



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

In early November, Beauregard Backus, Oliver Constantine, Margot Feldon, Zoe Weiner, and Orion Zelken were officially welcomed into our Temple Emanu-El religious school community at Consecration. Anytime we welcome new learners into our community, it is a big deal. This year's consecration service was a great example of the kind of community we are trying to build at Temple Emanu-El. I am particularly proud of our Kitah Zayin (7th Grade) students for their enthusiasm, creativity, and poise. Lance Holwitt, Jillian Parad, Sophia Selke, and Veronica Sherman were excellent role models for our newest learners and their families. The service started with Kitah Zayin acting out the popular dinosaur Shabbat Song. Jillian played the rambunctious dinosaur knocking at the door, wanting to have Shabbat with Lance, Sophia, Vee, and all the other kids. They beautifully modeled that Shabbat is a celebration and a time for coming together with friends, family, and even a dinosaur. After that fun opening to our service, Kitah Zayin immediately switched gears. They dipped into the well of our tradition, kindling our Shabbat lights, breathing in Shabbat, and singing our traditional blessing. They modeled the depth of connection they have built to our traditions and people over their short time in our religious school. How incredibly meaningful that Kitah Zayin was such a big part of welcoming Beau, Oliver, Margot, Zoe, and Orion. It was also noteworthy that so many of our congregants joined in person or on Zoom or YouTube. This was by far our best-attended consecration service in years.

As beautiful, creative, and meaningful as this service was for many. I recognize that it was not perfect. In fact, as I looked around the sanctuary during Consecration, I could see and feel pockets of frustration. The

service was a little too long for some of our youngest. It is tough to keep those ants in the pants under control for so long on a Friday night. I could also see that some of our regular service attendees had their patience worn thin. There was too much activity swirling around them as they were trying to hear prayers and messages from the bimah. In many respects, this wasn't the peaceful, reflective Shabbat that they may have been seeking. We missed the mark for sure. I sincerely ask for your forgiveness if you walked away from our consecration service more frustrated and less centered. Sherry and I spend considerable time thinking about our liturgy, music, themes, and messages each week. It is always my intention that everyone who comes through our sanctuary doors feels that we are building a house of prayer for all people (Isaiah 56:7), little people, big people, and in-between people.

Some may think that the goal of bringing everyone together and striking the perfect balance is just an impossible task. Why even try? I keep trying because I believe that generational connections make for strong congregations. Where would we be if our most senior members had not led us to this very place? Where will we be without our youngest members absorbing, reimagining, and living the love of our traditions? We can only pass the Torah from generation to generation when generations meet and reach out to one another; one generation holding up Torah, the next receiving it. I will continue to do my best to take in all that I saw at Consecration, the energy, enthusiasm, frustrations and disappointments. I hope you will keep trying too. For some, this will mean talking to our kids long before Friday night about respecting sacred time, space, and those around us. For others, this will mean digging deep to find patience for youthful energy and understanding for exhausted parents. If we can do these things, the place we meet in the middle will be the loving, caring, beautifully vibrant community we all want and need.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Andy Parad

I don't want to spoil any surprises in case you haven't been to the Temple in the last few weeks, but I will give a few hints. Thanks to Rich McCaffrey and Bruce Goldstein in leading our modernization efforts. I apologize if anyone has been locked out over the last few weeks. This should be a small inconvenience for us joining the 21st century.

As summer finally came to an end weather-wise 4 days ago and winter began 3 days ago, we have much to look forward to this holiday season. The highlight (and fortunately for our waistline) the culmination is Chrismukkah. For our Temple with our many interfaith families, this is bound to be quite a festive year. For those who are curious, Chrismukkah is not uncommon.

It last happened in 2019 and before that 2011. So this appears to be much more common than Thanksgiving which prior to 2013 last occurred in 1888. In short, an ugly Chrismukkah sweater appears to be a good investment, Thanksgiving - not so much.

So start finding your latke recipes. Clean off the candle wax from last year on your hanukkah. Put up your Christmas/holiday tree if you have one. Get out your box of ornaments. Hang your lights (I try to buy the ones you can change the color with an app which allows me to have Halloween lights, Thanksgiving lights, Christmas lights, and Hanukkah lights). Here's to a festive holiday season.

