



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

At the beginning of June, we celebrated the congregation's 60th, 61st, and 62nd anniversary at the

Starry Night dinner dance. The morning after, we gathered at the Temple and online for the Annual Meeting. An annual meeting is partly a check-up on how we are doing. We listened to reports from our President, Andy Parad, myself, our Treasurer, Tom Smith, Sherry Barnes, and our Vice President, Armi Rowe. Despite many challenges, we've had a good year. In my address, I focused on three areas of progress.

First, we have fully embraced hybrid programming.

Before the pandemic, we were uneasy about live streaming our services and programs. We were afraid we would lose more in-person attendees than we would gain online. Online programming via Zoom or YouTube Live became an absolute necessity at the outset of the pandemic. Once we took the plunge, we learned a lot about producing online programs. You learned how to create sacred spaces at home. Our objective now is to break down as many barriers as possible with technology so that our sense of community grows and our geographically separated sacred spaces become one sacred space in cyberspace. We want people who choose or need to be at home to feel just as connected as if they were with us in person. That is setting a high bar, for sure. However, our pursuit of this ideal will help us meet future challenges. Hybrid programming is our future.

Second, we made significant investments in our Religious School: cleaning, organizing, painting the Religious School wing, and restarting our religious school committee. We invested in our educators, recognizing them for their commitment of time and energy to our children. And we invested in educational program-

ming. Our Religious School does more than educate about 50 children. It also builds community through Share Shabbat, Sunday Funday, and other meaningful programs. It is essential to our mission – *Building a vibrant community through Reform Judaism* – that we continue to make investments in our Religious School. It is our future.

Third, we continued our commitment to collaborative community programs. Several years ago, with the consent of the Religious Practices Committee, I committed Temple Emanu-El to participate in pluralistic community programming for as many of the minor festivals as possible. Participating in pluralistic community programming helps the larger community and us. In pluralistic community programming, each partner understands and respects how each other partner engages with Judaism. Each partner recognizes the diversity of our Jewish community and never expects others to be anything other than their authentic Jewish selves. When each partner embraces these principles, the pluralistic framework allows us to create beautiful, engaging community programs. These programs strengthen our Reform congregation while uplifting and supporting our community partners.

I have drawn your attention to these three specific aspects of our congregation because they are critical to our future and demonstrate how we have strategically met significant challenges. In these three areas, our values informed vision that informed actions. They are just three of many engaging programs at Temple Emanu-El. My take-away from our annual meeting is that we are living our mission, building a vibrant community through Reform Judaism.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Andy Parad

Well, what a weekend we just had. Not only did Amy Perry lead a team that threw a Starry Night celebration worthy of a double rainbow over the ocean (wish this issue was in color!), but we pulled a good amount of the Congregation together for a productive annual meeting.

On the drive to Starry Night we passed by a food truck that was serving meat pies. For those of you who don't know, meat pies are a big thing in New Zealand and it's been about a year since my last meat pie. Something told me to keep driving. And the hors d'oeuvres, dinner, all the salad options, plus dessert left me thankful that I resisted the temptation as much as I enjoy a good meat pie.

After dinner while getting some fresh air outside we noticed the start of a rainbow, which then turned into a full rainbow and double rainbow over the water. Quite extraordinary. As the rainbow was fading away Adrienne and I learned that we had won a few of the silent auction items including a cruise with the Keelers (can't wait!) and Rabbi Rosenberg painting our house. After a bit of misunderstanding of what that actually meant, we learned we will be the recipients of a custom piece of art. Or as nobility might say "we have commissioned a painting" of our home. Rabbi was kind enough to guide us through his thoughtful process and

we very much look forward to having a painting of our home hanging in our house. What a great night!

I had planned for a late night, so pretty much all the prep for the annual meeting was done beforehand. A thank you to the Brotherhood, led by Rich McCaffrey and Nathaniel Rowe, for providing breakfast. For those who missed it, I gave my "Greatest 3 Minutes in Temple" summary of many of the events that have happened this year. I'll be the first to admit that my 3 minutes was closer to 18. But it wasn't my fault. There were too many things to mention. From the fall building cleanout and painting to getting ready for school, to all the school events, Sisterhood Events, the April Grand Reopening, pickleball, the fact that there is a baking club... just too many to list and I felt like I just kept going. But that's OK. Despite COVID, we have done a lot this year. And a lot together this year. And I'm sure next year will be even better!

