



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

In I Kings 21, we read a story about King Ahab and his coveting of the vineyard of Naboth. Ahab lives in

Samaria, which is the present day Northern West Bank. Ahab approaches Naboth and asks for him to give Ahab his vineyard. Ahab wanted the vineyard for a vegetable garden. He promises Naboth a better vineyard in exchange or, if he preferred, offered to pay Naboth for the land. Naboth refuses the exchange of land, and the money. Naboth says, "Lord forbid that I should give away the estate of my fathers." The vineyard was an inheritance from his ancestors.

Ahab returned to his palace sulking and refusing to eat. His wife, Jezebel, saw him distraught and asked why he was so upset. He told her about Naboth and his unwillingness to trade the vineyard or accept money for it. However, note that Ahab reversed the order of offers he made to Naboth and left out that the fact that the vineyard is Naboth's ancestral land altogether. Ahab made it seem as if Naboth just refused to sell for no good reason.

Jezebel told Ahab to get up and act like a king. Where he couldn't get the job done, she pledges to get the vineyard for Ahab. She enlists the elite of the Northern Kingdom by sending them letters in the king's name. She called for a fast and a gathering where two scoundrels were paid to witness against Naboth. The accused him of blasphemy. Naboth was taken out of the city and stoned to death for supposedly cursing God and king.

Now that Naboth was out of the way, Jezebel encouraged Ahab to go down and take possession of the vineyard. Enter our prophet Elijah.

Elijah was told by God to meet Ahab in the vineyard and give him a message, "Where dogs licked Naboth's blood, they will lick your blood too."

In I Kings 22, Elijah's prophecy played out. I'll let you read that dramatic account for yourself. I will only say here that Ahab surrounded himself repeatedly with advisors that were all too willing to tell him what only what he wanted to hear and acquired for him all that he wanted, regardless of the moral implications.

Naboth, on the other hand, felt the inherent importance of the land of his ancestors. No amount of money would have been enough, nor would any land have been sufficient in trade. Had Ahab acted as a righteous king, he would have heard Naboth's reasons for not selling, perhaps found some other suitable land, or simply planted his garden within the walls of his own palace. But where kings dwell, often corruption seeps in.

As I am writing this article, tension and violence has erupted once again in Israel. **At the heart of this tension is land, who possesses it in the present, and who has a historical claim.** In the biblical story King Ahab didn't have the power to claim Naboth's vineyard for his own. He could not, even as king, force Naboth to sell. It was because of this reality that Jezebel resorted to deception and murder. In the present, East Jerusalem and the West Bank, are all too often the backdrop for legalized and illegal land grabs.

Yet, to equate the current Israeli-Palestinian issue to a real estate transactions gone bad would be to grossly minimize and trivialize over 50 years of occupation and the lives lost on both sides. Israel has every right to defend itself. Palestinians have every right to demand autonomy and self-determination.

It is clear that there will be no suitable resolution without trusted mediators leading the Israelis and Palestinians toward a solution. I pray that the United States can rebuild the relationships necessary to be a trusted mediator and lead Israel and the Palestinians to a two state solution and a lasting peace.

L'shalom, **Rabbi Marc**

See Page 9 for information about the
Annual Congregational Meeting on
June 13 @ 1 PM on Zoom

President's Message



All good things must come to an end.

My time to serve Temple Emanu-El as your president came at what may have been the strangest time in history. I ascended to the presidency abruptly in Janu-

ary 2021, spent 2 or 3 Shabbats sitting on the bima and delivering the announcements after services, and then went away on a long-awaited vacation to Chile and Argentina while a newly identified virus was just starting to make the news. By the time I returned, the world had changed. And on March 11, 2020, during the second board meeting of my presidency, we made the prescient decision to close the doors of our beloved temple due to the threat posed by the novel coronavirus, which was named a pandemic on that very day by the World Health Organization. Within 48 hours, the other religious organizations in our area and many other businesses had followed suit, and COVID-19 was declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020. My last day in my 200-person, poorly ventilated office was March 16, 2020. I have been privileged enough to work from home since that time.

And here we are, in June 2021, preparing to hold another annual meeting on Zoom. I missed out on some of the “fun” parts of being president, like getting to know congregants at onegs, the Starry Night gala, and holiday celebrations, and having the honor of standing on the bima holding the Torah during the Kol Nidre service. But what I gained was deeper than that. I saw the resilience of our congregation when we had to abruptly shift to an entirely new way of operating. I got to see old connections strengthened and new connections forged when we went virtual, which despite its drawbacks, also allowed some congregants who could not attend services and programs in person to have increased accessibility to temple offerings. And by the time you read this, hopefully outdoor in-person Shabbat services at Temple Emanu-El will have started and we will be actively planning a return to indoor services and events.

