



## 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 Stalled silent debates about the balance between progressive policy and preserving history have been replaced by swift action to remove symbols erected as much to intimidate minorities as they were to honor perceived heroes.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](mailto:marcekstrand@gmail.com) or visit the Religious Action Center at [www.rac.org](http://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

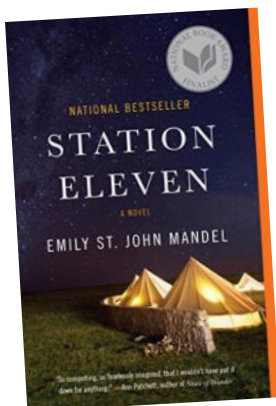
**Hi Ladies,**

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](mailto: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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Gail and Steve Weber  
---in memory of Betsy Ryan on her yahrzeit  
---in memory of Ruth K. Alpert  
---in honor of the birth of Lois and Stephen Panikoff's  
granddaughter, Maya Sadie Panikoff  
Joanna and Martin Lazarus  
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---in memory of Louis Dinsfriend on his yahrzeit  
---in memory of Nora Dinsfriend on her yahrzeit  
Lois and Steve Panikoff  
---in loving memory of Evelyn Kaplan on her yahrzeit  
Martin and Margaret Trehub  
---in loving memory of George Trehub on his yahrzeit  
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---in loving memory of Janice Reisner, mother of  
Roberta Reisner-Winograd

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---in memory of Alicia Bauer  
---in memory of Sandy Fisher's Aunt Mildred  
Elsa Freedman  
---in memory of my good friend Alicia Bauer  
Teresa and David Von Bank  
---in memory of Alicia Bauer

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Louise Feldman Baskey  
---in loving memory of Siebert Feldman on his yahrzeit

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Barry and Cecile Feldman  
---in celebration of the birth of a grandchild to Jean Lasser  
and Jeff Elkin  
Irving Ziegler  
---in loving memory of Sarah Ziegler on her yahrzeit  
Louis and Anne Kronisch  
---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

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

Barry and Cecile Feldman  
---in honor of Trevor Fornara receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
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Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship  
---in honor of Ellanora Lerner receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship  
Gail and Steve Weber  
---in honor of Trevor Fornara receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship  
---in honor of Jared Linder receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship  
---in honor of Ellanora Lerner receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship  
Irma Flitt  
---in memory of Alvin Sonny Flitt, my husband  
Matthew and Aline Shulman  
---in memory of Alicia Bauer  
Peter and Barbara Kallan  
---in honor of Trevor Fornara receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship  
---in honor of Jared Linder receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship  
---in honor of Ellanora Lerner receiving the Rabbi Aaron  
Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship

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**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Barry and Stephanie Thorp

--In loving memory of Anita Thorp on her yahrzeit

Irma Flitt

--in memory of Shirley Lebowitz, my sister

Leslie and Harvey Orenstein & family

--in loving memory of Alvin "Sonny" Flitt on his yahrzeit

Shirley Goldblatt

--in loving memory of Helen Epstein on her yahrzeit

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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

on the birth of their grandchild.

**Condolences to . . .**



**Louis and Anne Kronisch**

on the passing of their brother-in-law,

**Lorenzo Bacca**



By now you should have received your  
2020-2021 Membership Packets and Religious School Packets

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 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](mailto: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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