



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Happy New Year... again... and again. In Jewish tradition, there are four New Year observances.

One is the first of the Hebrew month of Tishrei which corresponds to Rosh Hashanah. A second is the 15th of Sh'vat or Tu bi Sh'vat, the New Year for trees. A third is the first of the Hebrew month of Nissan, because Torah tells us that it is the first of the months. The fourth is the first of Elul, one month before Rosh Hashanah. That begins our time of introspection leading up to Rosh Hashanah. Add to these four, January 1st and we have five New Year celebrations.

No matter which new year we are talking about, each is a recognition of passing of time. We are always looking back and looking forward at the same time. Both views are opaque. We look back on the past with the wisdom gained from having lived it already. We look to the future and see only that which we feel are the most likely possibilities, for good or bad. Yet, the path to the future is so dependent on things beyond our control. We cannot see the future clearly, yet we prepare thoroughly as if it were a surety. Our clarity resides only in the right here and now. Our path, a string of these present moments.

How can I make the most of this present moment? Kohelet pondered that there was nothing new under the sun, that generations come and go; that despite human efforts, there are certain immutable fixtures that humankind can never change; perhaps that humankind could not even change its own core character. Kohelet's view was only clear in his present moment. Our reality was a distant and dim star to him, almost imperceptible. In our present moment, we know that humankind has changed the way we see the sun rising and setting. We've incredibly seen it from the moon but also tragically see it each day through a

haze of pollutants. The oceans are rising as human activity has been slowly unlocking frozen lakes on the seas. God the Creator looks on as humankind creates new kinds of matter, a synthetic world colliding with the natural world. We are not gods, nor are the things we create divine. Yet, through our collective wisdom and knowledge, accumulated over centuries, we have stumbled into truly dominating our earthly house. Through collective action, we have nearly destroyed it. But my glass half full says that the same collective power, properly directed, can fulfill our obligation to protect and be caretaker of Earth.

The future may not be clear, but we do have the power to affect the future in our present moment. In the shadow of this New Year, I am taking a few moments to think about where I am right now and how the decisions I make today might make tomorrow more meaningful, for me and those around me. Can I be more engaged in civic endeavors? Can I reduce, reuse, repurpose and recycle more? Can I consume less? Can I learn more and understand more? Can I give more? Can I listen more and empathize more? Can I be more present for the person in front of me, family, friend or stranger? The answer to all of those, of course, is 'yes;' but, only if I am present in this moment, regardless of the date. What questions do you have? Let's make the most of our present moments answering our questions together.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Andy Parad

As we head into the new year, there have already been several firsts of this holiday season. The first snow. The first public lighting of our new Menorah. The first COVID variant starting with "O." Since we were out of the country and missed winter here last year, it almost seems like everything that is happening is new to my

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family. And I think that's what it is going to feel like at times over the next year as we start to get together and do old things again as if they were new. Maybe we won't do them exactly how we did them before, but hopefully as close as we can get them.

The Board and several committees are working with the Re-entry committee to safely find ways to do things; some old, some new. At this point always different, but with good intentions. We are always open to new ideas and ways of doing things, so please feel free to reach out with any ideas you may have.

You may have also noticed more notices about non-Temple Emanu-El originating Jewish events and talks in the community. Our friends and neighbors from other

congregations have graciously reached out and invited us to such programming – and we plan on returning the favor in kind with some of our upcoming events and talks. This is just a continuation of the bridge-building the Rabbi has been leading us in over the past several years. It's just that most has recently taken place over Zoom. There is good and bad to Zoom. One of the good things is that it's quite easy to get a group of people together for a virtual event. Unfortunately, there isn't as much social interaction at these events. But hopefully in the future when we get together in person it will give us that much more in common to discuss.

Andy

Notes from Sherry Barnes



“Let Your Heart Sing”. Many years ago, my friend Barbara Senges, gave me a wooden wall hanging with those words carefully cut out. I keep it within eyesight on the windowsill in my office. As you know, the heart is an important organ that pumps blood to the

brain and throughout our body, keeping us alive. The heart is also where we seem to experience different emotions. The heart quickens when we see someone we love or feels like it will beat out of our chest in fear if we feel like we are in danger. The heart can feel like it's soaring when we are filled with awe at the beauty of nature or feel like it is singing when we are extremely happy.