There is no way that I can thank every one of you by name, but know that each of you has played a role in keeping Temple Emanu-El a vibrant community during the most challenging time in our history. First and

foremost, I want to thank **Rabbi Marc Ekstrand**. His skill sets as a spiritual leader, an engineer, a manager, a teacher, a community activist, and a visionary were highly valued during the past year and a half. I am proud to call him my rabbi, and my friend. And the beautiful voice of **Sherry Barnes**, our cantorial soloist and the heart and soul of Temple Emanu-El came shining through on Zoom just as beautifully as if we were in person. While I am certain that Sherry would prefer to hear all of us singing along with her, her sweet voice and her melodies gave us all comfort throughout the pandemic, when we needed it the most.

I also want to offer a heartfelt thanks to **Roberta Reisner-Winograd**. No one knows Temple Emanu-El like Roberta, and she has always been there to guide me back when I have made mistakes or overlooked something. She was a wealth of information for me as a new president, and was instrumental in getting accurate and timely documents to me so that I could apply for two federal Payroll Protection Program loans on behalf of the temple, and then apply for forgiveness of such loans. I also wish to thank recent past presidents **Sean Bendick, Gail Weber, and Jonathan Rowe** for mentoring me and always being willing to be a sounding board, advise me on bylaws interpretations, and in so many other ways helped me transition into my role.

I want to thank **Armi Rowe and Jennifer Zettler** for doing such a phenomenal job with the transition to virtual Religious School. I have heard nothing but positives about how well our entire Religious School staff was able to engage and teach our youngest members during these unprecedented times, and Armi, Jen, and **all the teachers** have my utmost admiration and respect. I look forward to watching **Rachel O'Brien** carry forward this work and continue to enliven our Religious School experience!

Thanks to the entire **Temple Emanu-El Board of Directors** for all your hard work and your very quick adjustment to Zoom meetings! Every single one of you cares deeply about the future of Temple Emanu-El, and it is very evident in the thoughtful discussions and occasional disagreements that we have! And I especially wish to thank our executive board members **Sean Bendick, Andy Parad, Tom Smith, Jo Michaelson, Russell Sheikowitz, Bruce Goldstein, Marcia Reinhard,**

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and **Deb Linder** for your willingness to step into leadership roles and to volunteer so much of your time to our community. I look forward to continuing to work with you in my new role.

I want to thank **Gail Weber** for the countless hours that she has spent chairing the Community Campus committee, and also to thank our committee members **Kenn Fischburg, Nate Weiss, Rabbi Marc, and Andy Parad** (who took over for me in March 2021 when I needed to delegate some of my responsibilities). I know firsthand the number of hours you spend each and every month to bring this project to fruition for the betterment of our entire Jewish community.

Finally, I wish to thank our COVID-19 Task Force/Re-Entry Committee members **Andy Parad, Sandy Greenhouse, Jo Michaelson, Barbara Wolfe, Lois Panikoff, Rabbi Marc, Sherry Barnes, Armi Rowe, Jennifer Zettler, Roberta Reisner-Winograd, and Russell Sheikowitz** for our numerous meetings, data analysis, and outreach to other Jewish organizations in order to help us collectively make the best decisions possible to keep our members safe while still maintaining the sense of love and community that Temple Emanu-El values. This committee will be working hard over the upcoming weeks and months to plan for the reopening of the building, to include plans in the immediate pre-

sent for outdoor and then indoor Shabbat services, and then a return to in-person Religious School for fall 2021, considerations for the High Holidays, the return of renters to Temple Emanu-El, the return of in-person life cycle events, and the return of in-person social events and fundraisers. We can't wait until we can all be together again!

I owe a huge thank you to my significant other **Sandy Greenhouse**, who has had to endure me being up-stairs on Zoom meetings most nights of the week and has always been willing to listen when I occasionally left those meetings either inspired or frustrated! I could not have been successful without his love, support, and his willingness to do the dishes while I Zoomed into yet another evening meeting!

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). And as my time as your president comes to an end, I most of all want to thank **all of you** for the tremendous strength and resilience that we have shown in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through our shared commitment to and love for Temple Emanu-El and one another, we have kept our community together. I couldn't have asked for anything more.

