grade families  
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

The Temple Emanu-El Board held 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/Congregation. The Board is interested in knowing what is important to our congregants.

If you weren't able to find the right time to attend one of these sessions but would like to address the questions at the beginning of this article, please email Temple President, Jo-el Fernandez at [president@tewaterford.org](mailto:president@tewaterford.org) as soon as possible so your thoughts can be included with those of your fellow congregants.

## Starry Night Celebrates Temple's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

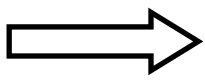
The third annual Temple Emanu-El Starry Night Dinner Dance fundraiser will be held **Saturday, June 6** at the Port 'N Starboard at Ocean Beach in New London.

This year we will celebrate Temple Emanu-El's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a 60s themed evening, which will be filled with wonderful friends, delicious food, amazing auction items, and dancing to the sounds of the 60s.

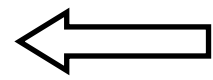
The largest fundraiser of the year, this event contributes to the Temple's Essential Services Fund which supports Temple programs and administration. Auction items and program ads are being requested now. To donate to the auction contact Auction Chair Susan Haussman at [susanhausm@gmail.com](mailto:susanhausm@gmail.com) or Fundraising Chair Deborah Linder at [deborahlinder29@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahlinder29@yahoo.com). For program advertising and sponsorships contact Event Chair Amy Perry at [perryamy1@gmail.com](mailto:perryamy1@gmail.com). More details will be available soon at [tewaterford.org](http://tewaterford.org).

Cheers,  
**Amy Perry**





It's not too late to order  
your gift bags today!



## **IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR PURIM GIFT BAGS!**

### SEND A BEAUTIFUL GIFT BAG TO YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Did you know the mitzvah of giving **mishloach manot** (Purim gift bags) is a tradition intended to increase love and friendship among Jews and their neighbors?

Each Purim gift bag costs \$5.00 and contains homemade Hamantaschen and Israeli candy. Families will receive one gift bag, hand delivered, with the names of those who sponsored the gift in their package. Better yet, for \$180.00 consider sending a Purim gift bag to the entire temple congregation.

### BEST WAY TO ORDER

Fill out the attached form and submit it to the temple office with a check. Ordering this way will help avoid the 2% fee we incur with Happy Purim.

If ordering online with Happy Purim is more convenient, that is fine too. We need your support no matter which method you choose.

**This is a fundraiser and we need your help for it to be successful.**

HOW TO ORDER ONLINE: go to **[www.HappyPurim.com](http://www.HappyPurim.com)**

You will receive a personalized code via e-mail. Alternatively, you may call the temple office for your code.

Choose the names of the temple members to whom you would like to send a gift bag. Pay by credit card. Your e-mail address/personal information will not be shared with any other entity.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deborah Linder [deborahlinder29@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahlinder29@yahoo.com) or call 860-877-4255

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY March 2, 2020**



**TEMPLE EMANU-EL  
MISHLOACH MANOT  
PURIM GIFT BAG ORDER FORM  
TO SEND A BEAUTIFUL GIFT BAG**

**SENDER**

Display Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SEND GIFT BAGS TO:**

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**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY March 2, 2020  
DELIVERY PURIM WEEK!**

## March Birthdays

Jeffrey Arenson  
Doug Barnes  
Minerva Beard  
Jennifer Beatty  
Anne Bendick  
Jordan Bentley  
Stanley A. Bloustine  
Steven Carlow  
Tracy Colsen Schaperow  
Susan D. Cramer  
April D'Amato  
Debra Eichler Elliott  
Dr. Burton Gischner  
Ruth Gluck  
Lawrence Goldman  
Susan Goldman

Susan Goldstein  
Daniel Goldstein  
Ellen Gottfried  
Geoff Hausmann  
Rebecca Haynes  
Spencer Haynes  
Joel Holwitt  
Alexandra Holwitt  
Joshua Johnson  
Regan Kaye  
Martin Lazarus  
Joan Levine  
Kaylyn Levine  
Jeremy Linden  
Todd Linden  
Erica McCaffrey

Ryan Novick  
Lois Panikoff  
Julian Randall  
Chris Rock  
Ellen Schiller  
Lindsay Schneider  
Paige Schneider  
Stephanie Seeman  
David Senges-Murphy  
Nancy Siegel  
John Silsby  
Harvey Snitkin  
John Stavropoulos  
Sheldon Stricker  
Amy Stricker  
Stephanie Thorp

Margaret Trehub  
Lauren Trostler  
Caroline C. Walz  
Gail Weber  
Shoshanna Weiss  
Hannah Winograd



## March Yahrzeits

### March 6

Gerald Baker  
Julia Barnett  
Audrey Cohen  
Morse Engelman  
Howard Franklin

Lou Freeman  
Marilyn Freeman  
Sarah N. Herbert  
Ruth Lasser  
Alex Lazarus  
Miriam Massman  
Waldo Larry Miner  
Irwin Sayet  
Norma Selwyn  
Marian Senges  
Walter Senges  
Joseph Shapiro  
Priscilla Young

