



## Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

We just passed a milestone. It is now over a year since we began doing everything at Temple Emanu-El in the virtual

world. It hasn't been all bad. We've learned a lot. We've been able to stay face to face with the help of Zoom. We've done many of the same programs and even added a few new ones.

Most importantly, we've stayed safe. But it hasn't been easy. We've had to make difficult decisions about lifecycle events, especially bar and bat mitzvah celebrations. Most families have elected to move the date in hopes of waiting out the pandemic. But this has created new problems and stresses. Even our regular Shabbat services are not the same. Each time we do a service or program on Zoom, it is like producing a television show. Every second must be planned. Although Zoom allows us to hold a conversation, it's a bit unnatural when large groups meet. Each person has to wait their turn to speak and knowing exactly when it's your turn isn't always straightforward. How many times have we heard, "you're muted." Sometimes our internet connections are not reliable. Thankfully, internet service in New London, where I live, is good. Yet, some of you at home have had problems connecting.

Nonetheless, going virtual has been invaluable. So much so that we are working on plans to install cameras and production equipment at the Temple. The future is here, and we are leaning into it. Thank you to Sean Bendick for taking on the challenge of setting up the new system. When we can re-enter the Temple for regular worship and programs, we will still be just as connected to those at home as we are right now. Everyone should be able to be connected. We will need a corp of tech-savvy people to help run the show on Shabbat, Festivals, and special events.

I'm mentioning all of this because the end of the pandemic seems to be in sight. But how quickly will it get here? The answer to that question is in our hands. The pipeline of vaccines is nearly full. By mid-April, everyone over sixteen will be able to schedule a vaccination appointment. I am asking you to get vaccinated if you are medically able. During the pandemic, the Jewish value of *p'kuach nefesh* has guided our actions. One expression of *p'kuach nefesh* comes from the Talmud Yerushalmi, Sanhedrin 4:1 – Whoever destroys one soul; it is as if an entire world has been destroyed; whoever saves one soul; it is as if a whole world has been saved. We continue to hold tightly to this value. It has kept us home and safer this past year. It has mandated (not the Governor or anyone else) that we wear masks and social distance.

Now we must use *p'kuach nefesh* to guide our decisions about being vaccinated. Of course, we should question the safety of vaccines and all medicines. But we should do so with the help of experts. Back in January, I organized a webinar to address vaccine hesitancy. We spoke to medical, pharmaceutical, and public health experts, our own Jonathan Rowe, among them during this webinar. The webinar answered many questions. Now three vaccines are available. Medical experts agree that these three vaccines are safe and effective. When it is your turn, please get vaccinated. Vaccines won't change our social situation unless the majority of us are willing to take them. Jewish values tell us that we must take the vaccine if we are able. If you have concerns based upon your medical situation, speak to your doctor. As I am writing this article, I'm waiting for my window to register to open. How quickly the end of the pandemic arrives depends upon each one of us. I'm getting vaccinated, and I hope you will too.

**Looking forward to seeing you in person,**

**Getting vaccinated soon,**

*Rabbi Marc*

## President's Message



### **Chag sameach!**

Passover is here! And while some of us may be hosting small family gatherings, many of us will be conducting Zoom gatherings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Meanwhile, the COVID-19 Task Force/Re-

Entry Committee has been hard at work making plans for a gradual return to some in-person activities, while maintaining a strong virtual presence.

At the last Re-Entry meeting, we developed specific guidelines to hold small b'nai mitzvot ceremonies in the sanctuary, with the clergy and up to 20 members of the student's family present and the rest of the mishpacha on Zoom. The guidance includes specific directives around physical distancing by household units, singing, masking, etc. During our next meeting, we will be focused on resuming some other in-person activities in a safe manner, likely beginning with outdoor activities. The committee also has a goal of returning to in-person Religious School in the fall of 2021. Thanks to Sean Bendick and his research, we have also determined what equipment we will need in order to maintain a strong virtual presence once we return to in-person services. And while Sean presented this to the board at the March board meeting, a donor who would prefer to remain anonymous stepped up with an offer to contribute towards this project! Thanks to you for making this happen.

Speaking of Sean Bendick----he has been selected as the recipient of this year's Howard Ilson award! I cannot think of a more deserving candidate. Sean served 4 years as president, has continued to contribute his time and talents to our congregation and has been exceedingly helpful to me while I transitioned into my presidency. Mazel tov, Sean!