The song of our heart depends on the emotions that we are feeling. Music, whether we listen to it, play it, or sing it, can intensify those feelings. It can help us have a good cry or lift our heart in joy.

On Shabbat, I find the songs that begin with a niggun, a wordless melody, allow me to sing my heart's feelings as a prayer to G*d. There are prayers set to music that can help us heal, bring us closer to the meaning of a prayer, or make us want to dance around the sanctuary.

Rabbi Marc and I have our favorite melodies and we put them into our Shabbat Service. I was very pleased

to receive a request from Jeff Elkin for Mizmor Shir. If there is a melody for a prayer that you love, please let us know, and we will make sure to put it into the service that you attend on Zoom or in-person. We would love to help you let your heart sing the melodies that lift or heal your soul on a Sabbath evening. So, send us an email or give us a call, we'd love to know what those melodies are.

Don't forget to join us:

Music and Musings, Thursday afternoons, at 1:30 p.m.

Havdalah, Saturday evenings Beginning January 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Torah Reader: Jeff Elkin will be chanting from Parashat Bo, at our Share Shabbat Service on January 7, at 7:00 p.m.!

Cabaret/Havdalah! Saturday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. Make sure to contact me or Armi Rowe, before January 21, if you have an act you'd like to perform that evening.

If you are interested in chanting Torah for Shabbat Services, please contact me.

Wishing you and your families a very happy, prosperous, and most importantly, a healthy New Year!

B'shir,

Sherry

Sisterhood -- Gail Weber & Barbara Senges, Co-Presidents

Hi Ladies,

Thank you to **Susan Hausmann** for organizing our wonderful Chanukah Fair. The gift items were beautiful. The selection was huge! Thank you from everyone who had the opportunity to shop on that Sunday. You did a great job!

January seems like a very long month, but your Sisterhood continues to plan activities to help you get through the winter.

Mark your calendar for one of last year's very successful events, our **Zoom Scavenger Hunt, which will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7:00pm.** The feedback from last year was so positive we decided to do it again. And you never have to leave your cozy house to participate. We look forward to seeing you that night on Zoom.



Book Club continues to attract new people each time we meet. Next book discussion, on

Zoom, is on **Jan. 9 at 2:00pm.** Cecile Feldman will be leading our discussion and will be zooming with us all the way from France. The book is called "Caste - The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. Join us!

If you like to plan in advance, the next book club will be on Sunday, March 6, again at 2:00. The book title will be announced.

The date for our next **Trivia night is Wed., Feb 23 at 7:00pm.**

Sisterhood has two weekly walking groups; Wed at 10:00am and Thurs at 10:00am. Please note the time change for Thursday. We have been meeting at the entrance to Hole in the Wall beach in Niantic. Check your emails in case the weather is bad. Otherwise, what a great way to catch up with old and new friends, get in your steps, and start your day by taking in the scents of the LI Sound!

Eileen Shapiro organized our **mitzvah project for De-**

ember. We put together and delivered 95 Chanukah bags to local senior facilities for their Jewish residents. This project was in conjunction with JFEC and was very well received. Eileen has volunteered to chair the **Friendly Visitor Program for JFEC** and celebrate four holidays per year. She will reach out to the other synagogues so they, too, can participate. We are happy to help our seniors celebrate Rosh HaShana/Yom Kippur, Chanukah, Purim and Passover. Watch your emails for more information. We are always looking for helpers. There were so many women who volunteered to put together the 95 Chanukah bags that we were finished in under half an hour! A huge thanks goes out to Eileen!

Do you have any ideas for a Sisterhood program? Maybe you have a skill you would like to share. We are always looking for suggestions!

Keep in touch. See you soon.

Gail Weber and Barbara Senges, Co-Presidents

2022 MAHJONGG CARDS



Checks must be into the temple office **BY THE END OF JANUARY** for 2022 NMJL Card orders.

Standard \$9; Large \$10.

Checks should be made out to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.

These will be mailed to your home in March.

Contact Iris with any questions by phone or text at 860.460.3081, or email ifreegang@aol.com.



Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

Happy 2022! I would like to thank everyone for an incredibly successful Hanukkah season. This was one of the best ones I ever had.

Now that the New Year has begun, it is time for someone to take the great honor of overseeing the Gift Shop. It has been suggested to me that I should briefly describe what this entails.

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The first suggestion was that there could be a small group of 2-3 ladies who would enjoy working together. This way it would not be too time consuming.

The primary responsibilities are to purchase merchandise for the gift shop and pay the bills. The checkbook takes very little time. Your home bills probably take more time. The remainder of what you do is how you personally want to proceed. I have the inventory on an Excel spreadsheet, but that is not a necessity. The reality is that the most work is planning the Hanukkah Fair

and the Sisterhood members are always a tremendous help.

During my time at the Gift Shop, I have met several congregants and I have been invited to many events. It is very rewarding to help our members, especially our B'Nai Mitzvah parents.

This is a very quiet time of year, so it is a perfect time to explore this wonderful experience. Please contact me at susanhausm@gmail.com for questions.

Thank you, **Susan Hausmann**

Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TERS) - Rachel Obrien

Happy Secular New Year!

May 2022 bring us renewed hope and resilience as we look forward to everyone finally receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and having our day-to-day happenings continue to return to normal. We hope everyone had a restful holiday break.



Looking back just a few weeks, we are reminded of the wonderful ways in which we were able to celebrate Chanukah together. Thanks to the Ruth Brody Fund, Drum Tales visited our school and took our students (and staff) on a journey back in time to learn how the miracle of Chanukah began. **Thank you to all the staff and faculty assistants who helped make our TERS Chanukah Celebration successful.** The children had a Sunday filled with dreidel games, Chanukah crafts, sufganiyot and togetherness.

We loved seeing many of our religious school students, families and staff join in person and virtually for Share Shabbat. Everyone enjoyed singing Chanukah songs and lighting candles on their Chanukah with Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry. **We hope to see you all again at our next First Friday Family Share Shabbat on Friday, January 7 at 7 P.M.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Chanukah Mitzvah Project. With help from the Thames Valley Council for Community Action TERS was able to “adopt” a family in need of assistance in providing their 3 girls a special holiday season. I am so proud to

say that all our TERS families stepped up and donated toys, clothes, boots, coats and much more. Thank you for all your generosity, and believe me when I say we truly made

a difference in this family’s life. It was a wonderful mitzvah project that was shared with all so that each one of our students could experience the joy of giving.

Looking ahead...

Please **be on the lookout for your child’s religious school reports.** This year teachers will provide parents details on what their children have been learning in class thus far and what you can expect them to work on during the second half of the year. It is important to us that your child’s time with us is meaningful and productive. Where needed, we can facilitate any meetings, if you have any specific questions.

Our Tu B’Shvat School Wide Program “Honey & More” will be on January 16 beginning at 10:30 A.M.

We are really excited to have Arnelde Pitre, a beekeeper, who completed her master’s program in beekeeping at Cornell University, joining us to help educate our students on the importance of bees and what makes them so special. This is a great way to celebrate the beauty in nature that is all around us.

Our next Sunday Funday will be on January 23 at 1:40 P.M., Ice Skating at Rose Garden Ice Arena in Norwich.

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Trust me when I tell you we are going to have FUN! R.S.V.P. to Rachel O'Brien and please mark your calendars. Building our school community is so important and that means connecting in AND outside of the classroom.

Inclement Weather Closing Reminders

TERS follows the Waterford School District inclement weather closings schedule. Stay tuned to WFSB-TV Channel 3, WTNH-TV Channel 8 or WVIT-TV Channel 4 or 30 for Waterford Public School closing updates. We

will once again be using the Remind app to alert parents of any religious school closings due to snow, other inclement weather or emergency issues. Please be on the lookout for e-mail instructions that we will send on how to opt into the Remind app. **Please remember it is cold and flu season. If your child is sick, please play it safe and keep them home from religious school.**

Wishing You All a Happy & Healthy!

Rachel

Fundraising

Shalom,

Wishing you a Happy Holidays and New Year 2022 with so much to be thankful for including past, present, and future donations to help us move forward in our mission.

