



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

As you receive this bulletin, we are in the middle of summer.

Since Shavuot, my gaze has turned toward the High Holy Days and the fresh new year of 5784. Sherry and I started thinking about the upcoming High Holy Days after Simchat Torah last fall. Now our planning is gaining focus. Sherry and I always put our whole spiritual beings into these most essential sacred days. Barbara Senges and Jo Michaelson are the core of our HHD planning team at this point. We will need help from many of you soon, so don't go too far from your phone or email while you are enjoying the summer.

We are also looking beyond the High Holy Days. With the help of the Board of Trustees, the Religious Practices Committee, and many of you, we've developed a plan for regular service times and themes in the coming year. Our plan is in response to what you have told us. We are listening so that our services and programs are engaging, meaningful, and at times which meet the needs of as many as possible. Below is a general outline we will follow *after the High Holy Days*. Note that service times will vary. We recognize this could cause confusion. We will communicate clearly through this bulletin, our website calendar, weekly messages, and social media communications.

Here is what a typical month will look like starting in October:

First Friday is Share Shabbat at 6:30 PM – Our Religious School students, teachers, and families lead our Kabbalat Shabbat worship during Share Shabbat. As many of you have already experienced, our students are fun-loving but seriously engaged in their Judaism. This is a service for our entire community. We try to keep this service to 1 hour because even I have trouble focusing for over an hour.

Second Fridays at 6:30 PM – This earlier service will have rotating themes and time for guest speakers. We hope an earlier service time will work well for our families with children and our older friends who would rather not drive later in the evening.

Third Fridays Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 PM – We will not have a traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service on Third Fridays. There will be a semi-pot luck Shabbat dinner (plans are still developing) just like what you might have at home, just bigger and with a few additions. In addition to dinner, you can expect candle lighting, *Kiddush*, and a Shabbat sing-along. In between, we will always have *Birkat Hamazon* (Blessing after meals), *Mi Shebeirach* (Prayer for healing), recite *Kaddish Yatom* for those observing Yahrzeit, and a very short d'var Torah or presentation relating to the weekly Torah portion or other timely Jewish themes. Mostly this will be a time to socialize and enjoy Shabbat with new and old friends.

Fourth Fridays at 7:30 PM – This is a later service to respond to many we have heard from who can't do an earlier service. Like second Fridays, we will have rotating themes based on the Jewish Calendar, community issues and concerns, and room for guest speakers. Typically, this service will be about an hour and fifteen minutes.

Fifth Fridays at 6:30 PM – (December, March, and May) This is an earlier service that will have rotating themes and room for guest speakers like second Fridays. We hope the earlier service time will work well for our families with children and our older friends who would rather not drive later in the evening. Usually, this service will be about an hour and fifteen minutes.

Why so much change? Haven't we been doing this for hundreds of years? Yes, but we change, and the world around us changes too. There has always been a creative edge within Judaism, so our tradition is not an anchor weighing us down but a compass and guide help-

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ing us move forward. Responding to modernity is the essence of Reform Judaism. We hope you continue to have an open mind and give us timely, honest, and kind feedback.

Currently, all July and August Services will be starting at 7:00 PM

Enjoy the summer,

L'shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Armi Rowe

It's a good thing our Temple doesn't have a height requirement for the presidency because I literally will not be able to fill Andy's shoes! Thank you to Andy, Adrienne and family for his leadership, and their presence and dedication as a family to our Temple these past two years. I'm glad Andy will still be serving on the board as our Immediate Past President. Although barely five feet "tall," I can project my voice (from my cheerleading days) and address multiple moving targets (from my softball infielder days), which may come in handy in this role. Temple Emanu-El has been a second home for me and my family for 17 years. I am grateful for our amazing village that helped ensure my kids would become kind adults who care about Tikkun Olam and who continue to embrace their Jewish identity.

Some of you wondered at the annual meeting where my other half Jonathan was; this is a shout out to him because I failed to acknowledge that he was in attendance along with our other congregants on Zoom, all the way from Basel, Switzerland! Thanks to his crazy business travel schedule, our Temple benefits from even more of my time and energy. I am truly honored to be serving as your president for the next two years.

