



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

Summer has just begun. It will be a summer unlike any we've experienced before. The world is changing quickly before our eyes.

Since I wrote in this bulletin last,

another social earthquake occurred. The murder of George Floyd has triggered social protests and marches across our country and around the world. These protests serve to cast yet another, even brighter light on systematic racism not only within our police and justice systems but also in healthcare and the marketplace. As I am writing to you now, the protests have not subsided but have evolved. The attention of both protestors and civic leaders has now turned to monuments. Stalled silent debates about the balance between progressive policy and preserving history have been replaced by swift action to remove symbols erected as much to intimidate minorities as they were to honor perceived heroes. By the time you read this, the protests will likely have set its sight on a different dimension of systematic inequality. As messy and ugly as this process has been, I think there is an overwhelming reason to have hope.

I have hope because our Jewish traditions, values, and experiences have prepared us to be allies and leaders in the public conversations shaping the face of change in our communities. We have a long tradition of storytelling, evidenced in our sacred texts. In these stories, we deal with the messiness of life. We grapple with eternal human struggles against baseless hatred. They inform how we can live in an imperfect world with faith and love in our hearts. Equally present in our sacred texts is a tradition of discourse. We engage in centuries-long debates and often preserve multiple perspectives, not just the loudest voice of any age. We recorded our struggles not only in narratives and discourse but also in performative rituals. These processes allow us to bring the wisdom gained from our collective experiences of destruction, exile, oppression, and hardship into our present challenging moments. If we engage with our narratives, discourses, and experiences, we can empathize with grieving parents, victims of hate crimes, sufferers of injustice, and those imprisoned in wall-less ghettos.

This summer will be necessarily different from any in recent memory as much because of the masks we will continue to wear as the conversations in which we will be engaged. As I wrote last month, when the pandemic is over, life will not return to as it was before. Our experiment of living in a virtual world will inform a more strongly connected and collaborative community. The social protests we are seeing and participating in will help us engage in essential conversations on racial justice and structural inequalities in our communities. Our voice is critical in these conversations. We must participate.

Over the summer, while I am simultaneously trying to take a little time off with my family, I will be continuing meaningful conversations and getting more involved in the Reform Movement's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign – Every Voice, Every Vote. Over the next six months, we can make real progress towards a more just society. The 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign is not about politics. It is about bringing our Reform Jewish values to essential conversations in non-partisan ways. Our community will not reflect our values unless we are engaged in purposeful civic conversations. If you want to know more about how to get involved, contact me at marcekstrand@gmail.com or visit the Religious Action Center at www.rac.org.

Enjoy the summer,

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Jo-el Fernandez



As I write this, the state of Connecticut is entering "Phase 2" of reopening. This means that indoor dining, movie theaters, and nail salons will be open for business, just to name a few. What about Temple Emanu-El, you may ask? Does this mean that we go back to "business as usual?"

The answer to that is unequivocally, no. We need a new normal, characterized first and foremost by a willingness to put the safety of others ahead of our personal preferences and

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a willingness to hold ourselves and others accountable to new safety protocols. Returning to the way that we were would fly in the face of our Reform Jewish values, which assert that Judaism must change and adapt to the needs of the day if it is to survive. We embrace the concept of "audacious hospitality," which is a focused effort to embrace diversity and to welcome full participation by LGBTQ+ Jews, Jews with mental, physical, or intellectual disabilities, and interfaith families. Included in this are our oldest and most medically fragile members. How do we relaunch an improved Temple Emanu-El that meets the needs of all of our members? And how can we be a leader in developing a reimagined Jewish community in southeastern Connecticut?

By the time that you read this, you will have received a survey from the Union for Reform Judaism via e-mail, which will be available to you until July 6. PLEASE complete this survey, which will allow Temple Emanu-El and the URJ as a whole to reimagine Jewish life in a post-COVID world. This is your chance to share your thoughts on the future of our congregational life.