Andy

Notes from Sherry Barnes



I love the Chanukah lights against the darkness of the night. I enjoy each night as the light increases with each candle we add, until the entire chanukiah is filled with the warmth and beauty of eight nights. That reminds me of the

story of Hillel vs. Shammi. Did you know that there was a disagreement between two 1st Century Jewish Scholars on how we should light the chanukiah? Shammai said that on the first night of Chanukah we should start by lighting all 8 candles for the eight days. Then light one less each night until on the last night we only light one candle. Hillel, on the other hand, said that we should start with one candle on the first night, adding another candle each night until all eight are lit on the last night. Increasing the light during this holiday makes me feel, more hopeful, more spiritual. I think accepting Hillel's school of thought was the right choice. There are other choices that you can make over Chanukah. There are some people that choose to dedicate a candle to something each night, such as peace, love of family and friends, and being grateful, to name a few. Some people choose to collect tzedakah each night and give it to charity at the end of the eighth day. Maybe you can start a new tradition in your home. Dur-

ing Chanukah, Temple Emanu-El has its own tradition. Everyone brings their chanukiah to Shabbat Evening services and we light them together. On Friday, December 23, bring your chanukiah and join Rabbi Marc, the TE Band, and me, as we light our chanukiot and bring in the sixth night of Chanukah together as one big family!

CABARET, LIVE, ON-STAGE AT Temple Emanu-El ON FEB. 4. LOOKING FOR ACTS!

Can you dance, sing, read poetry, do a skit, or play an instrument? Armi Rowe and I are looking for acts for our Cabaret Night Saturday, February 4! Please contact either Armi or me if you are interested. All acts are live on our stage.

If you can read Hebrew and would like to chant Torah, there are still dates available. Call me at Temple Emanu-El, or email me at: shirie3860@aol.com

Thank you to this month's Torah readers:

December 2 - Jeff Elkin

December 16-Michelle Pievsky

December 23- Regina Magnus-Arytey

Sherry



Brotherhood's Annual Chanukah Latke Dinner is Back!

Potato Latkes, Brisket with Vegetables, Salad, and more!

Sunday, December 18, @ 5:00 P.M.

Social Hall at Temple Emanu-El

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME!

Start the season early with good food, friends, and family.

\$20 per person *** \$50 for three or more**

Please RSVP for planning by Monday, December 12.

Paying at the door for either family or individual is \$5 more.

Mail payment to Temple Emanu-El, P.O. Box 288 Waterford,
CT 06385 or call 860-443-3005 to make reservations.

Annual Temple Travel Raffle will be drawn at 6 P.M.



Temple Emanu-El Raffle -- Time to Buy Your Tickets

This year's temple raffle will be drawn
Sunday, December 18 at 6 pm during the Brotherhood Latke Dinner.

There will be **seven prizes and 720 tickets** – still only **\$25 each**.

Sponsor --
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First Prize:
FIVE \$500 VISA Gift Cards



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If you have questions reach out to the
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John Murphy jem1219@atlanticbb.net or
860-608-0774.

John Murphy
Chairman Temple Emanu-El Raffle



Sponsor --
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Seventh Prize:
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Hi Ladies,

Your Sisterhood Board continues to work very hard to plan activities that will interest and inspire all of you and bring us together to have fun! As I'm composing this article For December and January, we are getting ready for the **Abortion-Reproductive Rights Forum** this Thursday. We are hoping for a big turnout and want to thank all of our presenters- Rabbi Marc, Attorney Sheila Horvitz, Dr. Adrienne Parad, and nurse health educator Marcie Brensilver. A special thanks to Moira Ross for planning and organizing this very informative event! Thanks to Nathaniel Rowe for acting as our Tech Guru. At our November Board Meeting, Moira reported that the Sisterhood raised \$1,800 for **Safe Futures** – a big thank you to all of you who participated and contributed to this very worthy cause.

A very HUGE THANK YOU to **Iris Freeman and Robbin Alpert** and all who assisted them in making the **Mahjongg Tournament** a great success. The Mahjongg Tournament is Sisterhood's major fundraiser and with the funds raised we will be able to contribute to the synagogue in a significant way.

More thanks are extended to Lisa DeVito Marcus for hosting our very successful **Membership Kick-Off Dinner Event** and to Merrill Mazzella for organizing the wonderful dinner from Cafe Sol and assisting with the setting up and serving. A fun time was had by all!