In Community Campus news, the architects have developed a beautiful rendering for the potential campus and the board has determined that the time is right to call a special congregational meeting so that everyone's voices may be heard on this topic. As such, a congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 via Zoom**. Watch your e-mail and snail mail for registration information and a Zoom link. The committee hopes that this project will bring new vitality to the Jewish community in eastern Connecticut and will rejuvenate the existing Temple Emanu-El facility to new design standards. Please come (virtually) on the 18<sup>th</sup> to hear more about it and have your questions answered. I have stepped down from the Community Campus committee so that I may better fulfill my responsibilities to my employer, my significant other and family, and to my other duties as your president. However, I have divested my voting authority on the Community Campus committee to our president-elect Andy Parad, who is extremely competent and capable. Andy, along with Gail Weber, the Community Campus committee chairperson, will take the lead at our congregational meeting in ensuring that everyone's questions and comments are heard and addressed.

Meanwhile, the ad hoc Vision Committee, led by Rabbi Ekstrand, is in the final stages of developing a vision statement that reflects the values of our congregation. By the time you read this, it will likely be complete. Watch for it in this space next month.

Happy Spring! And please get your vaccine, as by the time you read this, ALL Connecticut residents should be eligible to sign up!

**Jo-el**

## Notes from Sherry Barnes



“For now the winter is past, The rains are over and gone. The blossoms have appeared in the land, The time of pruning has come...”  
Song of Songs, Chapt. 2, v. 11-12.  
Spring is here and is so welcome. The time of pruning has definitely

begun! I haven't quite embraced the love of gardening, but I do like when everything is in bloom.

Being outside enjoying the warmth of the sun, the beauty of new buds, birdsong, and the thought of

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summer being right around the corner, brings a renewed feeling of being alive. Vivaldi's, Spring, musically infuses you with the feeling of excitement and sense of beauty of this time of year. Nothing like music to enhance the beauty of nature.

I can't imagine a world without music. We are blessed with many talented musicians in our synagogue and **Harvey Snitkin** is one of them. Wanting to help ease the loneliness of Covid, he created a once-a-week program called **Lox-Down Lunch**. This program brought music into the homes of those that tuned in. Food, music, and friends. It doesn't get any better than that. We loved the program and would like to give a big thank you to Harvey for sharing his time and talent with us.

The other program I loved was after our weekly Havdalah service. I want to thank those that spoke with us and shared stories. We learned about some of the trees and areas in the Connecticut College Arboretum, **Judd Rosen** shared a story that happened while he and **Dale** lived in the Bahamas, and **Hali Keeler** shared sto-

ries from her book, Ghosts on Groton Bank. Many of you shared songs, read poetry, and did skits, at our monthly, informal, cabaret. Of course, I am hoping that our Cabaret will be in person next year. Won't that be great!

**Barbara Senges** oversaw our Trivia night and also our Questions evening. I have to say they were a lot of fun and I learned a lot. A very big thank you to Barbara for all of her help and to all of you who join us. Though these programs have ended, I hope to revisit them next Winter and am very grateful to Harvey and Barbara. They helped make the Covid Winter go by quickly. Here's to being able to spend more time outdoors in the sun.

*Wishing all of you a lovely Spring!*

*B'shir,*

**Sherry**



## Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TERS)

It was once again a joy to gather with our religious school families during the First Friday Family Shabbat of 2021 on Friday, March 5. **We hope to see you all again at our next First Friday Family Shabbat on Friday, April 2, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.** Tot Shabbat is at 6:45pm and Tefillah Time is at 7:05pm. Stay on for regular Shabbat service beginning at 7:30pm.

Our students gathered via zoom for a Passover-themed "Parting Sea" virtual painting activity for our Fun Family Friday on Friday, March 19. Together, we followed a Bob Ross-type painting tutorial by Eli Broder, a Jewish artist from the U.K. who showed us simple techniques using a limited palette for creating a beautiful painting depicting this significant moment in the story of Exodus. On Sunday, March 21 at 9:30am, Kitah Gan, Kitah Alef A and B gathered together with their teachers, Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry for a festive *Sammy the Spider* Passover Seder. At 10:45 am Kitah Gimmel through Kitah Zayin sat together virtually for their Passover Seder-in-Song



program. Thanks to our teachers who worked with our students to prepare them for their reading participation. Students received a special Passover gift bag containing art materials, a copy of their seder Haggadah, a seder plate placemat, a plague toy, as well as some special ingredients for their seder (grape juice, boiled eggs, parsley, matzot, and apples/sunflower seeds for the charoset). Special thanks to the Sisterhood for their donation which helped fund the seder plate ingredients.