I am thankful for our Rabbi Marc, Rabbi Emeritus, Aaron Rosenberg, Cantor Sherry Barnes, Office Administrator Roberta and building staff, Religious School Board and teaching Director and staff, Board of Directors, Trustees and Committees including Sisterhood and Brotherhood, families, parents, seniors, youth, friends, medical practitioners, work teams and community.

There will be innovative ideas coming forward so if you would like to be involved by emailing me this coming year, we appreciate it. We are in dire need of new ideas and faces to join in.

Please follow-up by researching all fundraising information online in your emails, the Bulletin and on our Temple Emanu-El Website. Our Fundraising AHEAD:

- Donate through the Bulletin.
- Thank you to John Murphy and his crew for the significant effort and work resulting in a successful profit from sale of raffle tickets.
- Thank you to Armi Rowe for her donation of pre-printed Note Cards and stamps.
- Be on the Look Out as we look forward to A Family Taco Box Takeout (family of four) from Moe's Dine to Donate along with other local Dine to Donate take out restaurants.

- Matthew Shulman of Groton Board of Education generously donated his 2021-2022 Jewish History calendar for sale. Order through the office. It is a great gift idea for your family and friends this new year, filled with day-to-day information.
- Sisterhood events are on the Web and they will be selling Purim Hamantaschen and Mishloach Manot Bags and once announced, order ahead.
- Cabaret Night in February 2022 is a lot of fun. Please contact either Cantor Sherry Barnes (shirie3860@aol.com) or Vice President Armi Rowe (armirowe@gmail.com) as volunteers are needed to sing, dance, or perform an act.
- Starry Night Dinner Dance set for June 11, 2022, is our main social event fundraiser
- at Ocean Beach Park Ballroom. Please contact Amy Perry (perryamy1@gmail.com) with any donations for an online auction sale and ideas. Anyone who would like to send in a letter of praise for Cantor Sherry Barnes, with pictures to display, please contact Deborah Linder (deborahlinder29@gmail.com).
- Stay Healthy, remember to help others, do a mitzvah and be kind.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

Deborah Linder

Corresponding Secretary and
Fundraising Coordinator

Events & Service Schedule

January 5	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
January 6	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
		1:30 P.M.	Music and Musings
January 7	Fri.	7:00 P.M.	Share Shabbat
January 8	Sat.	7:00 P.M.	Havdalah
January 9	Sun.	2:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Book Club
January 12	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
January 13	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
		1:30 P.M.	Music and Musings (in person only)
January 14	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
January 15	Sat.	7:00 P.M.	Havdalah
January 16	Sun.	10:30 A.M.	Honey and More
			A Special Tu B'Shevat Program for All Ages
			In person and on Zoom
January 19	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
January 20	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
		1:30 P.M.	Music and Musings (in person only)
January 21	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
January 22	Sat.	7:00 P.M.	Havdalah
January 23	Sun.	1:40 P.M.	Religious School Sunday Fun Day
			Norwich RoseGarden Ice Arena
January 25	Tues.	7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Zoom Scavenger Hunt
January 26	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
January 27	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
		1:30 P.M.	Music and Musings (in person only)
January 28	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
January 29	Sat.	7:00 P.M.	Havdalah
February 2	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
February 3	Thur.	10:00 A.M.	Walk w/Sisterhood
		1:30 P.M.	Music and Musings (in person only)
February 4	Fri.	7:00 P.M.	Share Shabbat
February 5	Sat.	7:00 P.M.	Cabaret and Havdalah – Hybrid Event
			Must R.S.V.P. to receive zoom link for this fundraising event

Condolences to . . .



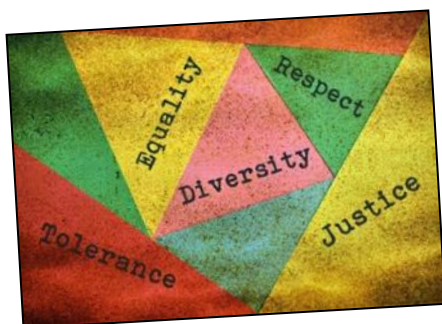
**Susan and Geoff
Hausmann and family**
on the passing of
Susan's mother,
Rosalyn Braverman

Mazal Tov to . . .



