



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

Take a trip down a rabbit hole with me. A few weeks ago, we observed Passover. This year I

participated in four Passover observances: our community's first Seder at Langley's restaurant, a family second Seder at Lisa and Pete Marcus's house, a very special Passover Kiddush with residents at StoneRidge Senior Living Community, and the pinnacle of Passover storytelling at the Feinstein Family Sederama. Each was unique, beautiful, and meaningful because of the care and creativity of the organizers. Each gathering was both a retelling of our ancient Israelite Exodus and a contemporary offering.

In ancient times on the day before the festival, community representatives would go out into the fields and tie up bunches of mature barley stalks. After the festival, they would return to the field and reap the tied sheaves into a basket. The grain would then be threshed, dried, and milled to produce barley flour. Finally, they mixed the flour with oil and frankincense for the Omer offering. I've tried to keep this explanation very general because, like everything Jewish, there is plenty of debate on the process. The Torah tells us to count seven weeks from this offering until Shavuot, which aligned with the beginning of the wheat harvest.

I've always been interested in the agricultural links of both Passover and Shavuot, especially the timing. While counting the Omer, I usually find an entrance to my Omer rabbit hole. I search the internet for articles about the timing of barley and wheat harvests. This year I found two items of interest. For the first item, I give credit to Frank Nelte, who posted a letter he had in his possession from an agent in the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture extension service in 1983. The agent explained the timing of the barley harvest in the modern

state of Israel. Typically, the barley harvest in modern times is in late April and early May, depending on climate conditions. The agent explained that the harvest would have been a few weeks earlier in ancient times because of harvest methods. Modern automated harvesting requires a much lower moisture content, so the barley must dry in the field longer. I have studied this before, but reading the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture letter was very interesting.

The second item of interest I found on my trip down the Omer rabbit hole was a presentation from graduate students working with the USDA Agricultural Research Service. Their presentation focused on the history of barley cultivation and modern problems, research, and practical solutions. In the penultimate slide of their presentation, a quote by Charles Eliot caught my eye, "... a good past is positively dangerous if it makes us content with the present and unprepared for the future." So, I went down another branch of the rabbit hole to find that Charles Eliot was President of Harvard University from 1869-1909. At that time, there was a pitched battle between those who insisted that colleges focus on classical education. I found his quote in a printed edition entitled, *Inaugural Address as President of Harvard College*. In its 38 pages he eloquently outlined the necessity of transforming higher education. Eliot saw the need to dramatically expand the focus of colleges and universities on science and its practical uses. He is credited with transforming the entire college and university system from strict classical education to an expansive education system grounded in science and specialized areas of study.

I emerge from the Omer rabbit hole with the past, present, and future in mind. Reform Judaism is solidly grounded in our past's moral and ethical teachings. But as Reform Jews, we are cautious about how tightly and in what ways we hold onto our Jewish past. Further, we insist our Judaism be creative and transformative, respond to modernity, and prepare us for a future we cannot yet imagine. We cannot be stuck in our past lest our future withers in the field.

L'Shalom, **Rabbi Marc**

President's Message - Andy Parad

This past month we had a Board Retreat/Strategic Planning full day meeting. Not only is that a mouthful to say, but there was a lot of effort put in to make it happen (a big thank you to Armi, Roberta, and many others) and a lot of “work” that will come out. The reason I say “work” is that plans are only as good as you execute them. The meeting itself was a lot of fun. We did it in person, which was actually the first in person Board Meeting in about 3 years. And the venue was beautiful, right on the water (thank you to the Town of Groton for allowing us to use their space).

As I'm writing this we actually have a Board meeting tonight (delayed a week by Passover which has my monthly calendar way off) where we will continue our discussion on the “work” that needs to be done. The other reason I put “work” in quotation marks is because a lot of what goes into doing what we do should

be fun! When we developed our vision (Temple Emanu-El strives to be a... .. fun and caring community (full vision is on the website) we discussed and debated over the word fun, which was actually a bit of fun in and of itself. But that's not the point. The point is that when we do things, the “work” that we put in should be collaborative with each other, should be something we enjoy doing, and the end result should be positive and dare I say fun! If we can't be doing things in this way, then why are we doing them?