On March 7 and March 14, Kitah Gimmel, Dalet and Hay enjoyed a special Hebrew program with **Hadar Elya**, one of our former Young Israeli Emissaries. The students enjoyed learning new modern Hebrew vocabulary with her as well as playing a game together. She will also visit with **Kitah Vav and Zayin on Sunday, April 4.**

We welcome photo submissions from teachers and

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parents which feature some of the activities your class and students have enjoyed together this year. It's hard to believe, but the close of the year is fast approaching and we would like to be able to pull together some type of slideshow to review the year.

Due to Spring Break, there will be no religious school on Sunday, April 11, 14 and 18. Religious school resumes for Kitah Gimmel through Zayin on Wed, April 21 and for all students on Sunday, April 25. Enjoy the break!

L'hitraot,

*Armi and Jennifer*



Anna Sheikowitz models her Purim costume.



Passover Plague toy -- one of the items in Passover Gift Bag.



Passover gift/craft bags delivered to TERS students by Co-Admin Jennifer Zettler

## Special Congregational Meeting via Zoom -- Sunday, April 18 @ 1 PM



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Jo-el Fernandez  
President

March 19, 2021

March 18, 2021

Dear Fellow Congregants:

As you have undoubtedly seen in my president's messages in the bulletin and in articles in the Jewish Leader, the Community Campus committee, chaired by our own Gail Weber and consisting of members of Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Beth El, and the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, have been working diligently for over a year to gather information and review possible architectural plans in order to determine whether a common campus that would house all 3 organizations at 29 Dayton Road, Waterford is feasible and appropriate.

This is your chance to have your questions answered and make your voice heard. Article V, Section 8 of Temple Emanu-El's bylaws state "the Temple and developed (landscaped and paved) grounds shall not be sold or conveyed without the approval of the members of the Congregation". The Community Campus committee is seeking a binding agreement from Temple Emanu-El to follow through with this project, and the time has come for the congregation to determine whether this aligns with Temple Emanu-El's mission and vision. As such, we will be holding a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m. on Zoom** to discuss this issue and bring it to a vote.

Pre-registration will be required for the meeting. Once you register, you will receive a link to the meeting itself. **Please remember that you must be a member in good standing in order to attend and/or vote.** If you are not certain whether you are currently in that category, please contact the Temple office.

Sincerely,  
Jo-el Fernandez  
President

**You are invited to a Zoom meeting.**

**When: Apr 18, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

**[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMudu2trj8iEtb84fMQ4uKlq6C4ESs3p\\_AV](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMudu2trj8iEtb84fMQ4uKlq6C4ESs3p_AV)**

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.**

## Events & Service Schedule

Zoom Links can be found on the Temple Website Calendar for events and services.

[www.tewaterford.org](http://www.tewaterford.org)

April 1	Thur. Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
April 2	Fri. Family Tot Shabbat	6:45 P.M.
April 2	Fri. Family Tefillah Time	7:05 P.M.
April 2	Fri. Shabbat Service	7:30 P.M.
April 3	Sat. Community Shabbat Morning Service including Yizkor	10:00 A.M.
April 5	Mon. Mussar Class	12:00 P.M.
April 6	Tues. Rabbi's Coffee House	9:00 A.M.
April 7	Wed. Adult Hebrew Translation Class	11:00 A.M.
April 7	Wed. JFEC Community Yom Hashoah Program	7:00 P.M.
April 8	Thur. Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
April 9	Fri. Shabbat Service	7:30 P.M.
April 10	Sat. Meditation, Prayer and Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
April 11	Sun. Hadassah, Seeking Refuge Shanghai & Beyond	2:00 P.M.
April 12	Mon. Mussar Class	12:00 P.M.
April 13	Tues. Rabbi's Coffee House	9:00 A.M.
April 13	Tues. Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30 P.M.
April 14	Wed. Adult Hebrew Translation Class	11:00 A.M.
April 15	Thur. Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
April 16	Fri. Family Fun Friday	6:00 P.M.
April 16	Fri. Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 P.M.
April 17	Sat. Shabbat Learners Service	10:00 A.M.
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Sun. Special Meeting of the Congregation (via zoom)</b>	<b>1:00 P.M.</b>
April 19	Mon. Mussar Class	12:00 P.M.
April 20	Tues. Rabbi's Coffee House	9:00 A.M.
April 21	Wed. Adult Hebrew Translation Class	11:00 A.M.
April 22	Thur. Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
April 23	Fri. Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 P.M.
April 26	Mon. Mussar Class	12:00 P.M.
April 27	Tues. Rabbi's Coffee House	9:00 A.M.
April 28	Wed. Adult Hebrew Translation Class	11:00 A.M.
April 29	Thur. Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
April 30	Fri. Shabbat Service	7:30 P.M.