This month marks the official arrival of our new Religious School Director, Lisa Marcus. Welcome to Lisa, who brings to us not only her public-school education experience and business ownership track record, but also her dedication to Temple Emanu-El life as an active congregant, religious school parent, and Sisterhood board member who managed the Temple gift

shop. Our students and their families are lucky to have Lisa this coming school year. Running the school may be a paid staff position, but it is still also a "labor of love." Please let her know if you know someone who might have the time and skill to assist the school, which could always use more teachers, substitutes, and Hebrew tutors.

Please also SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 when we will once again host a Temple Emanu-El Open House, a time for our congregation to gather as a community over refreshments at the end of the summer, feature our congregation's religious school and Temple committees' offerings. Think about inviting your unaffiliated neighbors, friends and new connections to join us.

Now that summer is here, I hope you enjoy your walks, fun beach reads, family reunions, and travel adventures. While you're at it, come check out our summer lay-led Shabbat services beginning on June 30 (see Summer Shabbat Service list for the schedule and names of lay leaders). Many thanks to our creative congregants who are designing and leading special services which will bring new voices and different flavors of Shabbat prayers, readings and songs to the bima. Hope to see you there!



Notes from Sherry Barnes



Summer is here! I'm sure everyone has favorite part of summer. Some of my favorite things are walking on the beach, sitting near the water, the summer's smell of the sea, and the soothing sound of the waves kissing the shore. I also love watching the sailboats

silently gliding through the sparkling waters of the Sound.

Each season holds its own beauty, however, for me; the beauty of life on the Sound in the summer is awe inspiring. It's also a time to connect physically with the earth. Being barefoot and feeling the cool grass under your feet or the wet sand between your toes has a wonderful grounding feeling.

I'm looking forward to our summer Bluff Point walk and the outdoor Shabbat Service we will have in the midst of the beauty of nature. There is so much to be grateful for on this beautiful planet. We should not take it for granted.

The smoke in our air that came down from Canada a few weeks ago was a reminder of nature's delicate balance. I couldn't wait to see the blue sky again and breathe fresh air.

I hope you have plans to relax and take in the summer season. So, while you are out connecting with nature, be mindful of its beauty and enjoy these amazing summer days and nights. Add some music and the summer will be perfect! Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who makes the works of creation!

Shabbat Summer services will begin at 7:00 pm and are lay-led by our congregants. I will be there to help with music, but each service has been created by our lay leaders. August 18, will be led by Rabbi Marc and me and will be outside at Harkness Park, weather permitting. Please check our website for more information.

B'shir,

Hazzan Sherry

Religious Practices Committee—Claire Warren

What do we do? According to the bylaws, in part "Shall support and advise the religious leadership with the implementation of the rituals and observances of the Synagogue and the liturgical music program" I was honored to become the chairman during COVID19 and now enter my third year. This past year, Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry, Rachel O'Brien and the Religious School Committee have found inventive ways to increase our family participation. In January 2023 we began earlier starts for services on a trial basis. The numbers of attendees speak to the success of the trial. However, sisterhood participation, special services including baking club/sisterhood and individual congregant support of onegs, and voluntary masking may be contributing to our increase in in-person attendance. Thanks to all who provide in person and oneg support. The Religious Practices Committee has reviewed the findings of the coffee houses. The committee is also reviewing the findings of the in-Person Board Retreat held March 2023.

I come to services for quiet reflection, community song and prayers. If the Rabbi's reflection of the D'Var To-

rah, or the tradition of our reform Judaic practices are your thing, the Religious Practices Committee is the place for you. Our committee does NOT have input or responsibility for oneg. We do provide Challah and Wine/Grape juice for blessings at Shabbat Services.

New starting Oct 6, 2023

1st Friday 6:30 pm Share Shabbat

3rd Friday 6:30 pm Shabbat dinner celebration with meaningful prayer and song is a work in progress.

4th Friday 7:30 pm service for those congregants who work/or have a tradition of Shabbat dinner at home and prefer later Shabbat services.

All other services will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday.