Our next **Book Club** will be held on **Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00PM** at the synagogue and on Zoom. We



will be joined by the women of Hadasah. We will be reading

The Book of Separation: A Memoir by Tova Mirvis. The author, born and raised in a tight-knit Orthodox Jewish family, marries a man from within the community and starts a family. Over the years, her doubts become noisier than her faith and at age forty Tova decides to leave her husband and her faith. She strikes out on her

own to discover what she does believe and who she really is. This will mean forging a new way of life not just for herself, but for her children, who are struggling with what the divorce and her new status as “not Orthodox” mean for them. Books are available at the Waterford Library. RSVP to me at professeur38@me.com by **Friday, December 9, indicating whether you will be attending in-person or on Zoom.**

Other **December** happenings will include our **Gift Shop Chanukah Fair on Sunday, December 4 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM** and the **Assembling of Chanukah Bags for the Friendly Visitor Program on Monday, December 12 at 10:00AM at the synagogue.** Thanks in advance to all of you who will be assisting with these two projects.

Last but not least, our final December event will be another of Sisterhood's famous **Trivia Nights.** This friendly competition will take place on ZOOM on **Thursday, December 8 at 7:00PM.** Stay tuned for a flyer!

There are presently two events planned for January. Both events will be held on Zoom as weather during the months of January and February can be unpredictable. I will lead a **Book Discussion on “The Immortalists” by Chloe Benjamin** which some of you read when it was originally chosen as a Book Club selection for December. Please email me at professeur38@me.com, if you are interested in participating. Also in January, Merrill Mazzella will take us on another of her fun and entertaining **Zoom Scavenger Hunts.** **Dates for these two January events have not been determined at this time.**

Our Membership Drive is ongoing. We presently have 93 members but are still hoping that many more of you will join us. You can send your check for \$36 to Caren Linden, 82 Quarry Dock Road, Niantic 06357 or drop it off at the Temple or bring it to an upcoming event.

Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

Barbara Senges

Sisterhood President

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IT'S TIME TO ORDER 2023 Mah Jongg CARDS!

Order NOW for delivery of your 2023 NMJL cards to your home. The cards are essential "equipment" for anyone who plays or plans to play MahJongg this coming year. The League has raised the price for the 2023 cards to **\$14 Standard size and \$15 Large size**, to offset increased production costs. (They have also increased the amount they donate to charity. If you play mahj once per week that comes to only \$.29/week.) The money that the NMJL donates back to us each year is a great help to Sisterhood, and the cost to you is the same as ordering direct from NMJL, so it's a win-win.

If you are one of the wonderful people who collect orders for me, please start that process now. If you include each person's address, the cards will be mailed directly to them along with the annual NMJL bulletin, which includes Q&A and rule updates.

Please send checks to Temple Emanu-El, P.O. Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385, made out to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.

Include name, address, and email.

DEADLINE: Check must be received by **January 20, 2023.**

Any orders after the deadline will not result in a donation to Sisterhood.

I appreciate orders for your friends and relatives, too. They will be mailed directly to each person's home directly from the NMJL office.

Contact Iris Freeman, 860-460-3081 or ifreegang@aol.com with any questions.

We're back!! Mah Jongg Tournament Success!

With over 15 years of mahjongg tournaments behind us, it was still just as exciting to see Temple Emanu-El filled with 84 players for our first post-pandemic day of mahj on October 20th. We had folks from DE, NH, NY, MA in attendance for an event that was months in the planning. This was actually a bi-coastal affair, as I was supported by Robbin Alpert in CT, Shelley Arenson in Oregon, myself in MA, and Roberta Reisner-Winograd supporting us every step of the way.

We made \$4,800 on the tournament with \$1,100 of that coming from the basket raffle. Barbara Garry again did

her magic to make the donated items look sensational. So many people stepped up to contribute gifts, beginning with Gay Clarkson who gave us a beautiful Mah Jongg set. She was joined in donations from the following members/vendors: Paula's Pillows by Paula Jacobi, Cafe Sol, Cindy Weiner, Linda Barnett, Pam Kilbey-Fox, Kim Fischburg, Karen Bloustine, Karen Rosenberg, Filomena's, Sue Fornara, Norma Hollandersky, Mallove's, Knitty Gritty Yarn Store/Paulette Meijer, Adrienne Parad, Moira Ross, Tammy Kaye, Claire Warren, Hali Keeler, Gail Weber, Lois Steinman, Shelley Arenson, Robbin Alpert, Sheryl Reagan, Barbara Senges, Caren Linden, and Cecille Feldman. Sorry if I missed anyone. (We received a basket of kitchen items that were unidentified.)