With love and peace,

Jo-el

Notes from Sherry Barnes



I have always felt close to G*d. Even as a kid, I knew that there was something bigger than me. Not only in me, but also around me in the people I met, and in the beauty of nature. When covid hit, I slowly stopped going out on my

morning walks. Now that I am fully vaccinated, I am trying to get back into my old routine of morning walks to the beach. Walking outside again, not good for my allergies, but good for my soul, is like having life breathed back into you.

I've missed walking. Not only was it good for my physical body, but this is when I would have my discussions

with G-d. These conversations helped me to focus on my inner well-being. I realized that I had stopped having these conversations with G-d about nine months into covid. I suppose over the years, G*d has been my therapist and my safe harbor.

One of G*d's many names is haMakom, the Place. G*d is the "Place," that I have always turned to for solace, to vent when I am upset, and also to express my thankfulness. I remember the first time I heard Debbie Friedman sing "**You Are the One**", based on Reb Nachman's Prayer. The lyrics she sang expressed exactly how I felt! This is what she sang,:

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"You are the one, for this I pray, that I may have the strength to be alone. To see the world, to stand among the trees, and all the living things. That I may stand alone and offer prayers and talk to You; You are the One to whom I do belong. And I'll sing my soul, I'll sing my soul to You and give You all that's in my heart. May all the foliage of the fields, all grasses, trees, and plants, awaken at my coming, this I pray, and send their life into my words of prayer. So that my speech, my thoughts, and my prayers will be made whole, and through the spirit of all growing things. And we know that you are one, because we know that everything is You."

Rabbi Judith Schindler wrote these words about Reb Nachman, "Reb Nachman found G*d in the sanctuary of nature. He taught that we should pray to G*d by going on solitary walks through fields and forests. We should hear the songs of the plants and trees — each one sing-

ing its own melody to G*d and we should pour out our hearts."



As we step out of our homes into life and into the beauty of nature once more, may the teaching of Reb Nachman's love of G*d and nature, inspire us.

Here is the link for Debbie Friedman's song, sung by her very good friend, Julie Silver. Enjoy.

[\(12\) "You Are The One" \(Song 11 of 16\) from Shabbat Unplugged - YouTube](#)

Thank you to all those who have helped with Zooming our services this month. A big thank you to Sean Bendick for setting up this system for us. You have opened the synagogue doors to so many that could not physically be in our space.

Wishing everyone a safe and beautiful summer!

B'shir,

Sherry

Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TERS)



When our families joined Temple Emanu-El years ago, many Temple members shared that TE felt like a second home. It has been a joy for us over the past twelve years as both teachers and Religious School Co-Directors to see your children make so many connections through Religious School and, we hope, for your families to find that same sense of belonging and Jewish community. We feel honored to be part of your children's Jewish education and blessed to work with Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry, as well as with so many talented and dedicated teachers, faculty assistants, and young emissaries. However, with our youngest

children heading off to college in the fall, we have each made the difficult decision that the time has come for us to pursue new goals next year and step down from our roles at Religious School.



We are excited to announce that Temple leadership has selected **Rachel O'Brien** to be the new School Director, beginning officially on July 1st. Many of your

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children have had the pleasure of having Rachel as their teacher in the younger grades. What you may not know is that, in addition to her strong background in Judaics and Hebrew, Rachel is also a CT Certified K-12 Teacher and Certified School Counselor. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Child Psychology and a Master of Education degree in Counseling from Fordham University, and has experience in public schools in both Connecticut and Westchester, NY. In addition to teaching in Religious School, Rachel has also previously served on the Temple board and she and her family have been members of Temple Emanu-El for the past nine years.

Rachel brings a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm, along with lots of new ideas, to this position and you can expect to hear from her over the summer about plans for next year. Thank you very much for your support and encouragement during our tenure. It has meant a great deal to both of us and we look forward to seeing you at services over the summer and other Temple events next year. Over the next month we will assist with Rachel's transition into her new role and are available if you have any questions.

Thank you especially for your support during this past Covid year. What a year it's been! Because of our fan-

tastic teachers and your commitment, Religious School was able to continue in a meaningful and educational way this year. Please visit the website to see the beautiful video Armi made to celebrate your children. The great news is that the current plan for Religious School is to be back in the building next fall (as long as Covid circumstances permit). Be on the lookout soon for your registration packets and please send them back as soon as you can to assist in planning for next year.

Lastly, we are pleased to share two other pieces of great Religious School news. First, **Steve Panikoff**, whose background is in education and school administration, **has agreed to chair the Religious School Committee**. We know the school will benefit from his leadership and participation. Please let us know if you are interested in joining this committee. Second, we would like to **gratefully acknowledge several anonymous donations that were recently made to benefit Religious School**. Todah rabah – we are very appreciative of your generosity and your commitment to the future of TERS.