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

Dear Sisterhood friends,

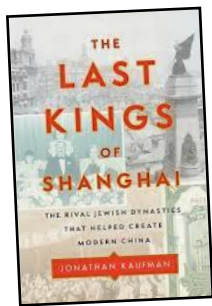
At our last Sisterhood board meeting, we welcomed Robin Krieger, NE District Area Director for WRJ, who spoke to us about WRJ and her role. The WRJ keynote annual event, the Fried Women's Conference, took place this past weekend via Zoom and Gail and I found much inspiration in the conference speakers and workshops as well as in the Kabbalat Shabbat service with its outstanding music (some familiar and some new songs). But more than the programs alone, what stood out for us was the camaraderie and togetherness felt by the hundreds of women who attended. That is what Sisterhood is all about! If you'd like to know more on our thoughts about the conference, please feel free to reach out to Gail or me. We'd love to share our experiences with you!

In February we had our second trivia night and once again showed off our brainier sides and had fun working in teams to answer the challenging questions selected by Barbara Senges. Later this week, as I write, we'll be mixing it up a bit and trying our first Scavenger Hunt via Zoom. We'll report on that next month!

Please join us and save the dates for these upcoming events (listed below with details): Book Club, a Hadassah speaker that relates to our book selection, our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service, and our end-of-the-year event...

Happy Spring, **Merrill & Gail**

**Book Club:** We will soon be meeting to discuss our next book, "*The Last King of Shanghai*" by Jonathan Kaufman on **Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Check out the Recipe of the Month under Highlights on the Temple Emanu-El website. This book inspired Flossie Betten's recipe selection!



We have selected our next book, as well: "*The Weight of Ink*," by Rachel Kadish. We'll meet on **Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.** for the book discussion.

**Hadassah Invitation:** On **Sunday, April 11, at 2 PM** Hadassah will present Professor Laurence Tribe of Harvard University, a survivor of a Jewish family in Shanghai, who will speak about refugees who fled to Shanghai during the period of WWII and the Holocaust. (\*This topic is related to the subject of our Book Club selection, "*The Last King of Shanghai*" by Jonathan Kaufman, but Profes-

sor Tribe will not be discussing the book.) All are welcome to attend this virtual Hadassah program via Zoom.

**Sisterhood Shabbat Service:** On **Friday, May 7, at 7:30 PM** the Sisterhood will lead the Shabbat service as is our tradition to do on the weekend of Mother's Day each year. Eileen Shapiro will be coordinating the service for us. All Sisterhood members are welcome to participate - the more the merrier! If you would like a part in the service, please email Eileen directly at [esfinallyhasemail@comcast.net](mailto:esfinallyhasemail@comcast.net) by Friday April 23 and include your preference for either an English part or a Hebrew part.

**Save the Date: Thursday, June 10:** We're looking ahead to our end-of-the-year Sisterhood gathering. Please save the date for what we're hoping (fingers crossed), might possibly, hopefully, be our first in person Sisterhood get together in over a year. We can't say for sure, just yet, but we will plan for an event on this date, whether in person or via Zoom. Please plan to join us that evening!

### Temple Website - Sisterhood Listing:

Our Webmaster Extraordinaire, Sue Fornara, has a very good suggestion: If you're ever wondering what's going on with the Sisterhood (programs, events, etc.), you can always find out by going to the Sisterhood section on the Temple Emanu-El website. This can be found from the Temple Emanu-El homepage by clicking on "Get Involved" and then clicking on "Sisterhood". Thank you, Sue!



### Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop:

April is here and it is my favorite season – baseball (Go Yankees). The time we can all reunite seems to be coming, but until then the gift shop is open virtually. There are lots of terrific gift ideas

such as jewelry, vases, candlesticks, etc. There is a nice selection of tallit to choose from for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

The website will be updated frequently to include all new merchandise so you can shop at your convenience. Click [here](#) for the Gift Shop website, or go to the Temple website [tewaterford.org](http://tewaterford.org) and click the Judaica Shop button on the homepage.