I'm going to make a few pitches tonight for the items we should be taking up from our ideas at our Board Retreat. I can guarantee that if we can pull them off, they will all be fun. Come help us put in the “work” so we can continue Building a Vibrant Community Through Reform Judaism.

Andy

Notes from Sherry Barnes



I have always been intrigued by the beautiful calligraphy of the scribes who wrote and still write Torah scrolls. I bring this up, because this month we will celebrate the holiday of Shavuot. The word shavuot means weeks and refers to the seven weeks between Pass-

over and the holiday of Shavuot, when we received the Torah at Mount Sinai. A Torah is written on kosher animal skin attached to two wooden rods called atzei chayim, Trees of Life. It is written by hand with a hand-made quill or reed. The quill is usually from a kosher turkey or goose. The sofer hand cuts the tip of the quill or reed and is used with specially made ink. Iron nibs may not be used on the quill to write a Torah, since it could pierce the parchment and also because it is a metal used to make instruments for death and war. I had read that if you make a mistake on any word that is not G-d's name, you may use a blade made of ivory or wood to scrape it away. If the mistake is made while writing G-d's name, that panel must be buried. There are 62 to 84 panels of parchment used to create a Torah scroll. There are 4,000 rules to know before scribing a Torah and 304,805 letters to calligraphy! The old-

est Torah scroll found in its entirety is about 800 years old, and has been carbon dated to between 1155 and 1225. I was told 20 years ago by a visiting sofer that our small Torah was about 150 years old, and thanks to Pat Sher's artistic eye, we think it may have been pieced together from 2 different Torah scrolls because of the way the letters are scribed. I would love to know its history. I'm not sure of the age of our large Torah, but it appears to be much younger than the small one. The larger Torah is written so beautifully and is such a pleasure to read from. Did you know that the 613th commandment is to write a Torah? I had the opportunity to fulfill that mitzvah when I had visited a synagogue which had commissioned a sofer to write a Torah for them. I made a donation and placed my hand on the sofer's hand to write the letter tav on the new panel of parchment. It was an amazing experience. I learned that it can take a year or more to scribe a Torah and only a man, a sofer, was allowed to scribe a Torah. I'm happy to say that has changed. In 2007, Jen Taylor Friedman, a soferet, is thought to be the first known woman to scribe a complete Torah. Since then many more women from around the world have studied everything needed to become a Soferet STaM, one

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who can scribe a Sefer Torah, Tefillin, and Mezuzah. Women have studied and chanted the words of Torah and now they are writing them with the love of Torah in their hearts and with the skill of their hands. There are many articles out there about women who have become sofrot. I'm including a couple of links that you might enjoy. Whether you are a sofer or a soferet scribing a Torah is a commitment of the heart, soul, and mind. I am in awe of all of them.

[As New Year Dawns, Jewish Women Mark Milestones – The Forward](#)

[Ink of our Own: Women Who Scribe | Jewish Women's Archive \(jwa.org\)](#)

[Women Who Write Torah – The Forward](#)

Summer Shabbat Services will begin on June 30. Summer services are lay-led with help from me if you like. I'm happy to help you put together a service, chant Torah, and help with music. If this is something you are interested in, email me at shirie3860@aol.com and I will send out the dates that are available.

B'shir,

Sherry

Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Dear Ladies,

Happy Spring! The temperature is warmer, the grass is green, the flowers are blooming and the leaves are appearing. I hope you will take advantage of this great weather and join us for our walks on the Niantic Boardwalk (Hole in the Wall entrance) on **Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00AM**. If you are not on the Walking Group email list and want to be included for weekly announcements, contact **Debra Wool** at debra-wool@gmail.com.