As this is a double issue and you won't hear from me for another month, I have been reminded to remind everyone to make sure they get their pledge forms in. Looking forward to an even better year ahead. See you all again soon.

Andy

Notes from Sherry Barnes



Summer is here and we are blessed with so much beauty. Rabbi Marcia Prager writes in Rabbi Mike Comins book, *A Wild Faith*, "Each moment offers us more gifts than we can imagine....When we want to acknowledge the miracle of these moments, to remember them, to

log them, we can do this with a bracha, a blessing."

Being mindful of what is around you can be such a spiritual experience. We often walk around blind to the beauty right in front of us. From the smallest grain of sand to the greatness of the living sea. I'm still in awe at the beauty of a sunset or the sound of rolling waves as they crash on the beach. Rabbi Prager gives us a

way to acknowledge these moments, and that is with a blessing. Most blessings we say are done before the act, such as the blessing over the wine or challah. We say the bracha and then drink the wine or eat the challah. Blessings like the ones below, come after the act, such as seeing the ocean, hearing thunder, smelling a flower. Here are just a few.

Upon seeing wonders of nature, including lightening, shooting stars, vast deserts, high mountains, and a sunrise, we give thanks with these words:

Praised are You, Adonai, our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, source of creation.

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Or when you are at the beach, and see the ocean, you can say:

Praised are You, Adonai, our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who has made the great sea.

When you see beauty in the world, there is this bracha:

Praised be You Adonai, our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who has such beauty in your world.

If you forget these, you can create your own blessing! This morning I ate the most amazing, sweet, juicy peach and had to say, Praised are you Adonai, who creates the most delicious fruit. Rabbi Comins book is a wonderful way to see nature through a new lens. In regard to nature, he says, "It is a special, unique setting to meet G-d." So as you are out hiking, biking, swimming, sitting at the beach, or even eating a freshly picked peach, find those beautiful moments in nature, and say a bracha!

Thank you to the band and choir for being a part of our Share Shavuot service. It was a pleasure working with you again.

Looking for singers to join our choir, especially male

voices. Rehearsals will begin in August. Send me an email if you are interested.

We are looking to do some special outdoor services in July and August. Watch your email or listen to our Friday messages.

Summer services will begin on July 1....

If you, or you and your family and friends, are interested in leading a service this summer, please contact me or Rabbi Marc. We are happy to help you put one together. I'll be here to help with music. You can chant Torah, give a sermon, or do both. All services begin at 7:00. Providing an oneg is optional.

My class that is learning to translate Hebrew in our siddur, has chosen to lead the Shabbat Service on July 8. My Adult Intermediate Hebrew class will be leading the Shabbat service on Aug. 12, and Eileen Shapiro will be leading the Shabbat Service on July 29. I'm sure more people will be signing up, so check our website or Shabbat Messages for more information.

B'shir,

Sherry

Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Hi Ladies,

Last week I submitted the End of the Year Report for Sisterhood for the Annual Meeting. I was very proud to report that this past year was a very successful one for Sisterhood with at least one activity/event every month, joint programs with Hadassah and increased involvement with community service with Safe Futures and the Friendly Visitors Program.

Although there are no formal activities over the summer, the Sisterhood Board is already busy planning for 2022-2023. We have tentatively scheduled our annual **Kick-Off Event for Sunday, September 11**, so save the date and stay tuned for more information.

Our first **Book Club** of the year will be held on **Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00PM**. We will be reading "Suite Française" by Irene Nemirovsky. This novel describes how

the citizens of a small town in France deal with the terrors of the Nazi Occupation in 1940. The author, a French Jew from Russia wrote this book in 1940, but it was not published until 2007. Ms. Nemirovsky was captured by the Nazis in 1942 and imprisoned in Auschwitz where she died. Her novel was hidden and not discovered until 64 years later.