You can always reach me at [Judaicashop@tewaterford.org](mailto:Judaicashop@tewaterford.org)

**Susan Hausmann**

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

### **Aaron and Pearl Parker Religious School Fund**

Charlotte Freeman

--in loving memory of Larry Freeman on his yahrzeit

### **Building Support Fund**

Henry Dunkerley

--in loving memory of John Shiers on his yahrzeit

### **Cantor's Fund**

Barbara and Peter Kallan and Family

--in honor of Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes' service to Temple Emanu-El and her continued leadership in the religious school

Henry M. Dunkerley Jr.

--in loving memory of Bennet Werner on his yahrzeit

Jennifer Beatty

--in loving memory of my father, Irving Ressler on his yahrzeit

Lois and Steve Panikoff

--in memory of Sidney Shambron, father of Lori Goldstein

--in memory of Mary Kelly Smith, mother of Tom Smith

Mark and Marianne Debruyn

--In appreciation of Sherry Barnes' patience and teaching abilities

### **Essential Services**

Caren and Bob Linden & family

--in loving memory of Benjamin Linden on his yahrzeit

Flossie and Michael Betten

--in memory of Tom Smith's mother, Mary K. Smith

Jane and Chic Weinberg

--in memory of Claudia Shapiro

Jennifer Beatty

--in loving memory of my father, Irving Ressler on his yahrzeit

Jonathan and Armi Rowe

--condolences to Greg Morea and Barbara Luftglass Morea in memory of Greg's father William Morea

--condolences to Adam and Mary Seidner in memory of Adam's father, Richard Seidner

--condolences to Tom Smith and Irene Brickman Smith in memory of Tom's mother, Mary Kelley Smith

Judy and Stephen Mann

--in memory of Jo Ann Greenwald, mother of Lisa Greenwald Rosenberg

--thank you to all those who helped with the Purim Bag Fundraiser

Karen Dinsfriend

--in loving memory of George Mikulka on his yahrzeit

Karen Dinsfriend

--in memory of Claudia Shapiro

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

--In loving memory of Mary Temple on her yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Josephine Hovey on her yahrzeit Molly Helms

---in memory of Claudia Shapiro

Phil and Vicki Stein

---in memory of Mary Smith

Shirley Goldblatt

---in memory of Philip Goldblatt

---for the good health of Sandy Epstein

Barbara and Peter & the entire Kallan family

---in memory of Adam Seidner's father, Richard Seidner

Gail Schor

---wishes for a successful surgery and full and complete recovery

---in memory of Tom Smith's mother, Mary Kelley Smith

Kenneth and Kimberly Fischburg

---in loving memory of Howard Helveston on his yahrzeit

---in memory of Terri Goldsmith

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

---in loving memory of Alex Lazarus on his yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Priscilla Young on her yahrzeit

Neil Willins, Bethesda Lodge No. 30 IOOF

---to aid Temple Emanu-El in your work

The Kil Family

---in loving memory of Melvin Zablotsky on his yahrzeit

### **Goldsmith-Kallan Fund**

Jane and Marvin Schnur

---in memory of Jeffery Cohen

Matthew Shulman

---in loving memory of Donald Shulman on his yahrzeit

### **Isaaca Siegel Landscaping Fund**

Golda Siegel Doyle

---in loving memory of Isaaca Zelda Siegel on her yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Harriette Siegel on her yahrzeit

### **Mitzvah Fund**

Ethel Chatkin

---in memory of Dr. Richard Seidner, father of Dr. Adam Seidner

Micah and Kristie Milligan

---in honor of Purim! Chag Sameach!