With 100 hungry people to feed (Mah Jongg works up an appetite!), our home-made breakfast and lunch did not disappoint. We had a crew of 16 kitchen, set-up, and break-down helpers to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Again, I hope I am not omitting anyone! Thanks to Robbin Alpert who commandeered the kitchen, with support from Norma Hollandersky, Carol Bridges, Cecile Feldman, Hali Keeler, Kim Fischburg, Adrienne Parad, Armi Rowe, Shelley Arenson, Karen Rosenberg, Ann Cohen, Karen Bloustine, Michele Snitkin, Barbara Senges, Gary Freeman, Brian Alpert.

Six cash prizes were given out to our top scorers. First place was shared by Susan Doherty and Sheila Horvitz, followed by Paula Jacobi, Chris Konicki, Barbara Hahn, and Diane Giansanti. Thanks to Brian Alpert for being thrown into score keeping and rising to the occasion.

I can't sign off without giving a special thanks to Gary Freeman, who helped in roles too numerous to list.

And the most asked question at the end of the day: What is the date for the next Tournament?

And the most common reply: We will let you know when we recover from this one! Watch your email for Spring '23.

Iris Freeman

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL GIFT SHOP



Anne & Lisa have been working hard to prepare for the **Chanukah Fair this December 4 from 10-1**. Come one. Come All!!! They have procured toys, crafts and gifts for everyone on your list. Can't attend the Fair? Just make an appointment to come in and look at our wide array of Judaica items. No sales tax. Cheaper than retail stores. Profits go to support your congregation and community. Happy Chanukah!!



Sisterhood Membership Kick Off Dinner



**Mahj
Tournament**



December Birthdays

Kenneth Abrahms
Morgan Abrahms
Linda Barnett
Howard Brensilver
Bran J. Cedio
Roy Clark
Dale Rebecca Dennis
Addison Dickey
Andrew Feinstein
Katie Feinstein
Cecile Feldman
Anna Feldman

Irma Flitt
Susan Fornara
Florence Frank
Gavier Greenmoor
Katelyn Haynes
Clayton Hicks
Gavin Holwitt
Ethan Johnson
Andrea Kanfer
Aaron Kaplan
Emily Kil
Joseph Levine
Anne Levine
Annalise McCaffrey
Lee Miller
Joseph Morea
John Murphy
Steven Novick

Ethan Novick
Naomi Paulson
Bill Posage
Rebecca Reinhard
Dale Zechman Rosen
David Rosenberg
Anastasia Rosenthal
Nathaniel Rowe
Nathaniel Rowe
Connie Rubin
Alvin Sher
Bradley Sherman
Danny Shiling
Jay Snoko
Julie Snoko
Rebecca Teeter
Mollie Teeter
Mollie Teeter

Rebecca Tsai
Frederic West
Joel Wildstein



December Anniversaries

Leonard and Sandra
Epstein

Phil and Donna
Schneider



Yahrzeits

December 2

Avraham Duvid ben
Moshe Alfred Goldstein
Edward Basch
Howard Bauer
Mary Louise Boehner
Ruth Joan Brody
Marvin Broomfield
Rachel Crystal
Sol Deglin
Nash Feldman
Dorothy Goldman
Pearl Gordon
Robert Kent
Bernard Lieb

Marilyn Marcus
Ethel Schnable
Hilda Snyderman
Cynthia "Rusty" Sutel
Bessie K. Tankel
Benjamin Yormark

December 9

Ada Bloustine
Andi Camassar
Goldie Gorban Davidson
Isadore Diamond
Allan Brian Glickstein
Jeanette Gruber
Emily (Rachel) Heilweil
Lynn Machette
Janet MacMichael
Monya Millstein
Helen Rosenstein
Marjorie Ryack
John Soda
Blanche Solomon
Harry Stein
Ruth Steiner
Hannah Shafner Teicher
Sheila Wasserman