Schupack  
Bernard Simon  
Harold Stein  
Louis Trostler  
Melvin Zablotsky  
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Sylvia Zeldis

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Henry Green  
Josephine Hovey  
Harvey Krasney  
Benjamin Lazev  
Sadie Lazev  
Sheldon Levine  
Gloria Miller  
Cookie Parry  
Florence Rosenstein  
Jerome Schwartz  
Zermina Senges  
Florence Shafner  
Allen Shedroff  
Rose Shedroff  
Mary Shleffar  
Donald Shulman  
Marlene Simon  
Harry Stoner  
Deeda Wharton  
Corrinne Willins

## March Anniversaries

Stuart and Marilyn Fishbone  
Andrew and Donna Goldman  
Jeffrey P. Elkin and  
Jean Lasser  
Jenna and Bryan Randall  
Mark and Dianne Rubin

### March 13

Gordon Adams  
Ruth Doukas  
Harry Eidensohn  
Charlotte Fox  
Iona Fridman  
Fuzzy Gipste  
Esther Goodstein  
Nathan Hytone  
Burton Miller  
Selma Misch  
Stella Murphy  
Willaim Perry  
Irving Ressler  
Mary Schnader  
John Shiers  
Dr. Samuel David

### March 20

Nathan Goodman  
Sheppard Fox  
Bethany Hillsberg  
Risa Hillsberg  
Ruth Kilbey  
Benjamin Linden  
George Mettler  
George Mikulka  
Ray Brooks Prokesch  
Charles Reisner  
Marvin Rovner  
Louis Schlissel  
Stanley Sedransk  
Sol Solomon  
Leon Speevak  
Anne Steinman  
Rose Pearlman Tulman

### March 27

Suzanne Bloom  
Bessie Brody  
Pauline Frank



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

### **Cantor's Fund**

Flossie and Mike Betten

-- heartfelt condolences to Armi and Jonathan Rowe & family,  
on the loss of Armi's mom, Alita Sevilla

Harvey and Ellen Schiller

-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

### **Craig Blumsack Fund**

Jonathan Rowe

-- in support of teens going to the L'Taken Conference

Matthew L. Lewiss and Florence R. Lewiss

-- in loving memory of Joseph Lewiss on his yahrzeit

### **Essential Services Fund**

Barbara and Peter Kallan

-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

-- wishing Jonathan Rowe a speedy recovery

-- in appreciation of many years of dedicated service to Temple  
Emanu-El by Jonathan Rowe

Barbara Kil

-- in loving memory of Elizabeth Glenn on her yahrzeit

Bart A. Sayet and Lori Lindfors

-- in memory of Bernard Goldstein

Caren and Bob Linden

-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

-- wishing Jonathan Rowe a speedy recovery

-- in memory of Alan Krasner's mother, Phyllis Krasner

Charles and Romana Primus

-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

Claire Warren

-- in honor of the birth of Ken Webman's grandson,  
Geddy Webman

-- in honor of the birth of Barbara and Scott Wolfe's grandson,  
Wes Hewitt Bentley

Gail and Steve Weber

-- in memory of Allison Glickman's mother, Paula Glickman

-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

Gary and Iris Freeman

-- in honor of the birth of Barbara and Scott Wolfe's grandson,  
Wes Hewitt Bentley

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-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

Judy and Stephen Mann

-- in honor of the birth of Barbara and Scott Wolfe's grandson,  
Wes Hewitt Bentley

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Webman

-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

Karen Dinsfriend

-- in loving memory of George Mikulka on his yahrzeit

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

-- in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

---in honor of Ethel Chatkin's birthday

---in loving memory of David Hillsberg on his yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Dorothy Benmaor on her yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Lillian Miller on her yahrzeit

Nathan and Shelley Weiss

---in loving memory of my father, Merton Goldstein on his  
yahrzeit

---in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

### **Goldsmith Kallan Fund**

Barbara and Peter Kallan

---in loving memory of Terri Goldsmith on her yahrzeit

---in honor of the birth of Barbara and Scott Wolfe's grand  
son, Wes Hewitt Bentley

---in honor of the birth of Ken Webman's grandson, Geddy  
Webman

---in honor of the engagement of Yitzchak Winograd to  
Amanda Wycoff

### **Mitzvah Fund**

Ethel Chatkin

---in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

Flossie and Mike Betten

---mazel tov to Barbara and Scott Wolfe on the birth of their  
grandson, Wes Hewitt Bentley

### **Prayer Book Fund**

Joan Levine

---in loving memory of Jules Levine on his yahrzeit

### **Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship**

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---in memory of Armi Rowe's mother, Alita Sevilla