Shalom,

Armi Rowe & Jennifer Zettler
Co-Directors, TERS

SISTERHOOD -- Merrill Mazzella & Gail Weber, Co-Presidents



Dear Sisterhood Friends,

We finally have exciting news to share with all of you! Our End of the Year Sisterhood event will take place on Thursday, June 10 at 6:00 PM under the tent at McCook Point Park & Beach in Niantic **IN PERSON!** We are thrilled that the time has finally come where we

can all be together and catch up with our lives over the past 15 months. Please mark your calendar and come be part of the excitement.

SAVE THE DATE

End of the Year Sisterhood Get-Together
THURSDAY, JUNE 10 FROM 6:00-8:00PM
McCook Point Park & Beach, Niantic Under the Tent
BYOP - Bring your own picnic including beverage of choice and plastic drinking cup.

This will be an evening of socializing after 15 months of being isolated. We are so excited to see all of you.

Masks are optional if you are fully vaccinated. If you

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are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask to this event, per CDC guidelines. There is another event that evening being held in the Pavilion, so parking is at a premium. We suggest you try to carpool.

A huge **thank you to Eileen Shapiro** for coordinating our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service. which was held on May 7. She selected beautiful readings and made our service very special.



Our next **Book Club** is a two-part event. On **Wed evening, Sept 1 at 7:00 PM**, we will be discussing **“Here All Along; Finding Meaning, Spirituality and a Deeper Connection to Life in Judaism”** by Sarah Hurwitz. Ms. Hurwitz was a speech writer for Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama. At the age of 36, she enrolled in a beginner’s class on Judaism and that is where her story begins.

Then on **Thurs., Sept 23 at 7:00 PM**, we will have the **pleasure of hearing Sarah Hurwitz speak on Zoom**. WRJ organized this event, and we are one of 19 other Sisterhoods in the region who are sponsors of it. So this event is free for you and we hope you will take advantage of it. I heard her speak at the Fried Conference this spring and she was quite engaging.

As always, check your emails and the temple website to stay up to date on Sisterhood happenings. We always love to hear from you so if you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

See you soon! We can’t wait!

Gail & Merrill

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

Happy June everyone. I wish everyone a wonderful summer. Summer has been a time when the gift shop does not have regular hours, but you can always shop by using the website. It is easy and convenient. You can access it by going to the Temple website (tewaterford.org) and clicking the image for the Judaica Shop.

Now that we are having Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, please browse our selection of tallits. Also, if you need to order kippot for an event please contact me. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the order to be processed.



I just want to give a quick reminder of the reasons to make purchases at our gift shop. The primary reason is cost. There are many items at the gift shop which are cheaper than on Amazon. Since we are a nonprofit organization, there is no sales tax.

Another reason is that the Sisterhood provides monetary support for many aspects of the Temple, including the funding for Religious School programs, through proceeds from the gift shop.

Proceeds from the gift shop (with Brotherhood's help) also purchase the kiddush cups and candlesticks which each B'nai Mitzvah receives, as well as electric menorahs for our college freshman so they can celebrate Hanukkah in their dorms.

Please think about these reasons when purchasing Judaica items. Your money stays at Temple Emanu-El.

Please contact me

at Judaicashop@tewaterford.org for orders or questions.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Susan Hausmann



GABRIEL M. GROSSMAN Bar Mitzvah - June 5, 2021



Gabriel Matthew Grossman will become a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, June 5, 2021**, assisting Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes in leading services on Friday evening, June 4, and Saturday morning. Gabe is the

son of Sabrina Gurwitz/Chris Giovanazzi and Jonathan and Lisa Grossman, brother to Madelyn Cates, Max Grossman, and Allyson Cates. He is the grandchild to Alan Gurwitz and Caren Rudin, Marsha Hobbs, Leonard and Pamela Grossman, John and Janis Krotsis, and Kim Beene. Gabe has been a student at the religious school of Temple Emanu-El since kindergarten, engaged in religious activities, embracing Jewish teachings and traditions. He has been working nonstop to-

wards his Bar Mitzvah through these tough times. He has remained focused on preparation through changes and setbacks.

Gabe attends Groton Middle School where he is a high honor student and plays the saxophone in the school band. He has been engaged in sports since age 5. He has been an active player in Groton-Mystic Youth Football, Groton Basketball Association, and Groton Little League/Groton All-Stars/Mystic Clippers/Pawcatuck Senior League and is excited to see what adventures await in high school sports. Gabe prides himself on surrounding himself with close friends and family, academics, and sports.