As stated this will be a trial and evaluation will be ongoing. It takes an entire congregation and I look forward to seeing all of you at services, for whatever brings you to our services, we want to pray and sing together and hear your voices. Always looking for additional members to fulfill our mission. Please contact me with questions or ideas—Cwarren876@gmail.com

Claire

Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Hi Ladies,

It is hard to believe that another year of Sisterhood is behind us. The Sisterhood Board and I are extremely proud of all we have accomplished this year. The year 2023 saw the continuation of our old favorites - **Fall Kick-Off Event, Book Club, Walking Group, Smith's Acres Event, Trivia Nights, Virtual Scavenger Hunt, Safe Futures Walk, Friendly Visitors Program Holiday Bags, Dinner Night, Purim Shalach Manot Fundraiser, Judaica Shop Chanukah Fair, two Mahjonnig tournaments, Sisterhood Service and the End-of-Year Dinner Event.**



This year also saw Sisterhood expanding with some exciting new programs. This year we added a new position to our Board - Chair of Social Justice. One of the major goals of WRJ - Women of Reform Judaism is to live and support the values of Reform Judaism. Social Justice Chair, Moira Ross, organized a "Get Out the Vote Event" in the fall and an "Abortion and Reproductive Rights Forum" in November. Both events were well attended and very well received. Moira is planning an event for fall 2023 that will deal with the importance of local School Board Elections, particularly in the area of the banning of books in our libraries and public schools. If you have any ideas for programs you'd like to see in 2023-2024, contact Moira at moira29gross@hotmail.com.

We also expanded our Mitzvah Projects this year. Sisterhood funded and implemented a project to beautify the grounds at Safe Futures on Jay Street in New London. In early May, Karen Rosenberg, Cecile Feldman,

and I visited Safe Futures to view the grounds and take pictures in order to assess the amount of garden space and what plants we would need. We decided to start by purchasing special plants at Smith's Acres to



fill two large planters in front of the Safe Futures office. Cecile and Barry planted them that day. On May 28, Cecile and Barry Feldman, Norma Hollandersky, Karen Rosenberg, Sue Fornara, Armi Rowe, Jen Zettler, her daughter Gabby and her mother spent the entire morning at Safe Futures planting all the bushes, flowers, and shrubs. There is even a small vegetable garden for the residents to cultivate. This will be an ongoing project with seasonal clean-ups and replanting until the gardens are well-established.

Next year, Sisterhood will also be working with the Jewish Federation to assemble bags of menstrual hygiene products to be distributed as part of "The Dignity Grows Project". You will remember that Sisterhood donated \$1,000 to JFEC to fund this effort.

This year, we also welcomed Jennifer Zettler to the Board as Membership Chair. It is always our goal to involve as many women of Temple Emanu-El and other Jewish women of Southeastern Connecticut as possible in Sisterhood. Jennifer will chair our fall Membership Drive and work throughout the year to recruit new members and encourage former members to return to us. Jennifer and the Board are hoping to

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plan an activity for late summer or early fall to welcome new Sisterhood members in a more intimate setting, perhaps together with Brotherhood.

On June 7, twenty-five Sisterhood members attended a production of "Gypsy" at the Goodspeed and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Gelston House before the play.



The last couple of months, we have started an "informal movie group" in the afternoon, attending movies at the Waterford and Mystic Cinemas. We plan on continuing these small group outings in 2023-24. The Niantic Cinema has been replaced by the Niantic Bay Playhouse which provides excellent amateur theater inexpensively. Premium seating is only \$28.00. They are presenting "Steel Magnolias" from October 20 through November 4. Let me know if you would be interested. Also, we will be continuing with afternoon movie outings over the summer. Watch for my emails!



Two of our longtime Board members - Cecile Feldman, Book Club Chair and Merrill Mazzella, Programming Chair will not be returning to the Board for 2023-24. After many years of service, they are both taking a well-deserved retirement. Instead of replacing these two positions (unless one of you would like to step in) we will be filling their duties in a new way. For Programming, the Board as a whole will plan the events for the year and then distribute the responsibility for organizing and implementing the events among members of the Board or Committees of members. Merrill has volunteered to continue to plan the spring event at Smith's Acres. For Book Club, we will reinstitute a process used in the past where each member of the Book Club recommends a favorite book (one that is already out in paperback) and leads the discussion that month. Book Club will be held on Zoom every six weeks. Cecile has volunteered to compile the calendar for the year and arrange with the Waterford Library to have the books available. If you have a book to suggest and are willing to facilitate the discussion, email Cecile at Cecilemfeldman@gmail.com.