Speaking of Spring - Sisterhood will be doing a Mitzvah Project for **Safe Futures** during the month of May. We will be purchasing and planting flowers at their housing facility. If you have a "green thumb" and would like to help with this project, email me at professeur38@me.com.

Some of you who have yet to join the Sisterhood roles for 2023 have recently received a letter from **Jennifer Zettler, our new Membership Chair**. This letter contained a list of upcoming events in April, May and June. As Jennifer said, "Joining Sisterhood is a great way to make new friends, become more active at our synagogue, and just have a great time. We really look forward to seeing you at one of the springtime programs!" It's never too late to join!

Also remember that money raised by Sisterhood is used to support Temple Emanu-El. This year Sisterhood donated \$1,000 to help cover the cost of the Temple's Community Seder at Langley's. Sisterhood is sponsoring the Author Talk for the **Deli Day** on Sunday, May 7.

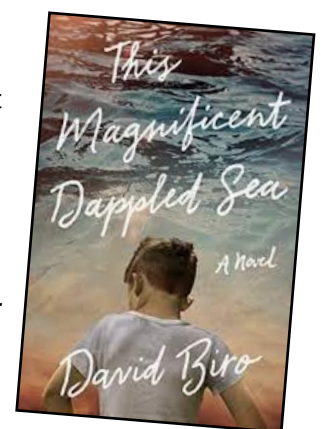


At our April Board Meeting, we voted to donate \$1,000 to JFEC to support a month of the **"Dignity Grows" program**. Dignity Grows supplies menstrual hygiene products to women and girls unable to afford these essential supplies. This donation covers the cost of the program for one month. **We will let you know which month we will be sponsoring if you would like to help by donating products and/or helping to pack them into individual totes.**

As I write this article, we are just beginning our April events. Tomorrow night, there are 20 of you joining us in person and on Zoom to commemorate Yom Hashoah with a presentation and discussion given by Rabbi Marc of the book "Black Earth-The Holocaust as History and Warning".

Speaking of successful events - Thank you to **Merrill Mazzella** for organizing a successful Sisterhood Dinner Club at Olio's in Groton on March 15. The food was delicious, the company was great and we even celebrated Gail Weber's birthday! A great time was had by all!

Our final Book Club of the year will be **on Zoom on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00PM**. We will be reading **"This Magnificent Dappled Sea"** by **David Biro**. This novel tells the story



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of a nine-year-old Italian boy with leukemia who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. An unlikely donor is found: a rabbi in Brooklyn, NY who is suffering from a crisis of faith. As the story unfolds, terrible secrets from World War II reveal how a Catholic Child could have Jewish genes. The book is available at Waterford Library.

Below you will find a list of upcoming activities that are planned for **May** and **June**.

RSVP ASAP FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00PM - Smith's Acres Greenhouse - We will be making a Succulent Cocktail Glass. Pizza and wine will be served.**
- **Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00PM at the Synagogue and on Zoom - Book Club Please RSVP to me at professeur38@me.com by Friday, May 19.**
- **Friday, May 12 at 6:30PM - Sisterhood Service and Installation - RSVP to Eileen Shapiro at esfinally-hasemail@comcast.net if you would like a part in the service. Indicate Hebrew or English. Please email me at professeur38@me.com if you are willing to bring something for the Oneg.**
- **Thursday, May 18 at 6:00PM at the home of Kim Fischburg in Norwich - End-of-Year Sisterhood Dinner. Please see the flyer in this bulletin. RSVP by Thursday, May 11 to Merrill Mazzella at mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net**
- **Wednesday, June 7 at 2:00PM - "Gypsy" at Goodspeed -SORRY, SOLD-OUT!**

We are always looking for members to join the Sisterhood Board. Call me at 860-608-1187 if you are interested!

Hope to see all of you at our upcoming events!