The Sisterhood Board will be holding a planning session in early August. We are hoping to contact many of you during July to ask you to join us. We have already added one new position to our Board for next year. Moira Ross will be joining us as Chair of Social Action. One of our first projects will be to assist with High Holiday Bags for the Friendly Visitor Program. There are presently some "holes" on our Board: a liaison with

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the Religious School and Youth Groups; a co-chairperson for Religious Practices (planning Sisterhood Services, Rosh Kodesh Group?, Women's Seder?); a chairperson for Fundraising; and a chairperson for Membership. If these are not your cup of tea, we can always use help on committees or with planning events. We'd love to have you join us at our planning meeting in August. (Rumor is that this might be a cocktail party.) You can contact me at professeur38@me.com if you are interested.

Don't forget that our **Walking Group** at the Boardwalk in Niantic will continue over the summer on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00AM. If you are interested in walking on a different/additional day, let me know and I will put out the call via email.

Sisterhood will continue to provide multiple ways for us to get together to socialize and support each other. We will make every effort to have in-person events also be available on Zoom. We know that our connection with each other through Sisterhood is more important than ever in these times.

Barbara Senges

President of Sisterhood

News Flash!

We are working on preliminary plans for a **Mahjongg Tournament** for the fall! Keep your eye out for more details to come!

Iris Freeman

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

Anne Cohn and I are excited to be your new gift shop keepers this coming year. During the summer months, the gift shop does not have regular hours. We are, however, planning a possible "sidewalk sale" for the Temple's Open House on August 28, 2022. Please stay tuned!! In the meantime, you can always shop using our 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. Please contact Lisa Marcus at Judaicashop@tewaterford.org for orders or questions. If there is something special you would like us to stock for the fall and winter holiday season, now is the time to ask. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Shalom!

Lisa Marcus & Anne Cohn

Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TERS) - Rachel O'Brien

We hope our students, teachers, faculty assistants and their families are enjoying their summer break so far. While you are all at the beach or exploring new places while on vacation trips, we will be hard at work making plans for our religious school.

You will soon be receiving your Temple Emanu-El membership renewal and Religious School tuition renewal packets. **Please fill out the registration forms and send in your dues and tuition at your earliest convenience** so that we can plan appropriately for the 2022/2023 school year as far as staffing and resources.



Once we receive the registration forms, we will forward the school calendar.

Please also mark these important dates on your calendar:

Sunday, August 28 10:00 a.m. – Welcome Back/

Open House Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 11 9:30 a.m. – First day of Religious School

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Congratulations to all the graduating high school seniors on our staff—Zachary O'Brien, Bayla McCaffrey, Simone Learner, and Ethan Novack—who we will miss greatly next year. We wish them both much success and happiness. We also encouraged our 9th graders, who will soon be moving up to Jewish Community High School, to continue at TERS as Faculty Assistants.

We wish everyone a relaxing, safe, and healthy summer!

Rachel

Events & Service Schedule

July – August most services are lay led

All Friday Night Services start at 7:00 P.M.

With the following exceptions, services are held at Temple Emanu-El

Friday, July 22, Outdoor Service at Harkness Park

Saturday, August 13 – 9:00 A.M. Bluff Point State Park, Groton

Meditative Program

Friday, August 19, Outdoor Service at Waterford Beach

Sunday, August 28, Open House - Pancake Breakfast, Mitzvah Projects, Games, etc.

Religious Practices -- Claire Warren

Hello from the Religious Practices Committee.

Summer Services began July 1 with Hannah Linder, Bayla McCaffery and Sherry Barnes leading the Shabbat service at Temple Emanu-El. It is our tradition that summer services will be led by our congregants. As of this article, you will not want to miss

Services will be led by:

July 8, Hebrew Translation Class

July 15, Deborah Linder

July 22, Rabbi Marc Elstrand and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes - service will be outside at Harkness

July 29, Eileen Shapiro

August 5, Wolfe, Rosenberg, and Feldman families

August 12 Intermediate Hebrew Class, with Pat Sherr chanting Torah

August 19, Rabbi Marc and Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes - shabbat service will be outside at Waterford Beach.