Gabe remembers those that have passed and watch down on him from above: paternal great grandfather/great grandmother- Conrad and Francis Wertheim, maternal great grandmother- Marsha Gurwitz, and maternal grandmother- Rochelle Gurwitz.

JOSHUA R JOHNSON Bar Mitzvah - June 26, 2021



Joshua Ryan Johnson will assist Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday June 26, 2021** at Temple Emanu-El in Waterford, CT.

Joshua's parents are Thea Kallan Johnson of Norwich and Daniel Johnson of Uncasville. His grandparents are Barbara and Peter Kallan of Gales Ferry and Gloria and

Phillip Morris of Ledyard. His siblings are Jillian Kallan, 23; Ethan Johnson, 16; and Zachary Johnson, 28. Joshua has been a member of Temple Emanu El his entire life and is the final family member of the Kallan and Kallan/Johnson household to celebrate becoming a B'nai Mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El.

Joshua is an Eighth-grade student at Leonard J. Tyl Middle School in Montville. He loves playing basketball and lacrosse. He enjoys playing video games and spending time with his friends and family.

Religious Practices

We have been meeting via zoom at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month throughout the pandemic. As Rabbi Marc and Sherry have led us through these odd times, our committee has supported new initiatives and helped organize our congregation's remote celebrations. We have welcomed some new members to the committee and are eager to engage with even more congregants. Please contact Roberta at the Tem-

ple office if you would like to attend meetings. It's a great way to understand more about Reform Judaism and become more involved in Shabbat and holiday services.

With the onset of good weather and the progress made against Corona virus infections, we're excited to

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Events & Service Schedule

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

www.tewaterford.org

June 2	Wed.	Adult Hebrew Translation Class	11:00 A.M.
June 3	Thur.	Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
June 4	Fri.	Shabbat Service/ outdoors bring your own chair	6:00 P.M.
June 5	Sat.	Shabbat Morning Service	
		Gabe Grossman Bar Mitzvah	10:00 A.M.
June 9	Wed.	Adult Hebrew Translation Class	11:00 A.M.
June 9	Wed.	Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30 P.M.
June 10	Thur.	Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
June 10	Thur.	Temple Emanu-El Program McCooks Beach	7:00 P.M.
June 11	Fri.	Shabbat Service/ outdoors bring your own chair	6:00 P.M.
June 16	Wed.	Adult Hebrew Translation Class	11:00 A.M.
June 17	Thur.	Beginning Hebrew Class	12:00 P.M.
June 18	Fri.	Shabbat Service/ outdoors bring your own chair	6:00 P.M.
June 19	Sat.	Shabbat Morning Service	
		Jordan Stein Bat Mitzvah	10:00 A.M.
June 25	Fri.	Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 P.M.
June 26	Sat.	Shabbat Morning Service	
		Joshua Johnson Bar Mitzvah	10:00 A.M.

OUTDOOR - IN PERSON

Shabbat Evening Services

Bring Your Own Chair and Spread Out in the Parking Lot

Starting June 4 / Start Time is 6:00 P.M.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be on Zoom only.

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begin to see everyone in person! Outdoor events in the summer are always a relief after winter's gloominess especially this year. We are planning to go to Bluff Point in July or August (or maybe more than once!) for our Shabbat morning picnic brunch and song-poetry-Shabbat celebration. Please follow the weekly updates and the next bulletin for details about this event and other outdoor happenings.

Of course, we are also looking forward to having services indoors again. We are working with the Rabbi

and Sherry, as well as following the recommendations of the Temple Re-Entry committee, about this.

I have enjoyed chairing this committee but Temple bylaws dictate how long anyone can hold this position. Later this summer when the new Board of Trustees begins its work, **Claire Warren** will be the new chairperson of Religious Practices. She will do a fabulous job!

Jo Michaelson

Annual Congregational Meeting June 13 @ 1 PM on Zoom



June 13, 2021 @ 1 P.M. on Zoom

All congregants are encouraged to **register ahead of time** for the Zoom meeting. All those who are in good standing, may vote via Zoom.

- Proposed 2021-

2022 Budget

- Proposed Bylaws changes to Section VI: Officers
- Proposed 2021-2022 Board of Trustees

If you cannot make the meeting, and you are a member in good standing an Absentee ballot may be requested.

Please note all dates/restrictions.

Ballots may be requested by contacting the office, 443-3005 prior to May 28. The office will be closed May 29-June 7. After May 28 contact Sherry Barnes, shirie3860@aol.com or 860-443-3005 ext. #3.