In the meantime, the Temple Emanu-El COVID-19 ad-hoc committee will be meeting, and will utilize data from this survey as well as science and safety considerations to determine when and in what manner we may be able to re-enter the building and resume some of our pre-COVID operations, including religious services, social activities, school operations, and renting space to tenants. We will be discussing whether activities such as a summer outdoor physically distanced service, or an in-person Tashlich observance on Rosh

Hashanah afternoon may be able to occur. What I am certain of is that when we are able to meet again, things such as the blessings over wine and challah, greeting other congregants and our clergy before and after services, and congregational singing will look very different. Just yesterday, I read an unfortunate news article about a church in Oregon that had a significant COVID-19 outbreak due to members gathering and singing together in defiance of their state's mandates, and disregarding the science that has demonstrated that this is one of the highest risk activities. There is a strong consensus among numerous epidemiologists and infectious disease specialists that in-person religious services are among the most risky of activities that we can do, akin to being in a crowded bar!

While I am dismayed about COVID-19 and its impact on our synagogue and on my own life, I am also excited about the opportunities that this presents to us for increased engagement of our own members as well as increased community collaboration. The combined Tikkun Leil Shavuot evening study session and morning service was a truly remarkable effort by Rabbi Ekstrand and the other four "liberal" congregations of eastern Connecticut. It was a huge success, with a great turnout and very positive feedback afterwards. This is just the beginning! Let's build on this momentum and continue to collaborate with our community partners while maintaining our strong Reform Jewish identity. I would love to hear your ideas!

Jo-el

Notes from Sherry Barnes



Though we are still in the midst of the Coronavirus, summer almost makes life seem normal again. Being outside doing yard work or going for a walk down to the beach helps me to clear my mind of the virus for a while.

In the real world of interacting with people, I am still very aware that we are still dealing with Covid-19. In the grocery store, going for my dental appointment and even getting my hair cut, it is still clear that we are trying to stay safe, while also trying to reopen the businesses in our state. At my dentist's office, Dr.'s Rebecca Woodward and Adam Kaufman, reassured me with a letter on their website, that they were working hard to make changes to their office and dental

practice to deal with Coronavirus safety guidelines and make sure it would be a safe environment for us to visit their office for dental care.

I went in to get my teeth cleaned and felt comfortable that they and their staff had done an excellent job. I can't imagine what it must be like to open a business during these times. Making sure that the space that you work in, your staff, and customers, are going to be safe. The cost of changes to that space, the PPE for your staff, the extra steps in making sure that you have asked the correct questions, taken the customers temperature, and the disinfecting costs of having to clean your space when each customer leaves, must be an added burden to any business trying to

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survive. Not to mention that you are now only working at 50% of your normal capacity due to social distancing.

I'm still not comfortable with the idea of going into a restaurant or the gym, though I know they are also trying to take precautions to make sure that their customers are as safe as possible. It all comes down to our own comfort zone. For me, I will continue to pick and choose what I do until this is all over. I need to stay healthy for those around me, especially my father.

Meanwhile, for Temple Emanu-El, our Leadership will continue to discuss when it will be safe for us, as a congregation, to return to our building. There are many things I miss about not being in the building, but I miss your voices most of all. There is an amazing energy in the air when we sing and pray together. I think about it when it when I sing from my dining room and watch your lips move, or your hands clapping in our Zoom sanctuary. I can't believe it's only been 3 months

since we left. It feels like an eternity. However, flipping it to the positive, we are 3 months closer to seeing each other again.

I hope you continue to stay safe, make wise choices, and stay healthy as you enjoy the summer weather and activities.

If you are interested in leading a summer service, please let me know. We only have 2 services open in July to fill. I will host the Zoom service from my home with you as co-host. You must have a strong, stable internet connection to do this. I will help you with whatever you might need. Summer services through August 14 will start at 7:00 P.M. and starting August 21, services will begin at 7:30 P.M.

See you on Zoom.