Gail and Steve Weber
on the marriage
of their son
Aaron to Jess Mayer

Social Action -- Karen Bloustine & Sybil Nassau, Co-Chairs



Many thanks to **Marty Zeldis** for serving as chair of the Social Action committee.

Karen and Sybil are the new co-chairs. As we are new we are looking for **YOU** to bring your ideas, energy, and suggestions for helping the community we serve. We continue

with our many ongoing projects, and soon will be planning for a Spring Mitzvah Day. Please contact us:

Karen: bloustinek@gmail.com

Sybil: sybil.nassau@yahoo.com

When you send your email to one of us we will invite you to our next meeting.

2021 Raffle Raises \$18,000 -- THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED

I would like to thank the following:

- Scott Wolfe, Barry Feldman, Marcia Reinhard, Armi Rowe and Roberta Winograd for helping sell all 720 tickets.
 - Ethan Novick and Daniel Sapozhnikov for helping draw the winning tickets.
 - Nathaniel Rowe and David Senges-Murphy for helping to validate all the tickets.
 - All the sponsors listed below
- Everyone at Temple Emanu-El, in the community and around the country who purchased tickets to help us raise \$18K

Finally I congratulate all the winners listed below.

1. **Kim and Kenn Fischburg** - 5 - \$500 visa gift cards - Winner **Janine Sitko**

2. **Sayet and Seder** - iPad Pro - Winner **Alan Krasner**
3. **Creative Office Furniture** - \$500 Visa Gift Card - Winner **Larry Chesler**
4. **Bill and Ellen Seeman** - \$300 Gift Card - **Target** - Winner **Chuck Primus**
5. **Adam Kaufman and Rebecca Woodward** - \$200 Gift Card **Home Depot** - Winner **Michele McPartlant**
6. **John Murphy and Barbara Senges** - \$150 gift card **Walmart** - Winner **Stephanie Spinetti**
7. **Armi and Jonathan Rowe** - \$100 **Amazon** gift card - Winner **Carin Linden**

John Murphy

Chairman Temple Emanu-El Raffle

Special Thanks for Community Chanukah Celebration

Many thanks to Rabbi Marc and Cantorial Soloist Sherry for a joyful, musical, get together.

Thanks so much to the Choir and the Temple Emanu-El band who rocked the evening.

Thanks also to Barbara Senges, Susan Cramer, Amy Perry, Jo Michaelson, Shoshana Weiss for the logistics, from getting and serving the cider, hot chocolate and donuts .

We also thanks BBYO for helping with set up and serving, the brotherhood, and the Fonara family for helping with parking.

A big shout out of appreciation to Nik Alevras from Two Brothers Restaurant in Salem for a large donation

to our collection of canned food and resources for the Gemma Moran United Way Labor Food Center. Many thanks to the individuals who brought donations as well.

But it was everyone who came out in the cold to be together from our larger Jewish community for this shared tradition that made this a wonderful success and Mitzvah.

Claire Warren



December Memories



Scenes from the Chanukah Menorah lighting on Sunday evening, December 5, 2021 that took place outside at the Temple. See related article on page 7.



TERS students and teachers enjoyed a drumming program that was hands-on December 5, 2021.

January Birthdays

Willow Blumer
 Byrne Blumer
 Lynn Brown
 Ethel Chatkin
 Betty Cooper
 Lisa Darling
 Marc Goldsmith
 Patricia Hans
 Samantha Hans
 Patricia Hendel
 Greg Kupfer
 Deborah R. Linder
 Jim Michalove
 Leslie Orenstein
 Jonathan Panikoff

Marnie Rock
 Judd Mayer Rosen
 Solomon Ross
 Nathaniel Ross
 Sam Schaperow
 Marvin Schnur
 Susan Seeman
 Dr. Adam Seidner
 Lester Shapiro
 Anna Cloe Sheikowitz
 Fiona (FiFi) Sherman
 Rachel Sherman
 Noah Shiling
 Michael Adam
 Snyderman