To have your absentee ballot count, note the return deadlines:

- In person by Friday, June 4, 2:00 P.M. Call ahead to ensure Sherry Barnes is in the building.
- Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Saturday, June 5.
- E-mailed ballots must be received by Sherry by Sunday, June 6.

If this is too confusing for you, please plan on attending the Zoom meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqfuytqD4jGNx64JvEtWyGo6l17NX9zWT8>

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

You can also find a *clickable* registration link in your Friday, Email message.

Communications Committee June 2021 WEBSITE Update

As part of the Communications Committee objectives, Temple Emanu-El transitioned to a new website design in 2018. Along with Aaron Kaplan (thanks Aaron!), I strive to keep our website updated, and, besides including our Temple's new Vision Statement, we have added a few new things to explore. Read on to find out what you can discover at tewaterford.org

Under Highlights near the top of our homepage, you will find pertinent information and links to upcoming events. You will also find our Recipe of the Month, compliments of Flossie Betten. Click on the link to see what new yummy option is posted for June, and then scroll down to find other delicious recipes you might have missed!

Below Highlights you can click on Recent Programs to see if you missed any recent special events. Want to watch our infamous 2021 Purim Spiel? Did you miss Merrill's challah baking class? Check them out here!

Thanks to Roberta Reisner-Winograd, our calendar under Upcoming Events is up to date with services, classes, and special events. Need to know what time services start or an event begins? Check out

the calendar!

Click on Lifelong Learning for updated Adult Education classes and up to date Religious School information. Thanks to Armi Rowe for updating the Religious School page.

TE in the Community gives you information on ways you can become involved, along with contact information for the committee chairperson. (For updates on the Social Action Committee, click on Social Action on the top of this page or under Get Involved in the blue bar to the left.)

Our website focuses on what is happening at Temple Emanu-El, but for links to events and information from other Jewish organizations such as URJ, JFEC, Hadassah, and other local synagogues, click on Jewish Community Links on the Temple Emanu-El Homepage.

You can now shop at the Temple Emanu-El Judaica Shop by clicking the link on the Temple website. Thanks to Susan and David Hausmann, this site contains over 300 items! Susan will arrange to connect with you for product delivery.

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Please note that when viewing our website on a computer you will see a vertical blue bar on the left with our logo and navigation tabs such as About Us, Worship, Learning, and Get

Involved. When viewing on a mobile device, such as a phone or tablet, this blue bar appears as a small box with lines in the upper left corner. Please touch or select this box and the blue bar will appear for you to easily navigate through the website.

Click the white arrows in the blue bar to see what categories are there, such as current Information about Sisterhood events. You can always find the latest letters from our President, Rabbi, and Cantorial Soloist under Bulletin in the blue bar, or by clicking on Our Leadership on the Homepage under Welcome.

You can donate to our Temple right from the homepage! Just click the Donate button to make a donation through Pay Pal, either by using a Pal Pal account or a credit card.

As a side note, another source for Temple information is our Temple Facebook page. Thanks to Jo-el Fernandez for keeping this page informative and up to date. There is a link to our Facebook page at the bottom of the Homepage on our website.

Mazel Tov to...

Gail and Steve Weber
on the marriage of their daughter,
Dara Weber to Jeff Ritterband

Bruce and Lori Goldstein
on the marriage of their daughter,
Andrea Goldstein to James Anouna

Roberta Reisner-Winograd and Sam Winograd
on the marriage of their son,
Yitzchak Winograd to Amanda Wycoff

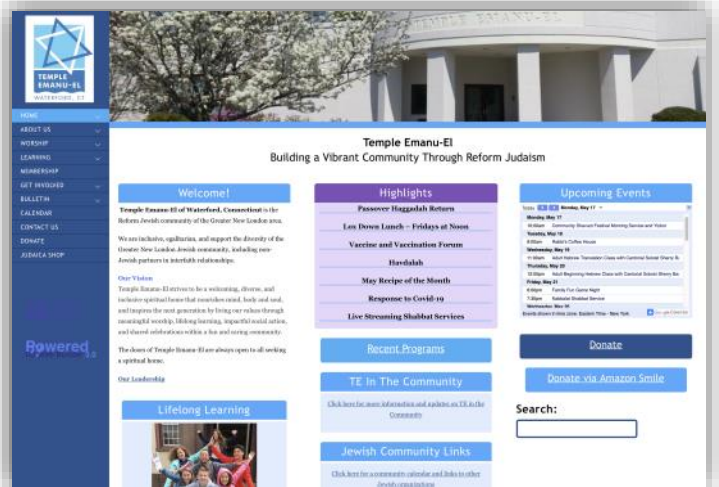


Please explore our site to find detailed information on a range of topics, from spiritual, to educational, to just plain fun! Let us know if you find an issue or have a comment or idea about our website by sending me a note at the email address below.