Be safe,

Sherry

Sisterhood — Merrill Mazzella & Gail Weber, Co-Presidents

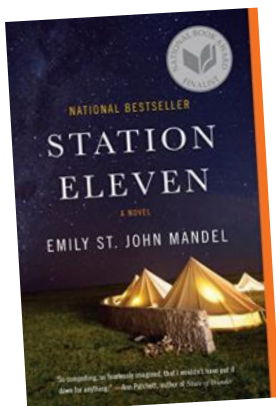
Hi Ladies,

The Sisterhood board met last week and came up with a number of exciting events for the summer months.

Summer Shabbat Service

On **Fri. July 17, Sisterhood will be doing the summer Shabbat service.** Merrill Mazzella and Barbara Senges will be organizing the service with the help of Sherry Barnes. Our last service was very well received and we are looking forward to another meaningful evening.

Book Club



Our next book club evening, via Zoom, will be on **Wed., July 29 at 7:00PM.** This month's book is Station 11 by Emily St. John Mandel. This book has won many awards and our book discussions are always lively. Cecile Feldman brings background information and many great questions to our meetings.

We are working on other ideas to keep everyone engaged; speakers, food demonstrations, game night, etc. When the dates and events get confirmed, we will send out emails, so watch your inbox so you can stay up-to-date.

Miss you all! Stay safe!

Merrill & Gail

Gift Shop



The **Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop** hopes everyone is safe and healthy. Usually during the summer months the gift shop is open by appointment only. As soon as the Temple opens on a limited basis, the gift shop will continue this

tradition and open by appointment.

In the meantime, if you have any needs please contact us at Judaicashop@tewaterford.org. Hopefully, in September we will be able to resume normal hours.

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

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---in loving memory of Irving Kronisch on his yahrzeit
---in loving memory of Lorenzo Baca
Nancy Osella
---in appreciation of people who are making masks
Stephen and Judy Mann
---in appreciation of people who are making masks
---mazel tov to Barbara and Scott Wolfe on the wedding of
their son, Craig Bentley to Elian Silverman
---mazel tov to Hali and Jerry Keeler on the birth of their
grandchild Razi David, son of Ty and Emily Keeler Alhadeff

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Irma Flitt
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Matthew and Aline Shulman
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Peter and Barbara Kallan
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--in memory of Shirley Lebowitz, my sister

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--in loving memory of Martin Yavener on his yahrzeit

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--in memory of Abner West on his yahrzeit

Mazel Tov to . . .



Hali and Gerry Keeler

on the birth of their grandson,

Razi David.

He is the son of

Ty and Emily Keeler Alhadeff.

Razi David was born

on June 12.

Grandparents Jean Lasser and Jeff Elkin

of East Lyme, and

Carol Lasser and Gary Kornblith

of Oberlin OH.

Aliza Elkin and Simon Kornblith

are beyond excited to announce the birth of their daughter **Moss Kay Kornblith** on May 22 in Toronto.

Condolences to . . .



Louis and Anne Kronisch

on the passing of their brother-in-law,

Lorenzo Bacca



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If you did not, please contact Roberta at
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Social Action

The bad news is that the Coronavirus is still a substantial factor in all of our lives, especially in other parts of the Country. The good news is that in Connecticut the virus is greatly diminished and hospitalizations and positive testing for the virus are way down as well. So Connecticut is slowly opening up, and this allows a wide array of social action programs where the Temple is involved to begin to begin again. As an example, **Habitat for Humanity** for Eastern Connecticut has reopened both of its area Restores, and although all of its construction sites are still closed, with the coming of Phase Two of Connecticut's recovery all of Southeastern Connecticut's active construction sites will reopen. A reminder: Habitat needs volunteers. It is expected that by the time of the next bulletin article the Temple's Sunday Builds will be will be functioning again. We were last working in Norwich on an almost completed home. That seems like a million years ago. As for the **Soup Kitchen in New London**, it never shut down completely, but instead provided meals in a different way. Thus in June, Hali Keeler and others from the Temple were still cooking, packaging and making ready for delivery meals for those in need. People need to eat even if there are no jobs, and the area is mostly closed down. Hopefully the New London Community Meal Center will soon be able to serve meals in the traditional way, and Hali and her crew will be there.