Barbara Senges

Sisterhood President

SPRING MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT JUNE 21, 2023

Please join us for the Spring MahJongg Tournament on **Wednesday, June 21.**

We will again host players from all across the northeast for a fun-filled day of Mahj. There will be the option of more competitive play at our Tournament tables, as



well as the alternative Relaxed tables. We will feed you all day long, so not to worry about having enough energy to keep you going through event.

A 50/50 Raffle is planned, in lieu of our basket raffle. **Look for the Registration flyer with all the details in this bulletin.**

We will welcome your help with preparation on Tuesday, 6/20 and on the day of the event, so please mark your calendars to join the fun as a player or a supporter.

Questions, please contact Iris Freeman by text or phone at 860.460.3081 or email ifreegang@aol.com

TEMPLE EMANU-EL GIFT SHOP



Anne and Lisa continue to expand their offerings at the gift shop, and are available by appointment. You can contact them through email at Judai-cashop@tewaterford.org, or contact the Temple

Office. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our shop!

Condolences to . . .

Marcia, Mike, Jacob, and Rebecca Reinhard
on the passing of their
Uncle Fred Feuerman on
Thursday, March 23 at the age of 96

May their memory be a blessing.
יהי זכרם ברוך.

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



I hope everyone had a wonderful Pesach celebration with family and friends, and that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation during Spring Break. Be-

fore taking this well-deserved down time, April was an exciting month for our students. On April 2 students participated in a special Passover program. The morning was filled with educational hands-on activities. Students started their morning with a fabulous Passover program led by Young Emissaries **Omer and Uma**. **A big thank you to our shinshinim for creating such an interactive program.** Our youngest learners also had a great treat and met with Rabbi Marc to learn about the essence of Passover. The morning then wrapped up with each student making their own afikomen bag (a bag to put the piece of matzah that is hidden at the end of the Passover seder) followed by a special treat. Each student made the most delicious chocolate matzah! **Thank you to all our staff for their help in making Passover fun and engaging.** I would also like to **thank Rebecca Brody for jumping in and helping out with this hectic morning.**

This past month students also participated in a wonderful mitzvah project, Kids Helping Kids, with the help of the Social Action Committee. **Thank you Karen Bloustine and Sybil Nassau for your support and direction with this project.** On April 23 TERS students packed over 24 backpacks with essential items for children who need to move from their home into foster care. This was a truly important project and we had a wonderful turnout. Our students were able to contribute not just through donations but by jumping in and lending a hand.

I can't believe that religious school is moving to the

homestretch. Please note, **our last mid-week Hebrew instruction is on May 10 and our last Sunday session is May 21.** Our last day of religious school will conclude with a whole school celebration - details to come.

Meanwhile, please mark your calendars, as our next **First Friday Share Shabbat will be on May 5.** Please join us! This will be a special Share Shabbat in that we will be recognizing our staff and all their hard work. Students will be participating in Share Shabbat with their teacher, as a class, so it will surely be a special night.

We have had such a productive school year, one filled with new experiences, oppor-



tunities to learn and to make new connections. We couldn't have done it without the consistent support of Rabbi Ekstrand, Sherry Barnes, and all our dedicated teachers, and faculty assistants.

With that said I am sad to step down as TERS Director. It is time for me to move on to new opportunities. Next year I hope to find myself working in the public school system as a School Counselor. I will truly miss everyone, both students and families, and of course the wonderful staff that supported me in more ways that I can count. **A special THANK YOU to Amy Orce whose help in the success of TERS was invaluable.** I will look back on my time with TERS with fond memories and admiration for TERS and its wonderful community.

Wishing you all a great summer and a wonderful 2023/2024 school year with the upcoming TERS director, I know it will be great!!

Shalom, **Rachel**

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

The Social Action Committee worked in cooperation with the Temple Religious School for the "Kids Helping Kids" program. The schoolchildren and parents donated backpacks and piles of items to fill the backpacks. The Social Action Committee used money from the Mitzvah Fund to purchase items needed that were did not get donated. On April 23 TERS students packed over 24 backpacks with essential items for children who need to move from their home into foster care. The filled backpacks were delivered to The Waterford Country Day School. Thank you to all the families that contributed to this project.