August 26, the Temple Emanu-El Band

Also for summer is a **Bagel and Brachas walk at Bluff**

Point, Saturday, August 13, we will gather at **9 am** at the picnic tables for a bagel nosh and then a walk to the point which is rated easy and will be about 3 miles round trip, the whole loop is 3.6 miles. If you have not joined this event in the past, it is great way to begin to prepare for our High Holy Days.

We are beginning to plan for TE High Holy Day services. We are planning for in person services but understand that COVID-19 virus has been unflagging in its ability create new and more easily transmissible variants, so we remain fluid in our response. We are looking for members to join the religious practices committee, and as always, comments and ideas on how to keep the services meaningful and engaging.

Claire



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

If you are in need of a need for rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, etc.,” please call or email- Karen Bloustine- 860/326-6377, Bloustinek@gmail.com.

If you can help provide rides for those in need, please contact Karen.

Join Social Action during the open house on August 28 for a pancake breakfast and help with mitzvah projects starting at 10:00 A.M. Please RSVP to the temple office for the breakfast. 860-443-3005; office@tewaterford.org

All the food pantries in the area are in need of non-perishable food items. Please call first and then bring items to be donated to the Temple.

Karen Bloustine and Sybil Nassau

Social Action Committee Co Chairs

bloustinek@gmail.com / sybil.nassau@yahoo.com

Look for your Membership & School Registration Packets

Membership Renewal Packets have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact the office, 860-443-3005 or office@tewaterford.org.

As the Temple Fiscal Year started July 1, 2022, we ask that you please try to return the packets as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Temple Emanu-El Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee met virtually this past spring to discuss ways to improve our website, and we continually work to maintain and update our site. We discussed changes and updates that were then implemented. Check it out at tewaterford.org.

Rabbi Marc and Sherry’s weekly Friday video message is now right on the Temple Homepage and is updated weekly so you can view it by going to tewaterford.org.

Also added to the Temple Homepage is a “We Value Your Input” button. Just click the button to go to a form where you can offer suggestions to improve Temple life, discuss issues or present a project idea.

We discussed doing a new Temple Emanu-El Directory, and decided to set a target date to coincide with celebrating 65 years as a congregation. We will begin this project in the near future. Please let me know if you would like to help with the new directory.

We hope that through our website, weekly Friday emails, monthly Bulletin, Facebook page, as well as our other means of communicating, we will continue to engage our Temple Emanu-El family. I’d like to offer a special thank you to Aaron Kaplan, Roberta Reisner-

Winograd and Armi Rowe for their help to maintain the website. Thanks to April D’Amato for the Friday email template, and Rabbi Marc & Roberta for the content. Thanks as well to Jo-el Fernandez for maintaining our Facebook Page, and Mimi Perl for putting the Bulletin together!

If you have comments or suggestions on ways to improve our communication through our website or other means, please contact me at communications@tewaterford.org.

Sue Fornara

Communications Chair



July Birthdays

Robbin Alpert
Emily Aungst
Matthew Barnes
Craig Bentley
Melinda Blum
Harper Blumer
Elizabeth Bochain
Bill Bokoff
Isaac Brody
Megan Dame
Jonah Feldman
Clara Feldon
Julia Fischburg
Mae Flax
Jared Freeman

Iris Freeman
Sophia Gipstein
Dr. Alissa Goldman Romano
Cori Goldman Segal
Sue Goldstein
Rebecca Goldstein
Meridith Hans
Paul Kanfer
Hali Keeler
Louis Kronisch
Arthur Lerner
Judy Levine
Robert Linden
Robin Margolis Silsby
Jacqueline Mazza

Jennifer Anne Michalove
Jacoby Parad
Daniel Pievsky
Joshua Pievsky
Armi Rowe
Dianne Rubin
Madeline Sayet
Donna Schneider
Jane Schnur
Charles Seeman
Bill Seeman
Chuck Seeman
William Seeman
Rebecca Segal
Mary Seidner