Mask Project

The Social Action project that has been most active during the virus crisis is the Temple's mask making and distribution effort. Organized by Matt Shulman, we have made and distributed about 2000 masks to people and agencies that are in need. Since masks are likely going to be with us for a long time to come, there will be an ongoing need for mask makers into the future. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Matt Shulman at 2020Jewishthought@gmail.com. Two things about the project that should be noted: First, the Temple is now working in conjunction with church groups

and others in making and distributing masks. That's positive exposure for us in the Community. Second, most of our mask deliveries are to area agencies like the Covenant Shelter, Waterford Youth & Family Services Inter-Faith Food Locker, the Homeless Hospitality Center, Safe Futures and area Senior Centers. This provides not only multiple positive connections with the Community, but it also gives food for thought regarding other projects we can get involved with when the present virus crisis is under control.

The Social Action Committee welcomes new members, young and old, as well as fresh ideas as to how we can serve the Jewish Community and the Community at large. We expect to resume regular meetings when these extraordinary times are under control, hopefully by no later than the fall.

Please feel free to join us at that time.

Marty Zeldis

Summer Services

Summer Services start at 7:00 P.M. from now through August 14.

Services will be led by Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes and:

July 3 Jo Michaelson

July 10 Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg, Gail & Steve Weber, Barbara & Scott Wolfe

July 17 Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

If you would like to help lead a service on July 24 and you have a strong internet connection, contact Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes.

Thank you to Armi Rowe for assisting Sherry on June 26.

July Birthdays

Robbin Alpert
 Matthew Barnes
 Craig Bentley
 Melinda Blum
 Elizabeth Bochain
 Bill Bokoff
 Megan Dame
 Eric Diehl
 Jonah Feldman
 Julia Fischburg
 Mae Flax
 Iris Freeman
 Sam Friedman
 Sophia Gipstein
 Dr. Alissa Goldman Romano
 Cori Goldman Segal
 Sue Goldstein

Rebecca Goldstein
 Gabe Grossman
 Meredith Hans
 Paul Kanfer
 Hali Keeler
 David Kohanski
 Alan Krasner
 Louis Kronisch
 Arthur Lerner
 Judy Levine
 Bob Linden
 Robin Margolis Silsby
 Jacqueline Mazza
 Jennifer Anne Michalove
 Jacoby Parad
 Nickolas Randall
 Armi Rowe

Dianne Rubin
 Madeline Sayet
 Donna Schneider
 Jane Schnur
 Chuck Seeman
 Bill Seeman
 Rebecca Segal
 Mary Seidner
 Libby Seidner
 Veronica (Vee)
 Sherman
 Matthew Shulman
 Janine Sitko
 Lauren Stavropoulos
 Lois Steinman
 Jennifer Thompson
 Samantha Venooker

Ella Jordyn Venooker
 Grace O. Walz
 Claire Warren
 Gail Wildstein
 Martin Zeldis
 Lori Zelvin



July

Anniversaries



Paul and Monica
 Goldstein

Jay and Patricia Hans
 Peter and Lisa Marcus
 Edward and Mimi Perl

Harvey and Michele
 Snitkin

Jay and Julie Snoke
 Scott and Barbara
 Wolfe



July 3

Elizabeth M. Bochain
 Herbert Boehner
 Sylvia Fischburg Eisenberg
 James Fearer
 Jack Ginsburg
 Marion Gottfried
 Sarah Hytone
 Aaron Isaac
 Norman Kozek
 Mina Liberman
 Oscar Panikoff
 Elaine Perry
 Fannie Rosefeldt
 Jeannette Rosenstein
 Marie Rouquette