Elizabeth V. Walz
 Barbara Wolfe
 Jessica Wolfe
 Orion Zelken
 Joyce Zion



January

Anniversaries

Jess Feldon and
 Elizabeth Hall

January Yahrzeits

January 7

Bernadette Bechewek
 Karen Jan Silver
 Blinderman
 Louis Caplowe
 Randy Deglin
 Samantha Deglin
 Elsie Deglin
 Edith Greenberg
 Ekstrand
 Elisabeth Farran
 Michael Bennett
 Freeman
 Edward Gipstein
 Marvin Goldstein
 Samuel Grau
 Shirley Grayson
 Anna Jezeski
 Lillian Kane

Morris Kaplan
 Shirley Kriet
 Murray Lazarus
 William Morea
 Murray Rapoport
 Frederic Rosenstein
 Roger Rouquette
 Fred Seeman
 Mortimer Shaff
 Stanley Skigen
 Rose Tobin
 Anna Tropp
 Esfir Vestel

January 14

Donald Bloom
 Frances Brensilver
 Morris Brickman
 Ray Cohen
 Hannah Cooper
 Tillie Finkelstein
 William Fishbone
 Eleanor Freeman
 Audrey Germaine
 Edwin Haflich
 Daniel Kanfer
 Joseph Lasser
 Marilyn Morgenstern
 Bernice Moss

Doris Reinhard
 Louis Snitkin
 Harry Weber
 Herman Weber
 Al Weinberg
 Grace Wertheim
 Alice Wiesniewski
 Richard Donald Zettler

January 21

Barbara Ellen Lupkay
 Combs
 Jack Greenberg
 Stephen Horton
 Mildred Meitzen
 Maurine Miner
 Nancy Newall
 David Nirenstein
 Yetta Paulson
 Ellen Schwartz
 Alita "Lola" Sevilla
 Reuben Shiling
 Clara Sibelman
 Alex Stancovski
 Mynna Weiss
 Pauline Ruth Wildstein

January 28

Phyllis Adler

Jennie Atkind
 Carol Blaise
 Frank Church
 Abraham Irving Epstein
 Ruth Fearer
 Younne Frydel
 Elizabeth Glenn
 Merton Goldstein
 Esther Hoffman
 Allen Kaufman
 Paul Kriet
 Jules Levine
 Joseph Lewiss
 Emanuel Luftglass
 Eleanor McCaffrey
 Frances Ogulnick
 Sophie Pagnes
 Henry F. Putala
 Sigmund Sol Rosenholtz
 Dorothy Segool
 Richard Seidner
 Beatrice Sherman
 Benjamin Sherman
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 Harriette Siegel
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 Morris Thall
 Rochelle Tripp
 Irwin Tuchfeld

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

Cantor's Fund

Mark and Marianne Debruyn
Norma Hollandersky
Greg Morea and Barbara Luftglass Morea
---in memory of Eleanor Grossman
Michele Snitkin
---in loving memory of Daniel Iorillo on his yahrzeit

Endowment Fund

Lester Shapiro
---in loving memory of Bessie K. Tankel on her yahrzeit

Essential Services Fund

Aaron Rosenberg
Bethesda Lodge No. 30 I O O F
Neil Willins
Abe and Sandy Fisher
---deepest sympathy to Susan Hausmann on the loss
of her mother, Rosalyn Braverman
Caren and Bob Linden
---in memory of Susan Hausmann's mother,
Rosalyn Braverman
---mazel Tov to Gail and Steve Weber on Aaron's
marriage to Jess Mayer
Gary and Iris Freeman
---in memory of Susan Hausmann's mother,
Rosalyn Braverman
---for the speedy recovery of Elsa Freedman
Jane and Chic Weinberg
---in loving memory of Mollie Rifkin on her yahrzeit
Karen and Stan Bloustine
---in honor of Aaron Weber's marriage to Jess Mayer
---in memory of Susan Hausmann's mother,
Rosalyn Braverman
Karen Dinsfriend
---in memory of Jim Spear on his yahrzeit
Lois and Stephen Panikoff
---in loving memory of Benjamin Yormark on his
yahrzeit
---in loving memory of Samuel Goodman on his
yahrzeit
Patti and Alan Gruber & sons
---in loving memory of Jeanette Gruber on her yahrzeit