Libby Seidner
Veronica (Vee) Sherman
Janine Sitko
Lauren Stavropoulos
Lois Steinman
Jennifer Thompson
Samantha Venooker
Ella Jordyn Venooker
Grace O. Walz
Claire Warren
Gail Wildstein
Martin Zeldis
Linus Zelken
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

Joseph Vail
Margarete Vinick
Susan Zechman

July 8

Elizabeth M. Bochain
Herbert Boehner
Sarah Chevan
Michael Comer
James Fearer
Marion Gottfried
Mary Jane Helveston

Aaron Isaac
Norman Kozek
Ella Levine
Mina Liberman
Samuel Penstein
Elaine Perry
Jeannette Rosenstein
Marie Rouquette
Brian Archer Thorp
Alexander Moron Wessel

July 15

Muriel Berkowitz
Sol Brown
Michael Comer
Barbara Cushman
Hans Einhellig
Edna Epstein
David Feldman
Barney Fishbone
William Greenhalgh

July Yahrzeits

Selma Krieger
Frieda Kupfer
Enid Lesser
Sarah Mazur
Harry Ogulnick
Pearl Parker
Pearl Parker
Fay Rubin
Barbara Rubin
Bernard Sharack
Jacob Snitman

July 22

Bitzalel Ben Abraham
Meta Altman
Max Berns
Miriam Bloom
Janet Bruck
Thomas Cherry
Irma DeBruyn
Anatoly Fishman
Gunther Goldman
William Gordon
Stanley Jacobson
Samuel Libby
Jerry Moynihan
Wade Nelson
Richard O'Brien
Dr. Solomon Prokesch
Nathan Rappoport
Melvin Snitman
Marjorie Thomas

July 29

Louis Atkind
Laura Bor
Arthur Camassar
Jonathan Fox
Alan Freeman
Lawrence Grayson
Sallie LeVine
Irene Levy
Yetta Sechter Millstein
Abraham Pastel
Murray Perl
Maurice Rosenstein
Muriel Schneider
Betty Silverman
Bessie Snitkin
Jodie Gorin Stewart
Henry Sutel
Harry Tulman
John Vogel
Dorothy West
Joseph Ziegler

July Yahrzeits

July 1

Sylvia Fischburg Eisenberg
Dr. IrvingFox
Jack Ginsburg
Sarah Hytone
Israel Lazev
Oscar Panikoff
P. Joseph Reinhard
Fannie Rosefeldt
Alex J-C Shulman



Augusts Birthdays

Brian Alpert
Elissa DeBruyn
Yoni DuBois
Aaron Ekstrand
Leonard Epstein
Louise Feldman Baskey
Kathleen Flax
David Freedman
Donna Goldman
Steve Goldstein
Hannah Goldstein
Max Grossman
Elizabeth Hall
Eleanor Hoffman

Thea Kallan Johnson
Emmerson Kaye
Gerry Keeler
Pamela Kilbey-Fox
Jordan Clark Levin
Jenna Levine
David Levine
Beth Linden
Alan Luner
Anne Luner
Kathy Michalove
Mimi Perl
Shoshana Phillips
Alexander Pievsky

Hunter Rock
Karen Rosenberg
Rachel Sayet
Talia Schaperow
Ellen Seeman
Brett Seeman
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
Andrew and Byrne Blumer
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
Eric and Rachel Levine
Roark and Judy Levine
Anthony and Jacqueline
Mazza
Harvey and Leslie Orenstein
Stephen and Lois Panikoff
Chris and Jennifer Rock
Marvin and Jane Schnur
Steve and Gail Weber
Joel and Gail Wildstein
Dylan and Amanda Williams

August 5

Leah Goldberg Asen
Philip Betten
Joseph Eisenberg
Rose Gordon
Maude Harriet
Howard Ilson
Eileen Iorillo
Morton Klieback
Fay Kracke
Arthur Krieger
Frances Ofstein
Claire Perry
Julius Webman
Daniel Zager

August 12

Joseph Abrams
Fannie Amdur
Rose Baker
Max Barnett
Rose Barnett
Harvey Bloom
Julius Cooper
Samuel Diamond
Rose Feigenbaum
Dorothy Friedman
Benjamin Gordon
Abraham Gottfried
Isadore Gottfried
Barbara Hausmann
Shirley Hendel
Warren Hollandersky