July 10

Muriel Berkowitz
 Miriam Bloom
 Janet Bruck
 Sarah Chevan
 Michael Comer
 Michael Comer
 Hans Einhellig
 Edna Epstein
 Barney Fishbone
 Gunther Goldman
 Mary Jane Helveston
 Selma Krieger
 Ella Levine
 Samuel Libby
 Samuel Penstein

July Yahrzeits

Brian Archer Thorp
 Alexander Moron Wessel

July 17

Meta Altman
 Sol Brown
 Thomas Cherry
 Irma DeBruyn
 David Feldman
 Anatoly Fishman
 William Gordon
 William Greenhalgh
 Stanley Jacobson
 Sarah Mazur
 Harry Ogulnick
 Pearl Parker
 Nathan Rappoport
 Barbara Rubin
 Fay Rubin
 Bernard Sharack
 Bessie Snitkin
 Jacob Snitman

July 24

Louis Atkind
 Max Berns
 Jonathan Fox
 Rose Gordon
 Yetta Sechter Millstein
 Jerry Moynihan
 Wade Nelson
 Dr. Solomon Prokesch
 Muriel Schneider

Betty Silverman
 Melvin Snitman
 Jodie Gorin Stewart
 Marjorie Thomas
 Harry Tulman
 Dorothy West
 Joseph Ziegler

July 31

Joseph Abrams
 Philip Betten
 Laura Bor
 Arthur Camassar
 Joseph Eisenberg
 Alan Freeman
 Benjamin Gordon
 Lawrence Grayson
 Howard Ilson
 Fay Kracke
 Sallie LeVine
 Irene Levy
 Frances Ofstein
 Abraham Pastel
 Murray Perl
 Maurice Rosenstein
 Henry Sutel
 John Vogel
 Irving Allan Wildstein
 Solomon Wilkomer



August Birthdays

Brian Alpert
Daniel Arenson
Shelley Arenson
Brian Blaise
Danielle Blaise
Adora Antje Brengman
Kevin Carlow
Margaret Church
Elissa DeBruyn
Kyra Dezjot
Leonard Epstein
Louise Feldman Baskey
Kathleen Flax
David Freedman
Donna Goldman
Steve Goldstein
Hannah Goldstein

Gabriel Grossman
Max Grossman
Eleanor Hoffman
Thea Kallan Johnson
Emmerson Kaye
Gerry Keeler
Pamela Kilbey-Fox
Lauren Kirschblum
Jordan Clark Levin
David Levine
Beth Linden
Anne Luner
Alan Luner
Kathy Michalove
Mimi Perl
Shoshana Phillips
Stephen Piotrkowski

Jenna Randall
Hunter Rock
Karen Rosenberg
Rachel Sayet
Talia Schaperow
Ellen Seeman
Brett Seeman
Jake Sheriff
Leah Shiling
Adriana Shiling
Todd Siegel
Jamie Stavropoulos
Donald Steinman
Sunny Steinway
Andrew Venooker
Michael Evan Weber
Aaron Scott Weber

Shelley Weiss
Sam Winograd
Rebecca Woodward
Jennifer Zettler
Debra Ziegler



August Anniversaries

Michael and Linda Barnett
Michael and Florence Betten
Brian and Marcie Blaise
Howard and Marcia
Brensilver
Thomas Smith and Irene
Brickman Smith
Mark and Marianne DeBruyn
Bruce and Lori Goldstein
Alan and Patricia Gruber
Geoff and Susan Hausmann
Robert and Eleanor Hoffman
Alan and Norma
Hollandersky
Joel and Avery Holwitt
Peter and Barbara Kallan
Philip and Ethel Krasney
Roark and Judy Levine
Anthony and Jacqueline
Mazza
Keith Kriet and Debra Miller
Harvey and Leslie Orenstein
Stephen and Lois Panikoff
Chris and Jennifer Rock
Marvin and Jane Schnur
Steve and Gail Weber
Joel and Gail Wildstein