Type **tewaterford.org** into your search bar and check out our website. Happy perusing!

Sue Fornara

communications@tewaterford.org



Condolences to...

Edith Ziegler
on the passing of
Irving Ziegler on April 26, 2021
Sean and Anne Bendick and family
on the passing of Sean's father,
Donald Bendick on May 7, 2021
Patricia and Alvin Sher and family
on the passing of Patricia's mother,
Germaine Ruderman



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

Cantor's Fund

Henry Dunkerley

--in loving memory of Alice Werner on her
yahrzeit

Romana and Chuck Primus

--in honor of Sean Bendick receiving the Howard
Ilson Award

Essential Services Fund

Brianna Agnew Weber

Kenn and Kim Fischburg

Caren and Bob Linden and family

--in loving memory of Irene Fox on her yahrzeit

Carol Curland

--in appreciation of friends

Deborah, Jared, Hannah and Sam Linder

--in honor of Anna Sheikowitz Bat Mitzvah

--in appreciation for Karen Rosenberg's
continuous support of our youth in the Jewish
Community

Ellen and Stephen Zane

--in memory of Martin Yavener

Flossie and Michael Betten

--thank you to the Campus Committee for all the
dedication and hard work

Henry and Jane Weinberg

--in loving memory of David Rifkin on his yahrzeit

Jane and Marvin Schnur

--in loving memory of Eleanor Samuels Schnur on
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URJ Survey

As you may remember, Temple Emanu-El sent out a survey last year as part of a Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) initiative. The data gathered from Temple Emanu-El and many other congregations was used to gauge the effects of the pandemic on URJ congregations. We directly benefited from your responses, letting us know what we were doing well and what we needed to improve upon. The feedback we received, which was overwhelmingly positive, was very helpful. The survey was also part of a larger initiative called the Benchmarking and Assessment Project. This project has also included a review of Temple governance and operation. Over the coming months, the URJ will be assisting us in developing an action plan to help strengthen our congregation and ensure its future.

It is now time to go through another step in the Benchmarking and Assessment Project process. You should have received an e-mail for the survey. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience. The more feedback we get, good or bad, the more this will help us going forward. The URJ stands ready to help us as an organization and this survey is an important part of making that happen. Thank you in advance for your help.

Andy Parad, Vice President
Rabbi Marc Ekstrand

Jews & Baseball with Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg, June 9



On Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 PM Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, will give a virtual talk on Jews & Baseball open to all on the Congregation Beth El JETI speakers program. **To receive a link contact the Beth El Office at 860 442 0418.**

Discover the amazing connection between members of our tribe and the national pastime. We may be only 2% of the U.S. population and 1% of the Major League Players, but you will be surprised by the fascinating managers, owners, commissioner, announcers, reporters and yes, stars on the ball field. Learn about the first professional baseball player, the catcher who was a spy, the man behind the Black Sox Scandal, what really happened on the High Holidays, who is playing now and the Israeli Olympic Baseball Team. Find out who was called Super Jew, Designated Hebrew, the Rabbi of Swat, and the Hebrew Hammer.

Temple Audio Visual Club Looking for Members

Were you in your High School's AV Club? Jealous of the kids that were? Are you studying Video Production and are looking for some related volunteer hours? Or are you, like me, just a nerd who likes playing with computers and cameras? Well, the Temple can use your help!

As we get closer to returning to services in our sanctuary, we want to continue to use platforms like Zoom to engage members and friends who may not be able to join us in person. To support continuing our virtual presence, the sanctu-

ary is being wired for broadcast. Cameras have been installed, and we've purchased equipment to help polish our service's production quality. **The only thing we're missing is YOU!**

I'm looking for a group of people interested in running the video production on Friday Nights and other events. Computer experience is important. Video production experience is helpful, but not necessary. **If you're interested, please contact Sean Bendick at sbendick@gmail.com, or contact the Temple Office.**

June Birthdays

Francis Baskey
Kaitlyn Bendick
Matthew Daniels
Hanna DeBruyn
Nava Ekstrand
Ilan Ekstrand
Jeffrey P. Elkin
Matthew Elkin
Aliza Elkin
Emily Feldman
Ben Flax
Daimon Flax
Charlotte Frank
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June