Mishloah Manot Thank You's

We would like to acknowledge the following people who graciously delivered Purim bags for our fundraiser. These names were omitted by mistake in the last bulletin.

Barbara Senges Murphy

Susan Rosen

Eileen Shapiro

Adrienne Shapiro

We apologize for leaving you off the list the first time.

Sincerely,

Janine Sitko, Amy Perry, and Barbara Wolfe

Baking Club

If you are interested in joining the baking club, contact **Erica McCaffrey 860-608-4835,**

or rmccaffrey@snet.net.



Todah Rabah!

Temple Emanu-El's

**History of the Jewish Deli &
"Mini" Jewish Food Festival**

**Deli
Day**

**PRE-ORDER
DEADLINE
APRIL 23**

What to Expect at Deli Day

May 7, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

Temple Emanu-El Social Hall

11:00 a.m.

Author Ted Merwin will give a FREE 60-75 minute presentation about his book *Pastrami On Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli*. All are welcome!

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Pre-Ordered Deli Day Lunch served and Author Q&A. Those who didn't pre-order meals may purchase a la carte food from the "Mini" Jewish Food Festival tables.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Attendees mingle and shop the "Mini" Jewish Food Festival tables.

In his 60-75 minute multimedia presentation, Author Ted Merwin will cover how the deli...

- ... developed into an important Jewish communal gathering space
- ...fare became iconic not just in Jewish life, but in the overall life of New York and even, to some degree, in American society as a whole
- ...became a major dimension of the second generation Jewish experience, especially in New York's entertainment district and in the outer boroughs (esp. the Bronx and Brooklyn)
- ...and related industries became especially important during the Great Depression
- ...deli food became popular in WWII and its symbolic meanings for soldiers far from home?
- ...deli food became mass-marketed as Jews moved to the suburbs after WWII and then to Miami Beach, L.A., and other parts of the country?
- ...food began to seem less appealing for the post-WWII generation of American Jews
- ...deli food was sacrificed in the headlong rush to embrace other cuisines, greater health consciousness, and upward mobility
- ...delis became a central part of pop culture in the closing decades of the twentieth century and the beginning decades of the twenty-first
- ...delis continue to adapt to survive in today's society that is geared to food and drink being more sustainable, artisanal, etc.

May Birthdays

Emma Gail Arruda
 Florence Betten
 Karen S. Bloustine
 Eric Blum
 Dianne Wilkomer Brody
 Rebecca Brody
 Ian Crawford
 Rhonda Daniels
 Harris Daniels
 Henry Dunkerley
 Haley Flax
 Trevor Fornara
 Paula Garnica

Richard Gipstein
 Lori Goldstein
 Sanford Greenhouse
 Alan Gruber
 Patricia Gruber
 Peter Gruber
 David Hausmann
 Mike Haynes
 Robert Hoffman
 Lance Holwitt
 Merrill Katz
 Adam Kaufman
 Isaac David Kaufman
 Gladys Kimmel
 Anne Kronisch

Eric Levine
 Camrynn Marcus
 Justin Mazza
 Sierra McCaffrey
 Sybil Nassau
 Mikayla O'Brien
 Edward Perl
 Alexandra Rosenthal
 David Sayet
 Cheryl Susan Schwartz
 Joseph Segal
 Ben Shiling
 Benjamin Shiling
 Brendan Suroviak

Jessica Tripicco
 Mark Tsai
 Nathan Weiss
 Gabrielle Emily Zettler



Anniversaries

Stanley A. and Karen S. Bloustine
 Scott and Rhonda Daniels
 Bruce and Lisa Darling
 Leonard and Helen Goldstein
 Rick and Tammy Kaye
 Martin and Joanna Lazarus
 Richard and Sheri Pascal
 Mike and Marcia Reinhard
 Elwin Garth and Cheryl Susan Schwartz
 Nathan and Shelley Weiss