December 16

Esther Clark
Peggy Cramer
George Daniels
Marian Eisenstein
Miriam Freedman
Gladys Goldstein
Esther Greenberg
Daniel Iorillo
Dr. Charles Irwin
Jody Katz
Samson Joel Mittleman
Ambrosio Orozco
Robert Ostrow
Max Resnick
Mollie Rifkin
Jean Rubinsky
Saul Robert Shapiro
Helen Shulman
Marsha Sperling
Rose Stein
David Stoner
Judy Weber

December 23

Gertrude Camassar
Arthur Feinstein

Ida Covitz Freiberg
Joyce Goldman
Betty Gotleib
Beverly Kanfer
Sidney Katz
Gertrude Lieb
James Murphy
Franklin Prague
Evelyn Rosenstein
Nathan Solomon

December 30

William Bentley
Eva Berkowitz
Milton Frank
Henry Germaine
Paula Glickman
Israel Goodman
Henry Hochman
Arne Levinson
Lillian Gertz Lewiss
Daniel Ravis
Marci Robbins
Harry Rubin
Mabel Rutman
Louis Siegel
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-- in memory of Jodi Katz on the 5th anniversary
of her passing

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Essential Services Fund

Bob and Caren Linden

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-- in loving memory of my brother, Larry Gottfried
on his yahrzeit

-- in loving memory of my sister, Bev Gilman
McCaffrey on her yahrzeit

-- in loving memory of my aunt, Helen Schreiber
Gilman on her yahrzeit

-- in loving memory of my 1st cousin, Barry Gilman
on his yahrzeit

Elly and Bob Hoffman

-- in loving memory of Helen Angert on her yahrzeit

-- in loving memory of John Hoffman on his yahrzeit

Gail and Steven Weber

-- in memory of Alvin Sher

Karen Dinsfriend

-- in memory of Golda Dinsfriend on her yahrzeit

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-- in memory of Alvin Sher

-- in memory Of Laura Seder on her yahrzeit

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-- in memory of Gingee; outside the synagogue was
his favorite place to run around off leash

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---in loving memory of Jack Kupfer on his yahrzeit

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---in memory of Alvin Sher; condolences to Pat &
Sam and Sher Family

Rabbi Aaron and Karen Rosenberg

---in memory of Leo Rosenberg on his yahrzeit

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Ellen Gottfried

---in appreciation of Rabbi Marc

Judi Glickstein

---in loving memory of Allan Brian Glickstein on his
yahrzeit

Lois and Don Steinman

---in memory of Alvin Sher

Melissa Rubinsky

---in loving memory of my mother Jean Rubinsky on
her yahrzeit

Patricia Hendel

---in loving memory of Seymour Hendel on his yahrzeit

Religious School Reserve Fund

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

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---in loving memory of Laura Seder on her yahrzeit

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Please make checks payable to Temple Emanu-El and remit to PO Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385

Visit the Temple Emanu-El CHANUKAH FAIR

Sunday, December 4 from 10:00 – 1:00



KIDS TOYS & CRAFTS MOSTLY UNDER \$5
GIFTS FOR MOM & DAD AROUND \$10
SPECIALTY GIFTS STARTING AT \$20

Shopping for kids, parents, grandparents & teachers.
Traditional every day items, Chanukah items, toys, crafts,
gifts, cards, novelty items. Tax free. Prices less than retail.
PROFITS SUPPORT OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY!



Can't make the Chanukah Fair?

The Temple Emanu-El Judaica Shop is open most Sunday mornings, from 10 am – Noon. Or, email judaicashop@tewaterford.org to arrange another time.

Condolences to. . .

Patricia Sher and Sam Sher on the passing of Pat's husband and Sam's father,
Alvin Sher

The family of **Ginger Horton**



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

The Social Action Committees next meeting will be **December 4**. If you are interested in joining our committee please email Karen Bloustine - bloustinek@gmail.com to receive a copy of the agenda.

Looking for Acts for February 4!

Finally, we are able to have an indoor, live, **Cabaret Night** with appetizers and desserts! If you are interested in being an act in the show, please contact Armi or Sherry. Each act has 5 minutes, which includes getting on and off stage. Dancing, singing, reading poetry, skits, and playing an instrument are all welcome. It's a fun evening and we hope you will consider being a part of this event again or join us for the first time! The evening begins with appetizers, continues with Havdallah, and the show should begin at 7:15. All acts are in-person at Temple Emanu-El. Performers must be 13 years and up. Looking forward to hearing from you.