Anniversaries

Lynn and Jean Brown
Gary and Iris Freeman
Richard and Myra Gipstein
Paul and Andrea Kanfer
Arthur Fox and Pamela
Kilbey-Fox
David and Keli Levine
Robert and Caren Linden
Gregory Morea and
Barbara Luftglass-Morea
Steven and Caryn Novick
Judd Mayer and Dale
Zechman Rosen
William and Ellen Seeman
Charles and Susan
Seeman
John Murphy and
Barbara Senges
Robert and Nancy Trostler
Henry and Jane Weinberg



June 4

Ellen Abrahms
Milton Ballot
Katherine Edgar
Leon Elston
Sadie Garfinkel
Michael Green
John Greenhalgh
David Levin
Marcelle Levine
Katerina Morozenko
Margaret Ratner
Edgar Sevilla
Hazel Shaw
Anita Thorp
Warren Young

June 11

George Bor
Matthew Edgar
Dr. Irving Fox
Zachary Fradkin
Jerry Freeman
Michael Glazer
Stuart Glenn
Sylvia Katz
Samuel Kronick
Irving Kronisch
Israel Lazev

June Yahrzeits

Shirley Lebowitz
Ben Massman
Harry Rollman
Alex J-C Shulman
Jack Stern
Edna Sunshine
Louis Weiss
Sarah Ziegler

June 18

Alexander Bochain
Julius Cantor
James Fearer
Siebert Feldman
Aaron Isaac
Evelyn Kaplan
Boris Kil
Charles Kilbey
William Leader
Julio Roque Martinez
Scott Morganstern
Aaron Nassau
Elaine Perry
Larry Spees
Abner West
Bob Workman

June 25

Sigmund Beck

Muriel Berkowitz
Benjamin Brody
Michael Comer
Rebecca Feldman
Barney Fishbone
Alvin "Sonny" Flitt
Esther Irwin
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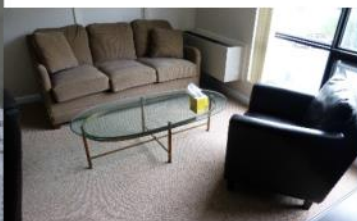
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On the home page scroll down
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and click the first date of the movie
you want and follow the prompts.

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registration for the movie.

A movie link will be emailed
each Wednesday to those
who have registered
in advance prior to the
screening of the movie
for that week.

If you wait until the first
night of the movie or
later to register, look for an
email at the end of the
business day with
the movie link.

Thursday – Sunday, June 3–6

THEY AIN'T READY FOR ME (USA; English; 88 minutes)

Tamar Manasseh, is a fearless community leader, working tirelessly to prevent more people from being killed by gun violence. Tamar's complex identity and magnetic personality combine to make her a force to be reckoned with, and she hasn't even hit her stride yet.

Speaker: Sunday, June 6, 7:30 pm

Thursday – Sunday, June 10–13

HERE WE ARE (Israel / Italy; Hebrew w/English subtitles; 92 minutes)

Aharon has devoted his life to raising his son Uri. They live together in a gentle routine, away from the real world. But Uri is autistic, and now as a young adult it might be time for him to live in a specialized home. While on their way to the institution, Aharon decides to run away with his son and hits the road, knowing that Uri is not ready for this separation. Or is it, in fact, his father who is not ready?

* Thursday, June 17 at Noon – Sunday, June 20 at Noon

THE SPY BEHIND HOME PLATE (USA; English; 100 minutes)

In this first ever feature-length documentary about the enigmatic Moe Berg, Aviva Kempner again focuses her camera on a little-known Jewish hero. From the streets of Newark to five major league teams during baseball's Golden Age to his secret life spying for the OSS during WWII...Berg's improbable story is told with rare historical footage and revealing interviews with family and an All-Star roster from the worlds of history, sports and spy craft. **Speaker:** Sunday, June 20, 7:30 pm

Thursday – Sunday, June 24–27

CRESCENDO (Germany; English and Hebrew w/English subtitles; 106 minutes)

When world-famous conductor Eduard Spörck accepts the job to create an Israeli-Palestinian youth orchestra, he is quickly drawn into a tempest of sheer unsolvable problems. Having grown up in a state of war, suppression or constant risk of terrorist attacks, the young musicians from both sides are far from able to form a team. Lined up behind the two best violinists – the emancipated Palestinian Layla and the handsome Israeli Ron – they form two parties who deeply mistrust each other, on and off-stage alike. Will Spörck succeed and make the young people forget their hatred, at least for the three weeks until the concert?

Speaker: Sunday, June 27, 7:30 pm

Movie links will be emailed Wednesday prior to film

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