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

Florence Lewiss

---in loving memory of Rose Pearlman Tulman on her yahrzeit

Jane and Marvin Schnur

---in memory of Claudia Shapiro

Lois and Don Steinman

---in memory of Claudia Shapiro

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Rabbi Aaron and Karen Rosenberg  
-- in memory of Tom Smith's mother, Mary K. Smith

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Bob and Elly Hoffman  
-- in loving memory of Benjamin Angert on his yahrzeit  
in memory of Judy Weber, mother of Steve Weber  
Edward Perry  
-- in loving memory of William "Bill" Perry on his yahrzeit  
Janice Kimball  
-- in appreciation of Rabbi Marc Ekstrand hosting the  
program on Vaccines & Vaccinations  
Jay Levin  
-- in memory of my good friend and very fine lady,  
Claudia Shapiro  
Judi Glickstein  
-- in honor of Abe Fisher's 90th birthday

---in honor of Ellen & Harvey Schiller's new granddaughter,  
Hadassah  
Lester Shapiro  
---in loving memory of Harold Shapiro on his yahrzeit  
Lynn and Jean Brown  
---for Rabbi Marc to continue doing what is important  
Merrill Mazzella  
---in loving memory of Ruth Doukas on her yahrzeit  
Susan and Walter Smith  
---in loving memory of Bernard Simon on his yahrzeit  
Susan Smith  
---in loving memory of Marlene Simon on her yahrzeit



**SOCIAL ACTION**

The pandemic is still with us, but it is slowly loosening its grip. Now is not the time to let down our guard. We needed to postpone our Social Action Committee meeting in March, but it will be rescheduled in April. It will hopefully be in person and will probably be outside. Details will be announced regarding time and place to Committee members as soon as they become firm. Our ongoing projects, Soup Kitchen, Homeless Hospitality, Habitat, Start Fresh are still serving, and it is expected that our involvement will accelerate in the very near future.

Also, I have been contacted by congregants who suggest that in an organized fashion Social Action could provide assistance to people seeking to schedule a Covid vaccination, and/or who need transportation to a Vaccination site. Although many have already been vaccinated, many have not, and vaccinations will be with us for a long time to come for both the elderly and the not so elderly. Finally, it has been discussed by a number of members that Social Action should perhaps get involved in a program called Dignity Grows which provides for specific needs of women and which has a chapter connected to the Hartford Jewish community. This can be discussed at our Meeting in April.

**Marty Zeldis**

**Condolences to . . .**

**Thomas Smith and Irene Brickman Smith**  
on the passing of Tom's mother,  
**Mary Kelley Smith**  
**Patricia and Alvin Sher**  
on the passing of Patricia's step-father,  
**Norman Ruderman**  
**Lisa and Bruce Darling**  
on the passing of Lisa's brother,  
**Glenn Gerber**

**Lori and Bruce Goldstein**  
on the passing of Lori's father,  
**Sidney Shanbrom**  
**Lester Shapiro**  
on the passing of his wife,  
**Claudia Shapiro**



## April Birthdays

Jon Arruda  
 Gwenth Wolf Arruda  
 Sean Bendick  
 Rabbi Polly Berg  
 Jessica Blaise  
 Thomas Blum  
 Lori Corah  
 Mark DeBruyn  
 Alexia Dickey  
 Rabbi Marc Ekstrand  
 Zoe Feinstein  
 Savannah Feinstein  
 Abe Feldman  
 Eva Feldman  
 Gary Freeman

Myra Gipstein  
 Hillary Goldstein  
 Bruce Goldstein  
 Jacob Goldstein  
 Norma Hollandersky  
 Avery Holwitt  
 Barbara Kallan  
 Zachary Kanfer  
 Bethany Kanfer  
 Ellanora Lerner  
 Hannah Rae Linder  
 Peter Marcus  
 Anthony Mazza  
 Niko Mazzella  
 Casey Mazzella

Emilia Osovsky  
 Stephen Panikoff  
 Adrienne Parad  
 Jillian Parad  
 Sheri Pascal  
 Edward Perry  
 Amy Perry  
 Carl Rosen  
 Aaron Rosenberg  
 Bart Sayet  
 Rosa Schaperow  
 Patricia Sher  
 Michele Snitkin  
 Edith Swatzburg  
 Jacob Levi Venooker



## April

### Anniversaries

Brian and Robbin Alpert  
 Steve and Judy Mann  
 Emilia and Valery Osovsky  
 Gregg and Sarah Selke  
 Ira and Janine Sitko

### April Yahrzeits

**April 2**  
 Alicia Bauer  
 Zoe Holmwood Church  
 Maria Cordero  
 Sarah Diamond  
 Evelyn Driessen  
 Pauline Frank  
 Marsha Gurwitz  
 Sally Miller  
 Jean Morea  
 Jerome Rosen  
 Zermina Senges  
 Allen Shedroff  
 Cvanio Tauer