William Miller
 Mary Louise Murphy
 Bernard L. Ryack
 Raphael Shafner
 Stanley Sheikowitz
 Leah Sher
 Samuel Steckler
 Esther Sutel
 Isaac Wessel
 Rose Winter
 Martin Yavener

May Yahrzeits

Nathaniel Wharton
 Mark Wildstein

May 19

Mary Ann Connell
 Ruth Cotton
 Lena Epstein
 Milton Finkelstien
 Judy Flax
 Irene Fox
 Helen Friedman
 Glafira Gonzalez
 Michael Goodman
 Susan Greenhalgh
 Edith Butler Kraimer
 Dr. Jeanne C. Prokesch
 Ida Resnick
 Anne Ressler
 David Rifkin L
 Eleanor Samuels Schnur
 Irving Shafner
 James Shleffar
 Ernest Jacob Shoor
 Bernard Shulman
 Sam Sitko
 George Trehub
 Marion Vail

May 26

David Blustein
 Ann Brown
 Ruth Cantor
 Samson Engel
 Irving Gordon
 Mason Marcus
 Mildred Orenstein
 Samuel Perlowitz
 Bernard Rosefeldt
 Wendy Senges Ryder
 Howard Smith
 Yetta Solomon
 Alice Werner

Yahrzeits

May 5

Ruth Alpert
 Donald Bendick
 Sidney Chivian
 Eileen Cohen
 Stuart Fishbone
 Anthony Freeman
 Belle Galvin
 Martin Greenbaum L
 Arnold Kaplan
 Lillian Katz
 Barbara Kelco
 Reginold Krasney
 Abraham Allie Lamchick

May 12

Marcia Bentley
 Toby Deckler
 Beatrice Fishbone
 Benjamin Fox
 Aaron Goldblatt
 Kathleen Greenhalgh
 Paul Hans
 Kurt Hopfer
 Beverly Keeler
 Lothar Knobel
 Jerry Lavender
 Anna Schlesinger
 Phillip Schlesinger
 James Solomon Smith
 Carl Stoner



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---in loving memory of Morris Kraimer on his yahrzeit

John Murphy

---in loving memory of Mary Louise Murphy on her yahrzeit

Cantor's Fund

Charlotte Freeman & family

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Norma and Allan Hollandersky

---in honor of the birth of Bethany and Gavier

Greenmoor's child, Felix Daniel

The Schaperow Family

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Craig Blumsack Fund

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Barbara Senges

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Barry and Cecile Feldman

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Golda Siegel Doyle

---in memory of my grandson Thayer Schlegel

Jo Michaelson

---in loving memory of Helen Michaelson on her yahrzeit

Marie and Allan MacDonald

---in memory of Caren Linden

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Gerry, Hali Keeler & Emily Alhadeff

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---in honor of the birth of Louise Bentley,
granddaughter of Barbara and Scott Wolfe