Sisterhood will be holding our yearly Planning Session on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:00PM. Location has yet to be determined. If you are interested in joining us to help us plan, please email me at professeur38@me.com.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at the Kick-Off Event in late October!

Barbara Senges

JUDAICA SHOP

The gift shop is going to have a busy summer ordering items to stock the shop.

We hope to stock some new and fun items for your family's use or as gift options. So come on down to the synagogue Open House when we will be open for business and filled with new items for you to see. We will be looking for pieces for Shabbat, Tzedakah boxes, cookbooks, and items for your kids. If you have a bar or bat mitzvah coming up we have sources for kippot and talit. Come see me or feel free to email me (annecohn@gmail.com) for any of your needs.

See you all soon! **Anne Cohn**

Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TERS)-

Happy Summer Everyone! I am so thrilled to begin this new journey as Religious School Director. For me, becoming more involved in our temple is a calling. I am so very excited to get to know your children, and by extension, your families. I am equally as excited to work side by side with our amazing religious school faculty.

Our school mission remains the same: to educate our children and help them develop a sense of Jewish identity, to encourage them to forge strong friendships, and to deepen the connections between our families. This year we begin working towards our mission once again at our Temple Open House, which is being held August 27, 2023 with our 'TERS Sunday Funday Kick Off.' Stay tuned for more details! In the meantime, please look for your registration packets coming in the mail. By filling out your registration early, you make it easier for us to plan for the year to come—and that is very much appreciated!!

Social Action

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.

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

A few other housekeeping items: School tuition will need to be renewed and we will be resuming the school materials fees this fall. The school will be returning to some of the hands-on worksheets and workbook materials previously used before the pandemic. Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry and I will be reviewing all the available materials with input from the staff in an effort to create a curriculum that works for each level of learning. We want to maximize learning in the classroom by tapping into your child's natural curiosity and learning style while preparing them for a life of Jewish learning.

Enjoy your summer. If you don't want to wait until fall to get together with me or your classmates, give me a call and let's plan something sooner! Until then, Shalom!

Lisa DeVito Marcus

TERS Administrator

Mazal Tov to . . .

Cecile and Barry Feldman



on the birth of their grand-daughter,

Zoe Mirah Feldman.

Proud parents are

Jonah and Jenna Feldman.

Zoe was born June 23, 2023.

She is 9 lbs. 10 oz. and 21.25 inches.

Bluff Point Breakfast & Spiritual Walk - Sat. Aug 19 @ 9:30 am



The Temple Emanu-El Religious Practices Committee invites you to join them for a picnic near the parking lot of Bluff Point in Groton on Sat., August 19, at 9:30 AM.

Cantorial Soloist Sherry Barnes will lead us in songs and Rabbi Marc Ekstrand will share Jewish quotes on nature. Breakfast is provided, but you are welcome to augment it if you like.

No RSVP necessary. Come and enjoy !

Bar Mitzvahs



Harrison (Harry) Blake Hirshman

Harrison (Harry) Blake Hirshman will become a Bar Mitzvah on Monday July 3, 2023 at 10:30 A.M at Temple Emanu-El in Waterford.

Harrison lives in upstate New York with his parents, Marianne & Lenard Hirshman and his brother Ryan, who became a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanu El in September 2017.

He is the grandson of Marilyn Fishbone and the late Stuart Fishbone of Waterford, CT and the late Irving Hirshman and the late Helen Hirshman.

Harrison will lead parts of the service. He will also deliver the D'Var Torah and will read from the Torah.

Harrison is a distinguished high honor roll student at Horseheads Middle School and is on the modified school soccer team. He also enjoys his bowling league, golf and video games.

Daniel Sheikowitz



MahJongg

Lessons,

New or Refresher



I've gotten several inquiries regarding MahJongg lessons. I

would be willing to offer classes this summer. Let me know if you are interested and when you are available (days of the week, time of day). We'll see if we can plan a schedule that works for everyone.

Contact me at ifreegang@aol.com or 860.460.3081 (cell/text).

Iris Freeman

Mazel Tov to the Sheikowitz family on Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah



Stop the Bleed Class Participants from Temple Emanu-El and Congregation Beth El

SPENCER HAYNES

2023 Recipient of Rabbi Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Award

The Rabbi Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Award Committee selected **Spencer Haynes** as this year's honoree. From the award's inception in 2016 through 2022, fifteen seniors have received this award. At the Shabbat Service on June 9, Spencer Haynes became the sixteenth recipient. Spencer was awarded a scholarship check, a framed award certificate, and his name has been added in our place of honor on the plaque in the Temple Atrium.