**April 9**  
 Dorothy Dolly Abrams

Elias Altman  
 Samuel Bloom  
 Frances Church  
 Agnes Diamond  
 Shirley Feuerman  
 Robert Flax  
 Adolph Goldsmith  
 Louise Goldstein  
 Edward Gotleib  
 Yetta Hartman  
 Elaine Jacobs  
 Max Kline  
 Dorothy Jean Love  
 Judd Nordyk  
 Morris Rosenthal  
 Mary Rubin  
 Francis Segal  
 Samuel Sher  
 Leah Swiedler  
 Gordon Turner  
 Freda Weinberg

**April 16**  
 Steven Colsen  
 Louis Friedman  
 Dottie Glasgow  
 Paul Glasgow  
 Rebecca Goodman  
 Frank Kelco

## April Yahrzeits

Minnie Krumholtz  
 Samuel Kushner  
 Joseph Mann  
 Nathan Paulson  
 Ethel Perl  
 Alexander Pollak  
 Rose Schlesinger  
 David Schulman  
 Lillian Shapiro  
 Hope Stein  
 Bella Stricker  
 Rose Swiedler  
**April 23**  
 Helen Atkind  
 Gertrude Pat Blinderman  
 Jay Breslow  
 Edith Brown Deitch  
 Edward Edgar  
 Joseph Epstein  
 Abraham Allie Feldman  
 Minnie Flitt  
 Marsha Gurwitz  
 Helen Hans  
 Mira Kil  
 Murray Luftglass  
 Esau Mazur  
 Helen Michaelson  
 Beatrice Mittelman  
 Nathaniel Proper

Ruth Rebenfeld  
 Helen Rosenholtz  
 Pat Ruck  
 Leah Sher  
 Marlene Simon  
 Dorothy Spiegel  
 Rose Winter

**April 30**  
 Ruth Alpert  
 Craig Blumsack  
 Helen Dzurinin  
 Benjamin Fox  
 Anthony Freeman  
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## Purim Fundraiser Thank You Update

"Having this Purim fundraiser 2021 during this trying time in our lives was a great challenge from the orders, shopping, picking up of items and delivery of Mishloach Manot Bags. It is truly a mitzvah to have participated. **A Sincere and Heartfelt thank you to everyone.** Deborah Linder, Fundraising Coordinator to the following key helpers: Nancy Barnhart, Erva Beard, Chris Platt, Edee Smith, and Roberta Reisner-Winograd for being a major part of the Purim Mishloach Manot Assembly Committee and to all the delivery drivers who volunteered to drive their own vehicles and donated precious time to make this fundraiser happen: Erva Beard, Sean Bendick, Karen Bloustein, Michele Caton, Golda Doyle, Barry Feldman, Cecile Feldman, Joel Fernandez, Susan Lavender Fornara, Hali Keeler, Harriet Lesko, Amy Orce, Amy Perry, Susan Rosen, Karen Rosenberg, Edee Smith, Bill Seeman, and Shoshanna Weiss. My apologies if anyone is missing.

Purim this year was unique due to the Covid-19 Pandemic making it impossible to work together and celebrate so that we are grateful for the available support shown above and all the members and businesses in the local community listed below who made major donations so that everyone in the entire congregation could receive a reusable Mishloach Manot Bag.

*If you did not realize it, Sherry Barnes is being honored for her 20 years of service this year and we included a logo and saying on both our reusable Tote Bag and Night Shirt, "20 years and going strong" to show her our appreciation. May she continue to sing for us strong another 20 years!*

**Again, Our Major supporters who deserve a True Appreciation and Heartfelt thanks for our Purim**

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## ***In the Beit Midrash (House of Study) – 5781***

**Check the calendar on our website, [www.tewaterford.org](http://www.tewaterford.org) for links to classes and programs**

### **Rabbi's Coffee House: Tuesdays, 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**

Each week stop into Rabbi Marc's virtual coffee house and talk about whatever is on your mind. You'll have to make your own coffee.

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### **Mussar: Mondays, 12 P.M. to 1 P.M.**

Each week through the 2nd week in June. This discussion session will be based upon The Mussar Torah Commentary edited by Rabbi Barry Block and selections from the classic Mussar text Messilat Yesarim. Study and conversation led by Rabbi Marc.

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### **Adult Hebrew Translation Class with Sherry Barnes**

#### **Wednesdays, 11 A.M. to 12 P.M.**

This class has been meeting for a while and is up to chapter 13 in their book, Prayer Book Hebrew The Easy Way by EKS Publishing. Our goal is to be able to translate prayers and maybe even some Torah.