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Ian and Suzanne Crawford

---in memory of Erwin Crawford on his yahrzeit,
Jane and Chic Weinberg

---in loving memory of Freda Weinberg on her yahrzeit

Judd and Dale Rosen

---in support of the Walk for Homelessness

Judi Glickstein

---Happy Birthday to Rabbi Marc, you are wished a good year ahead

Michelle Blinderman Davis

---in loving memory of Gertrude Pat Blinderman on her yahrzeit

Norma and Allan Hollandersky

---in memory of Caren Linden

Shirley Goldblatt

---in loving memory of my husband, Philip Goldblatt on his yahrzeit

Susan Smith

---in loving memory of Marlene Simon on her yahrzeit

The Schaperow Family

---in honor of Sophia Selke's Bat Mitzvah

Ruth Joan Brody Religious School Fund

Religious School Staff

Leslie Spees and family

---in loving memory of Howard Segool on his yahrzeit



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

May Events & Service Schedule

May 1, Mon.	12:00 PM	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
	6:00 PM	Jewish Community High School
May 2, Tues.	6:00 PM	Sisterhood – Smith Acres
May 3, Wed.	4:30 PM	Religious School
May 5, Fri.	6:30 PM	Share Shabbat –Honoring Temple Educators Religious School teachers and staff
	9:30 AM	Religious School
May 7, Sun.	10:30 AM	Preschool
	11:00 AM	Deli Day Presentation –by Ted Merwin, author of History of the Deli Shop at the Mini Jewish Festival Market
May 8, Mon.	12:00 PM	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
	6:00 PM	Jewish Community High School
May 10, Wed.	4:30 PM	Religious School
	7:30 PM	Board of Trustee’s Meeting
May 12, Fri.	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat – Sisterhood will be participating
May 13, Sat.	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service – this will be a learning service
May 15, Mon.	12:00 PM	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
	6:00 PM	Jewish Community High School
May 18, Thur.	6:00 PM	Sisterhood End of year dinner
May 19, Fri.	????	Shabbat Service location to be announced! (It will not be at Temple)
May 21, Sun.	9:30 AM	Religious School
	10:30 AM	Preschool
May 22, Mon.	12:00 PM	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
May 23, Tues.	7:00 PM	Sisterhood Book Club on Zoom
May 25, Thur.	7:00 PM	Erev Shavuot Program
May 26, Fri.	10:00 AM	Community Shavuot Morning Service including Yizkor At Beth Jacob Synagogue in Norwich
	6:30 PM	Share Shabbat/Shavuot including Yizkor
May 27, Sat.	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service – Mikayla O’Brien Bat Mitzvah
June 2, Fri.	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
June 3, Sat.	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service – Lance Holwitt Bar Mitzvah
June 5, Mon.	12:00 PM	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
June 11, Sun.	10:00 AM	Congregation Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited



Sunday, June 11, 2023

Temple Emanu-El

ANNUAL MEETING

10:00 A.M. /Social Hall

including a FREE Breakfast (thank you Brotherhood)

It is time for our Annual Congregational Meeting where we reflect upon the past year at our Temple, look forward to our future as a congregation, celebrate our successes and tackle our challenges. Make your voice heard; vote on a new budget and a new Board of Trustees.

Look for a special mailing in May which will have additional details.

It's time for the
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
End-of-Year Dinner

Join us on Thursday, May 18th • 6 pm

All Sisterhood members* are invited
to the home of Kim Fischburg
17 Farmview Dr., Norwich, CT

RSVP

by Thursday, May 11th to Merrill
at mazzellaa@sbcglobal.net

\$18 per person

Make check payable to
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

Mail a check in advance (or bring
a check with you that evening) to:
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
PO Box 288
Waterford, CT 06385

* Not sure if you're a member?
Contact Jennifer at sjzettler95@gmail.com
Membership is \$36 per year.

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
29 Dayton Road (Mail registration to: P.O. Box 288)
Waterford, CT 06385
(860) 443-3005

FULL DAY MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration/Breakfast 8:30 – 9:00; Tournament begins at 9:00

- Continental Breakfast & “Home-made” Buffet Lunch including our delicious kugel
- 6 Rounds of Mahjongg
- Cash prizes for top scores
- Bonus prizes for special hands



Your Choice:

Tournament Play: 15 min game max, rotate tables for the full tournament experience
OR

Relaxed Tables: An option if you can't be with us the whole day, not ready for time-limited games, or don't want to rotate tables. Come with a group of friends or we'll find some for you!

Cost: \$50 per person – includes everything above!

To register: Mail tear-off below with \$50 check to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood.

Deadline: Thurs, June 15 or when we reach capacity. Register early to ensure a spot! **No refunds.**

50/50 CASH RAFFLE: PRE-PAY FOR RAFFLE TICKETS: \$5 EACH, 3 FOR \$10.

If you include payment now, your tickets will be waiting for you.

For more information contact Iris Freeman at ifreegang@aol.com or 860-460-3081.

Name: _____ **Email: Required** _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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