August 7
Leah Goldberg Asen
Rose Baker
Max Barnett
Samuel Diamond
Dorothy Friedman
Abraham Gottfried
Maude Harriet
Warren Hollandersky
Eileen Iorillo
Morton Klieback
Arthur Krieger
Claire Perry
Beatrice Rovner
Yetta Sedransk
Rebecca Merims Stoner
Julius Webman
Daniel Zager

August 14
Michele Abrams
Eduard Alper
Fannie Amdur
Etta Andelman
Michael Atkind
Rose Barnett
Harvey Bloom
Julius Cooper
Morris Epstein
Morris Epstein
Rose Feigenbaum
Diana Fischburg
Isadore Gottfried

August Yahrzeits

Barbara Hausmann
Shirley Hendel
Naomi Kerwin
Bessie Kline
Dorothy Levine
Barney Millstein
Claire Perry
Lottie Rodkin
Orrin Silverberg
Sharon Spiegel
Miriam Toplosky
Harry Winterholer

August 21
Joseph Abrahms
Suzannah Amdur
Mollie Azaroff
Richard Blaise
Marcia Carlow
Charles Church
Nicholas Doukas
Frederick Eichler
Belle Eidensohn
Louis Galvin
Dorothy Goldman
Milton Goldsmith
Irving Goodstein
Eleanor Grossman
Bill Katz
Emily Lasser
Fred Michalove
Ruth O'Brien
Howard E. Proper
Lamchick

Laura Richardson
Harry Ruck
Mildred Schiller
Bernice Bunny Stern
Jeanne Swatzburg
Paul Trzepacz
Stuart Wickson

August 28
Ada Engelman
Dr. Arnold Feldman
Sam Gischner
Nathan Greenhouse
Barbara Haflich
Morton Kallan
Bella Kil
Angela Klieback
Sherman Marcus
Hersch Muchnick
Ascuncion Reyes
Marshall Rubin
Harold Rutman
Mark Sayet
Solomon Schaferman
Samuel Wertheim



On June 21, we concluded the 5780 school year with our students, teachers and faculty assistants on our final "End of School Year" Zoom call. Although, we could not gather in person, we certainly still marked the occasion with sentimental togetherness. The students enjoyed voting, on a live Zoom poll, for the organizations that will benefit from the school's tzedakah donation funds, which totaled \$600 for the year. This year, we guided the voting by providing the students with two options for each Jewish value that is supported through the donation. These were the categories and corresponding organizations that the students elected to support:

- 1) **Helping People in Need:** Almost Home
- 2) **Bringing People Together:** Heads Up Hartford
- 3) **Supporting Youth:** Waterford Youth Services

We celebrated all of our teachers and faculty assistants during the meeting. We are so grateful to all of you, for your dedication to the school and our students. We enjoyed the heartfelt comments shared by those who took a moment to address their fellow staff members and students. We congratulated the graduating high school seniors on our staff--Trevor Fornara and Ellanora Lerner--who we will miss greatly

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next year. We wish them both much success and happiness in college. We also encouraged our 8th graders, who will soon be moving up to Jewish Community High School, to continue as part of the religious school community by serving as faculty assistants next year. Lastly, we acknowledged the consistent presence of those students who had perfect attendance on Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the year.

We have invited school parents to share their thoughts and concerns as we make plans for the next religious school session. We will also apply insight gained from the Temple's building re-opening ad-hoc committee meeting. As soon as we have concrete guidance about realistic and safe conditions for resuming classes in the building, we will share them with everyone. In the meantime, please be assured that we intend to come back in the fall with a full Hebrew and Judaics curriculum, regardless of the meeting place and times. Save the date for Sunday, September 13 as the first day of the fall session. Please review your registration packets when you receive them and send them in at your earliest convenience. We will be in touch with more information. We wish everyone a relaxing, safe and healthy summer!

Armi and Jennifer



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