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### **Adult Beginning Hebrew Class with Sherry Barnes**

#### **Thursdays, 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

This class is open to anyone wanting to learn how to read Hebrew. We will start with the Hebrew Aleph-Bet and vowels. Our goal is to be able to read prayers in our siddur, prayer book. If you already know Hebrew, but are a bit rusty, you are also welcome to join the class. Bring your lunch and come learn Hebrew!

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### **Meditation, Prayer and Bible Study:**

#### **Saturday Mornings at 10 A.M. on the 2nd Saturday thru June**

A 15 to 20 minute prayer and meditation session based upon liturgy and verse followed by a 40 to 45 minute conversation based upon the Torah and Haftarah reading of the week. When a bar or bat mitzvah coincides with the 2nd Saturday, expect a traditional Reform liturgy open to the entire Emanu-El community. Meditation and study co- led by Rabbi Marc and Sherry Barnes.

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### **Shabbat Morning Learners Service**

#### **Saturday Mornings at 10 A.M. on the 3rd Saturday thru April**

### **Rabbi's Appointments**

Something on your mind that you need help thinking through or just need to talk about? Concerned about something going on at the Temple or in the community? Or you'd just like to get to know one another. Rabbi Marc is available nearly every day, except Wednesdays for one-on-one, couples, or family meetings. Contact Rabbi Marc directly or schedule an appointment through Roberta in the Temple office.

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**Questions can be directed to Rabbi Marc at [marcekstrand@gmail.com](mailto:marcekstrand@gmail.com) or Sherry Barnes at [shirie3860@aol.com](mailto:shirie3860@aol.com).**

**Zoom links will be posted on our Temple Emanu-El calendar which you can find on our website  
[www.tewaterford.org](http://www.tewaterford.org).**

## 2021 Howard Ilson Award -- Sean Bendick

It is with great joy that we announce the recipient of the Howard Ilson Award: **Sean Bendick**. As you all know, Sean stepped into the role of President with virtually no lead-in time. The good news is that he remained president during both the interim rabbi's one year with us, as well as welcoming our new rabbi, Marc Eksrand.

Sean continues to serve on the Board as the immediate past-president, and does so much more, both helping our congregation during auctions and in difficult times, as well as his time working with other Jewish community leaders. Leadership is one of the main reasons Sean received this award.

Sean, along with Cecile Feldman from last year, will hopefully stand together next Fall at the temple to receive the award live and in-person. Congratulations Sean!



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### The 4th Annual Henny Simon Remembrance **Seeking Refuge: Shanghai & Beyond** Journeys from Peril to Freedom

Special Guest: **Laurence Tribe**, Harvard Law Professor Emeritus, whose family sought refuge in Shanghai during the Holocaust



Featuring **Helen Elperina**, noted teacher and daughter of a Holocaust survivor, whose family sought refuge from the Soviet Union



Zoom presentation

**Sunday, April 11th at 2:00 PM**

Watch your Hadassah email for zoom link  
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## Community Holocaust Observance -- Wednesday, April 7



Please join the JFEC and synagogues around Eastern CT for our **Community-Wide Yom Hashoah Service on Wednesday evening, April 7 at 7pm.**

The theme of the evening is the **Fire of the Holocaust, Candles of Remembrance, and the Light of Re-birth.**

**The Federation has arranged to obtain Yahrzeit candles, each of which is labeled with the name of a Holocaust victim.** We encourage you to contact the Federation at **860-442-8062** or email **Marcia Reinhard** at [mreinhard@jfec.com](mailto:mreinhard@jfec.com) or **Mimi Perl** at [mimi@jfec.com](mailto:mimi@jfec.com) and let us know you would like to reserve a Yahrzeit candle. We hope that everyone, including children (with supervision), will choose to light a yahrzeit candle with us during the remembrance program. You may request more than one if you have children at home. **There is no charge for the candles.** We will let you know where and when to pick up your candles.

We look forward to seeing our community come together to commemorate the Holocaust, remember those who perished and look to a brighter future when hate, bigotry and discrimination are known only through the lessons of history.

## Community Yom Haatzmaut Celebration -- Thursday, April 15



Yom Haatzmaut -- Israel Independence Day --

**Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 PM**

Celebrate Israel at 73

Special program presented by  
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