August Jahrzeits

Bessie Kline
Rabbi Peter Knobel
Lottie Rodkin
Beatrice Rovner
Yetta Sedransk
Rebecca Merims Stoner
Miriam Toplosky
Irving Allan Wildstein
Solomon Wilkomer
Harry Winterholer

August 19

Joseph Abrahms
Suzannah Amdur
Etta Andelman
Michael Atkind
Richard Blaise
Marcia Carlow
Charles Church
Nicholas Doukas
Morris Epstein
Morris Epstein
Diana Fischburg
Louis Galvin
Dorothy Goldman
Milton Goldsmith
Irving Goodstein
Naomi Kerwin
Dorothy Levine
Barney Millstein
Ruth O'Brien
Claire Perry
Howard E. Proper Lamchick

Laura Richardson
Leonard F. Rosen
Mildred Schiller
Orrin Silverberg
Sharon Spiegel
Bernice Bunny Stern
Paul Trzepacz
Skip Wagner
Stuart Wickson

August 26

Michele Abrams
Eduard Alper
Frederick Eichler
Belle Eidensohn
Ada Engelman
Dr. Arnold Feldman
Eleanor Grossman
Barbara Haflich
Morton Kallan
Bill Katz
Bella Kil
Angela Klieback
Emily Lasser
Sherman Marcus
Fred Michalove
Harry Ruck
Harold Rutman
Mark Sayet
Jeanne Swatzburg
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yahrzeit

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-- with sympathy to Marilyn Fishbone & family on the
passing of Stuart Fishbone

Alan Wagner

-- in memory of my mother, Miriam Reisner Wagner

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yahrzeit

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--in memory of David Blustein

Frederic West

--in loving memory of Abner West on his yahrzeit

Gail and Steve Weber

--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

--in memory of David Blustein

The Kallan family

--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

Karen Dinsfriend

--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

--in memory of Gus Feuerman, father of Marcia
Reinhard

Karin and John Blaney

--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

Leslie Ginsburg

--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

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--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

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--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

--in loving memory of Warren Young on his yahrzeit

Martin Zeldis

--in loving memory of Stuart Fishbone

Marvin and Jane Schnur

--in loving memory of Eleanor Samuels Schnur on her
yahrzeit

Paula Rosenberg Bell

--in memory of Stuart Fishbone

Rachel Blustein Siegel and Marvin Siegel

--in memory of David Blustein

Rachel Lewis Katz

--our deepest condolences on your father and grand
father, David Blustein's passing, May his memory
be for a blessing

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-- in memory of my mother, Helen Epstein
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The Kallan family
-- in memory of Terri Goldsmith on her birthday

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-- in memory of David Blustein

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Edith Ziegler
-- in loving memory of Sarah Ziegler on her yahrzeit
-- in loving memory of Joseph Ziegler on his yahrzeit
Gail and Steve Mann
-- in memory of Gus Feuerman, father of Marcia Reinhard
Hali and Gerry Keeler
-- in memory of David Blustein
Ilyse Gerber
-- in memory of Stuart Fishbone
Judy and Stephen Mann
-- in memory of Stuart Fishbone
-- in memory of David Blustein
-- in memory of Maxine McDonald
-- in memory of Gus Feuerman
Kim and Kenn Fischburg
-- in memory of Sylvia Fischburg on her yahrzeit
-- in memory of Mary Jane Helveston on her yahrzeit

---in memory of Joe Eisenberg on his yahrzeit
---in memory of Diana Fischburg on her yahrzeit
---in memory of Skip Wagner on his yahrzeit
Mark D. Roseman
---in memory of David Blustein
Sandy and Abe Fisher
---in memory of David Blustein
The Orenstein Family
---in memory of our beloved father and papa Alvin "Sonny" Flitt

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---in memory of Gus Feuerman; condolences to the Reinhard family
Barry and Cecile Feldman
---in memory of Stuart Fishbone
Chris and Jennifer Rock
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Irma Flitt
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Fundraising Report -- Deborah Linder

The first Fundraising report of another year starts with wishing you a healthy peaceful summer with no hassles. As a recap of this past year, we did manage several successful fundraisers even with the Pandemic.