Mitzvah Fund

Gail and Steve Weber
---in memory of Judith Weber on her yahrzeit
---in memory of Bill Bentley
---in memory of Susan Hausmann's mother,
Rosalyn Braverman
Hali and Gerry Keeler
---in loving memory of Ethel Schnabel on her yahrzeit
---Mazel Tov to Gail and Steve Weber on Aaron's
marriage to Jess Mayer

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Fund

Abe and Sandy Fisher
---with deepest sympathy to Elsa Friedman on the
loss of her brother Lennard Wharton
Barry and Stephanie Thorp
---in loving memory of Rachel Crystal on her yahrzeit
Cheryl and Elwin Schwartz
---in memory of Cheryl and Elwin's parents and
deceased siblings
Ethel Chatkin
---in loving memory of Milton Chatkin on his yahrzeit
Melissa Rubinsky
---in loving memory of my mother, Jean Rubinsky,
on her yahrzeit
Stan Bloustine
---in loving memory of Ada Bloustine on her yahrzeit

Torah Fund

Bob and Elly Hoffman & family
---in loving memory of John Hoffman on his yahrzeit
Michael and Linda Barnett
---in loving memory of Joyce Goldman on her yahrzeit



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December 15, 2021

Dear fellow congregants:

As most of you are aware, the COVID-19 Task Force/Re-Entry Committee has been meeting at least monthly throughout the duration of the pandemic to make decisions grounded in science, safety, and Jewish values for Temple Emanu-El.

The committee met most recently on December 15, 2021. Currently, COVID-19 cases are surging in Connecticut and throughout the Northeast, and the new Omicron variant still has many unknowns. As of this afternoon, colleges and universities including Cornell, New York University, Princeton, Middlebury College in Vermont, DePaul in Chicago, and Southern New Hampshire Univ. have made the decision to cancel all nonessential gatherings on and off campus, including holiday parties and study groups. Final examinations have been moved online and classes are going all remote through the worst of the winter surge.

In the past 14 days, new cases have increased 46% nationwide and new deaths have increased by 40%. Connecticut currently has the 6th highest case rate in the nation. As of today, we have 71 new cases per 100,000 people every day in Connecticut, **which is up 196% in the past 14 days.** That translates to 2520 new cases per day in CT. We currently have 716 people hospitalized in Connecticut. Two weeks ago, on 12/1/21, we had 385 hospitalizations. One month ago, on 11/16/21, we had 243 hospitalizations. That is how quickly life-threatening cases are increasing. And our positivity rate of 7.15% indicates that we are very likely undercounting the true number of cases.

New London County is even worse. We have a case rate of 84 new cases per 100,000 people every day, or 223 new cases per day in New London County. Our hospitalizations here are up 37% in the past 2 weeks. L&M Hospital currently has 16 COVID-19 patients, Westerly has 10, and Backus has 27.

Ledge Light Health District has indicated that they anticipate this trend of sharply increasing case counts to continue through the winter holiday season.

As such, the committee has made the following decisions in the interest of the entire Temple Emanu-El community:

1. Effective immediately, in an effort to keep our congregants and staff safe, Temple Emanu-El will mandate a Covid booster shot for all those eligible to receive it in order to attend in-person services and events at Temple Emanu-El. Recipients of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines become eligible for a booster 6 months after their 2nd dose, and recipients of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine become eligible 2 months after their 1st dose. Temple Emanu-El will allow a 2-week grace period to schedule and receive the shot. After the 2 weeks have passed, entry will not be allowed until the booster is received. Please submit updated vaccination cards to the Temple office.
2. Current mask policies will remain in effect in the Temple until further notice. Masks must be worn at all times while indoors during services, programs, meetings, and social events and must cover the nose and mouth completely. As such, food will not be served indoors at this time. While this is undoubtedly disappointing to some, it is a necessary step for the safety of our most vulnerable congregants while the case rates and hospitalization rates are high.
3. As always, congregants and staff should stay home if they feel ill in any way, or if they have had direct contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks. If any person tests positive and has been at a Temple Emanu-El activity or in the building in the 2 weeks prior, please inform Jo-el Fernandez, Andy Parad, Rabbi Ekstrand, or Roberta Reisner-Winograd immediately.
4. These recommendations are fluid and are subject to change without notice as conditions change.