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Barry and Stephanie Thorp

---in loving memory of Philip Crystal on his yahrzeit

Ethel Chatkin

---thank you to Brian Alpert for videoing my sermon on my  
91<sup>st</sup> birthday at Temple

### **Torah Fund**

Philip Stein

---in loving memory of Helen Stein on her yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Harold Stein on his yahrzeit

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---in loving memory of Fannie Schlissel on her yahrzeit

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---in loving memory of Samuel Cohen on his yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Sheldon Schlissel on his yahrzeit

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## March Services & Schedule of Events

March 1	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
		12:00 P.M.	Challah Dog Fundraiser
		12:15 P.M.	Religious School Committee Meeting
		12:30 P.M.	BBYO Event
March 2	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
March 3	Tues.	7:30 P.M.	Religious Practices Committee Meeting
March 4	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
		7:00 P.M.	Judaism and Interfaith Families
		7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Book Club at the Snitkin Residence
			<u>The Marriage of Opposites</u> by Alice Hoffman
March 5	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Food for Thought
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
March 6	Fri.	5:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat including Birthday Blessings – 4 <sup>th</sup> grade takes part
		6:00 P.M.	Potluck Dinner
		7:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service including Birthday Blessings
March 7	Sat.	8:30 A.M.	Potluck Breakfast
		9:00 A.M.	Shabbat Prayer, Practice and Profits
March 8	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
March 9	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Purim Celebration
March 10	Tues.	7:00 P.M.	The Sacred Path of Reform Judaism
March 11	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Hebrew School
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
		7:30 P.M.	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Support Group
March 12	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Hope After Loss
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
March 13	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
March 15	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
		5:00 P.M.	Italian Nite
March 16	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
March 18	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
March 19	Thur.	6:30 P.M.	Waterford Historical Society Presents the History of Jews in CT
			Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg is the presenter
		7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
March 20	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service including Anniversary Blessings
March 21	Sat.	8:30 A.M.	Potluck Breakfast
		9:00 A.M.	Shabbat Prayer, Practice and Profits
		5:30 P.M.	Game Night
March 22	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		10:30 P.M.	Preschool
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
March 23	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
March 25	Wed.	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
March 26	Thur.	7:00 P.M.	Nar-Anon
March 27	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Service
March 29	Sat.	9:30 A.M.	Brotherhood Bagels / Religious School
		11:00 A.M.	Adult Study Group
March 30	Mon.	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School

# Community Purim Celebration

Monday, March 9, 2020

6:00 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El

*Join the Jewish Community  
of South Eastern Connecticut  
for a Purim Celebration!*



- ♦ Megillah Excerpts Reading
- ♦ Skits
- ♦ Light Dinner & Noshes
- ♦ Face Painting
- ♦ Costume Contest

*A donation of dry/canned food item is suggested and will be donated  
to a local food pantry, as "matanot la'evyonim" custom.*



# Temple Emanu-El Passover Seder 5780



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COUNTRY CLUB

28 Lamphere Road, Waterford, CT 06385

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

6:00 PM

*Please RSVP to office by April 3rd*

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MATZAH BALL SOUP • GELFILTE FISH

CHICKEN, POTATO • TZIMMES • VEGETABLE

DESSERT BUFFET

*Please bring a Kosher-for-Passover dessert to share.*

\$36 pp Adults • \$20 children ages 6-11 • 5 & under, free

***Passover Seder Wed. April 8, 2020***

***Please RSVP with payment to Temple Office by Friday April 3rd, 2020***

Family \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$36 ea) \_\_\_\_\_ Children 6-11 (\$20 ea); Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
5 & under Free

**Requests for Vegan or Vegetarian Meals Required with RSVP**

*Please mail payment to: Temple Emanu-El, P.O. Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385*



## ***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*

*Early reservations are discounted and appreciated.*

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



***For those attending, we will be conducting a 50/50 raffle.***



*April 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**



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Please join us for a **Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner at 6 pm on Friday, April 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 Monday, March 30.** Please direct all inquiries to Rachel Sherman at [rshermanesq@gmail.com](mailto:rshermanesq@gmail.com) or (518) 421-8491.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood  
presents  
*Golda's Balcony*  
with Sandra Laub as Golda Meir



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A 90-minute, one woman show, **Golda's Balcony** highlights Golda Meir's journey to become Israel's 4th Prime Minister whose leadership and love helped Israel move forward as a new nation.

"It was powerful, emotional, frightening and emotionally moving as we learned about Golda's experience as Prime Minister of Israel and the horrific decisions she had to make regarding the security of Israel."

— Rabbi Michele Medwin, Temple Shalom, Monticello, NY

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**  
**1:30 pm • Temple Emanu-El**

There will be a Q & A session after the show.

Tickets for show:

\$18 per adult, \$10 per student, \$40 per family  
(Cash or check accepted, not suitable for children under 12)

**The Rolling Tomato Pizza Truck!**

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