Thank you to John Murphy and his crew who sold all the tickets to the annual Travel raffle and a huge thanks to all the raffle prize sponsors who helped. Thank you to the sisterhood "angels" who stepped up to take over the Mishloach Manot (Purim Giftbag) Fundraiser from me. I was grateful for having done the preliminary work on the Purim Bag project and then passing it off to Sisterhood. It takes a form of heroism by everyone who participated and volunteered to continue fundraising during this traumatic pandemic. It was very successful and everyone appreciated receiving the bags.

We all need to work in making sure our own family has food on the table, yet we proved our commitment to the JFEC Food Pantry by donating items when attending the Annual Meeting. Thank you to Robbin Alpert in bringing this to light.

Trying to find a higher level of profits from supporters in our community and members requires sharing networking and ideas. We have the enthusiasm and drive to make our budget stronger via fundraising. Thank you to our Starry Night **Committee Volunteers:**

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Thank you to all who Bid on Items and Attended the wonderful evening. It was a lot of fun.

Looking ahead watch for Dine to Donate with local restaurants; more information will be coming.

As fundraising chair, I am asking for your ideas to help boost the general services fund and educational family programs. Not everyone could open a golf tournament, but some could help start an international buffet dinner for a ticket price, a tennis match, fashion show, pickleball event, swim competition or talent night. I am here with open arms to assist you to make it happen.

I believe that supporting our Board of Directors with your input and ideas will strengthen our ability to serve you. Please let us know your concerns and we will represent you.

I remember first learning that my service would be welcome when I joined with my two children in 2005 to serve with volunteerism. I adhere to our Bylaws and find strength in knowing our congregation is professionally managed. Not just the business end of it but the basics of being Jewish and following its traditions, prayer, torah and family. Sometimes just giving of your time may be enough yet any donation in kind is most appreciated. Please try to understand that we all come with struggles and being a part of this Jewish community is a start to a healthier lifestyle and budget. I know that my time and energy has zoomed into this over the years as an investment of just this concept.

If you have fundraising ideas and want to start one, please email me at deborahlinder29@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Deborah Linder

Fundraising Coordinator and Corresponding Secretary

Todah Rabah!

2022 Rabbi Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Awards

Presented to **Simone Lerner** ** **Bayla McCaffrey** ** **Ethan Novick**



Ethan Novick, Siimone Lerner & Bayla McCaffrey

The Rabbi Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Award Committee has selected **Simone Lerner**, **Bayla McCaffrey** and **Ethan Novick** as this year's honorees. From the award's inception in 2016 through 2021, twelve seniors have received this award. During these previous six years, there were multiple honorees three of the six years. This year, Simone, Bayla and Ethan mark the fourth year of multiple honorees and bring our total award recipients to fifteen. It is clear when one reads the applications of all our recipients past and present, that their commitment to Tikkun Olam is learned from all the "families" to which they belong - their parents (All leaders and doers at Temple Emanu-El) and siblings (Bayla's sister Sierra was our first honoree in 2016 and Simone's sister Ellanora was one of the 2020 honorees.); their Temple Emanu-El Family (Religious School teachers and clergy) and their Family of Jews in Southeastern CT (Hebrew High and Yachad BBYO).

Simone Lerner is the daughter of Emily and Arthur Lerner of New London. Simone has reconnected with

the Temple in the last year by serving as a Religious School Teaching Assistant. "I love working with kids and being part of shaping their Jewish identities." She has also been very active in BBYO, serving on the Board for two years in charge of Jewish Programming and Communications. Simone is involved in numerous service projects in the community: Writer's Block Ink (a social justice group); Summer Youth Program for F.R.E.S.H in New London, the New London Community Meal Center, Safe Futures and with BBYO and her National Honor Society Chapter.

Simone is ranked second in her senior class at Three Rivers Middle College Magnet School in Norwich. She takes college classes through the Community College and made the Dean's List last semester. Simone will be attending Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont where she will be studying Psychology and Criminal Justice.