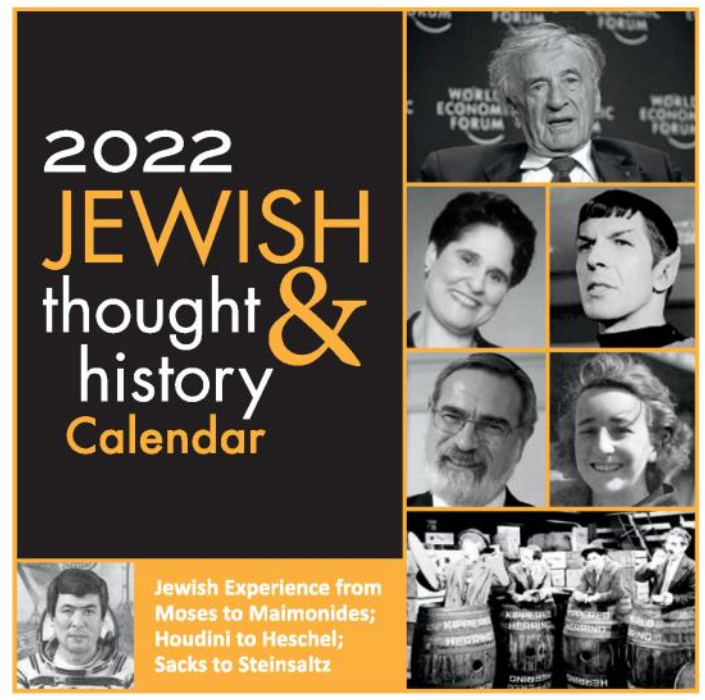
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- What goes on in the hive?
- What other treasures come from the hive?
- What threatens honey bees and how can we help them?

There will be time for questions & answers and exploration!

Armelde Pitre has been a hobbyist beekeeper for the past 7 years. She completed a Master's program in beekeeping at Cornell University in 2020. She has hives in Canterbury, Lisbon and Preston. Her love for bees complements her love of gardening. She is currently mentoring her grandson, Jesse, to be a beekeeper as well. Armelde and Jesse are delighted to share what they've learned about bees with you!

Cabaret

Please join us for the musical, comedic, and performance art talents of our Temple family. We are planning for a hybrid fundraising event, in person and on zoom that includes Havdalah and the variety show.

It is a \$36 donation to attend either in person or on zoom. All attendees will receive special limited edition Temple Emanu-El keepsakes as a thank you for your support.

Vaccinations and masks required to attend in person. Zoom links will be provided to those who R.S.V.P. by Noon, February 4, to the office, tewaterford.org or 860-443-3005.

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HOWARD ILSON MEMORIAL

TEMPLE EMANU-EL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Ison Award**, which is given annually to a member who has contributed to Temple Emanu-El in an important way. The award is in honor of Howard Ison, a former president of our Temple who died suddenly while in office.

Areas of service to consider include:

- ~ Years of service as an officer or Board member
- ~ Years as a committee chairperson
- ~ Years of service in auxiliaries such as the Religious School, Sisterhood, Brotherhood
- ~ Years of community service as a representative of Temple Emanu-El
- ~ Years of time and energy expended for the betterment of Temple Emanu-El

Nominations will be accepted until March 1. The award committee will then review the nominations, and the winner will be announced in the Temple *Bulletin*. The award winner will be honored at a Shabbat service, and his or her name will be engraved on a plaque on display in the Temple.

Please take the time to consider a worthy nominee. It is one way of thanking our members for volunteerism that often goes unnoticed. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form and mail or e-mail. All nominations will be strictly confidential.

Howard Ison Award Nomination Form

Name of person being nominated: _____

Name of nominator: _____

Summary of nominee's attributes and service to Temple Emanu-El (Must be completed for nominee's consideration); Please use a separate piece of paper to complete and send to Temple Emanu-El P.O. Box 288 Waterford, CT 06385 or temanu-el@sbcglobal.net

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