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We were thrilled to see so many of our religious school families come together on November 4 for our First Friday Family "Share Shabbat" and Consecration Ceremony. It was a meaningful time for our students and their families to gather and we had a great turnout. **Mazel Tov to Oliver Constantine, Beau Backus, Zoe Weiner, Orion Zelkin and Margot Feldon and families!**

On November 13th TERS had a special Veterans Day celebration **honoring Andy & Adrienne Parad, Jess Feldon and Andy Blumer. Thank you all for your service and allowing TERS to recognize you!**

On November 19 TERS held their first Havdalah in Pajamas. After a small Havdalah ceremony families had dinner together followed by organized games and a family movie. A big thank you to **Mikayla O'Brien & Cam Marcus** for making the night a lot of fun for our students. Overall the night was a huge success for both students and their families. It was so nice to get to know our parents outside drop off and pick up. Stay tuned for another Havdalah in Pajamas in January. I am thinking of joining it with a family Bingo night!

We hope to see you all again at our next **First Friday Family Share Shabbat on December 2 beginning at 6:30pm.** Please bring your families Chanukiah and candles to light during Share Shabbat.

For those who may not be aware, Share Shabbat is held the first Friday of each month. Students and their families will have the opportunity to pick a part of the service. Share Shabbat is an opportunity for all our students and their families to share in the Shabbat service.



On December 4 the Sisterhood will have their annual Chanukah Fair. TERS focus was on instilling in our students the joy and intrinsic rewards of giving and Tzedakah. Students discussed the many ways we show love and appreciation during this Chanukah season - with gift giving being only one of them. With that said, all our students had the opportunity to browse the fair, and our Kitah Chet students were there to assist the students in finding gifts for parents and/or siblings and make and wrap their purchases. The fair was an exciting time and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Keeping with the mitzvah of Tzedakah TERS will also be participating in a **Toys for Tots Collection Drive.** We encourage our families to donate an unwrapped toy to help support those less fortunate during this holiday season. Please keep an eye out for the details in the proceeding weeks.

On December 11 TERS will be holding this school year's first Sunday Funday at Groton Bowling Center.

This year there will be lanes for parents to bowl as well as for students. Of course we will wrap up the event with ice cream! Details to follow.

Religious School teachers will be on vacation for winter break this month so there are **no classes on December 25, 28 and January 1.** Mid-week Hebrew instruction **returns on Wednesday, January 4.** Sunday classes resume on January 8 and pre-school resumes January 8.

Chag Chanukah Sameach,

Rachel



November Events & Service Schedule

Thur.	Dec. 1	7:00 P.M.	Panel Discussion on Abortion and Women's Reproductive Rights
Fri.	Dec. 2	6:30 P.M.	Share Shabbat
Sun.	Dec. 4	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Café provided by Brotherhood
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:00 A.M.	Judaica Shop Chanukah Fair
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		TBA	Social Action Committee Meeting
Mon.	Dec. 5	12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Hot Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Wed.	Dec. 7	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Fri.	Dec. 9	6:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sun.	Dec. 11	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Café provided by Brotherhood
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
Mon.	Dec. 12	10:00 A.M.	Friendly Visitor's Program – Chanukah bag assembly
		12:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Hot Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Tues.	Dec. 13	7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood/Hadassah Book Club
Wed.	Dec. 14	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
		7:30 P.M.	Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustee Meeting
Fri.	Dec. 16	6:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sun.	Dec. 18	9:00 A.M.	Sunday Morning Café provided by Brotherhood
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		5:00 P.M.	Brotherhood Latke Dinner
		6:00 P.M.	Raffle Drawing
Mon.	Dec. 19 1	2:30 P.M.	Federation Senior Hot Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Wed.	Dec. 21	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Fri.	Dec. 23	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Chanukah Service
			Bring your own Chanukiah
Fri.	Dec. 30	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Chanukah Service
Wed.	Jan. 4	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Fri.	Jan. 6	7:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Sun.	Jan. 8	9:30 A.M.	Religious School
		10:30 A.M.	Preschool
		TBD	Cabaret Try Outs





JOIN US WEEKLY
IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Sunday Morning Cafe

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Catch up with friends or your e-mail,
meet with a committee, read the newspaper,
or meet some new people
over bagels and coffee.



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