Bayla McCaffrey is the daughter of Richard and Erica McCaffrey of East Lyme. Bayla is extremely active in the Temple Emanu-El and Jewish communities. She has served four years on the BBYO Board as VP of Membership, Treasurer and presently as Vice President of Planning. Bayla worked for three years as a substitute teacher for the Religious School and this year is a Teacher Assistant in the Pre-School. She has also attended Hebrew High School for four years. Bayla attended BBYO International Convention where she learned "about the power I hold as a Jewish teen as a strong leader in the community". She visited the Religious Action Center in DC with Rabbi Marc where she lobbied CT officials to craft laws to prevent global warming. Bayla won a scholarship to travel to Israel with BBYO Passport. In Israel, Bayla believes that she strengthened her Jewish identity and hopes to use what she learned to help other Jewish teens do the same. At East Lyme High School, Bayla is co-president of the Rotary Club (She recently was presented with an award from the Rotary for her Strong Leadership.), and a member of both the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. All three of these groups devote the majority of their time to community service.

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L-r: Steven, Ethan & Caryn Novick; Rabbi s Marc Ekstrand & Aaron Rosenberg; Simone , Emily & Arthur Lerner; Erica, Bayla & Rick McCaffrey.

Bayla is both an honor student and an accomplished athlete at East Lyme High School, participating in Field Hockey, Lacrosse and Track. Next year, she will be attending Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island where she will be studying International Relations.

Ethan Novick is the son of Steven and Caryn Novick of East Lyme. Ethan has been a Teacher Assistant in the Religious School for four years, has attended all four years of Hebrew High School, and has served on the BBYO Board for three years. This year as President of BBYO, Ethan also serves as the BBYO Representative on the Temple Board of Directors. In his essay, Ethan says, “As I recollect all that I have done, it has made me realize how much of an impact Judaism has had on me. It has transformed my character into a caring, compassionate mensch with values I intend to carry on

for the rest of my life”. Ethan lives his values within the East Lyme High School community as a member of the School Senate, The Miracle League Club, the National Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society, performing numerous hours of community service!

Ethan has been a “high honors” student for his four years at East Lyme High School as well as being an important member of both the Soccer and Basketball teams. In fall of 2002, Ethan will be attending the University of Maryland at College Park, majoring in Biology with a focus in Genetics.

Simone, Bayla and were honored at the Shavuot Service on Saturday, June 4. Their names have been added in our place of honor on the plaque in the Temple Atrium.





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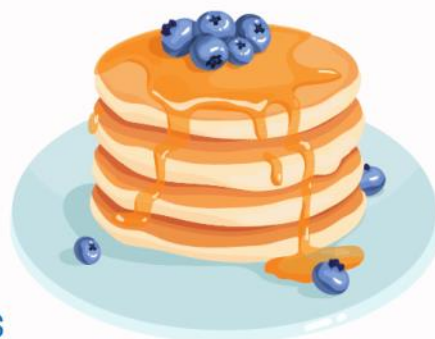
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Community Tisha B'Av Program -- August 6

Congregations Ahavath Achim (Colchester) Beth El (New London) } Beth Jacob (Norwich) and Bnai Israel (Willimantic) will be joining together for an evening commemoration of the 9th of Av, Tisha B'av on Saturday night, August 6.

The evening will begin with a very short Ma'ariv service at 8:45 P.M. We expect the highlight of the evening-the mournful reading of the Eicha Megillah will begin about 9 P.M. In addition to a Hebrew and English reading of the Eicha Megillah, we will also be sharing some modern poetry and other pieces, and with a view towards ending the evening by about 10 pm...



The evening will be presented on the Zoom platform. Rabbis of the individual synagogues will be distributing the ZOOM links to their respective memberships.

If you are not a member of one of the sponsoring synagogues but would like to attend, please

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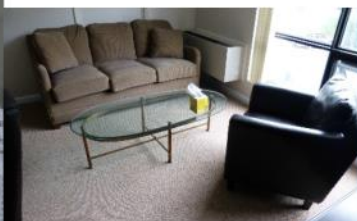
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