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 (Spencer's brother

Jack was a 2021 recipient of this award); their Temple Emanu-El family (Religious school teachers and clergy) and their family of Jews in Southeastern CT (Hebrew High and Yachad BBYO).

Spencer Haynes is the son of Rebecca and Michael Haynes of East Lyme.

Spencer worked as a Faculty Assistant in the Temple Emanu-El Religious School for his entire four years of high school. Spencer has also been a faithful member of BBYO for the last four years and this year served as Vice President of Membership. In both capacities, Spencer sees his major role as getting other students and teens in touch with their Jewish identities.

Spencer just graduated from East Lyme High where he was consistently an Honor Roll student. Spencer is also a member of the soccer team. Spencer has used his love of soccer to contribute to the community as a coach of the East Lyme Youth Soccer Camp. "By spreading my joy of soccer, I am able to show them the amazing world of sports and how beneficial it is to the world." Spencer also loves basketball and biking and works at both Morrissey Cycles and in the bike section of Dick's Sporting Goods.

Save the Date

**SUNDAY
AUG 27
10:00 a.m.**

Refreshments

Outdoor Fun

Religious School Registration

Committee Tables

Let's Catch Up

Building Tours for Prospects

**Temple Emanu-El
Open House
"Kick-Off" Sunday Funday**

More info to follow...

July Birthdays

Robbin Alpert
Emily Aungst
Matthew Barnes
Craig Bentley
Melinda Blum
Harper Blumer
Elizabeth Bochain
Bill Bokoff
Isaac Brody
Suzanne Crawford
Megan Dame
Ian Diaz
Jonah Feldman

Clara Feldon
Julia Fischburg
Mae Flax
Iris Freeman
Jared Freeman
Sophia Gipstein
Dr. Alissa Goldman Romano
Cori Goldman Segal
Sue Goldstein
Rebecca Goldstein
Meridith Hans
Paul Kanfer
Hali Keeler
Louis Kronisch
Judy Levine

Matthew L. Lewiss
Robert Linden
Robin Margolis Silsby
Jacqueline Mazza
Jennifer Anne Michalove
Jacobus Parad
Daniel Pievsky
Joshua Pievsky
Armi Rowe
Dianne Rubin
Madeline Sayet
Donna Schneider
Jane Schnur
Charles Seeman
Chuck Seeman
William Seeman

Bill Seeman
Rebecca Segal
Mary Seidner
Libby Seidner
Veronica (Vee) Sherman
Janine Sitko
Lauren Stavropoulos
Lois Steinman
Samantha Venooker
Ella Jordyn Venooker
Claire Warren
Gail Wildstein
Dylan Williams
Martin Zeldis
Linus Zelken
Lori Zelvin

Anniversaries

Jay and Patricia Hans
Peter and Lisa Marcus
Edward and Mimi Perl
Harvey and Michele
Snitkin
Jay and Julie Snoke
Scott and Barbara Wolfe



Yahrzeits

July 7
Muriel Berkowitz
Miriam Bloom
Janet Bruck
Ethel Chatkin
Sarah Chevan
Michael Comer
Barney Fishbone
Gunther Goldman
Mary Jane Helveston
Ella Levine
Samuel Libby
Samuel Penstein
Jeannette Rosenstein

Alexander Moron
Wessel
July 14
Arleen Berliner
Estelle Brickman Miller
Sol Brown L
Lolita Cohn
Michael Comer
Hans Einhellig
Edna Epstein
Anatoly Fishman
Jean Kutscher
Enid Lesser
Sarah Mazur
Harry Ogulnick
Pearl Parker
Nathan Rappoport
Fay Rubin
Bessie Snitkin
Brian Archer Thorp
Charley Weiss
Bitzalel Ben Abraham

July 21

Meta Altman
Louis Atkind
Max Berns

July Yahrzeits

Barbara Cushman
Irma DeBruyn
David Feldman
Jonathan Fox
Rose Gordon
William Gordon
Stanley Jacobson
Jerry Moynihan
Wade Nelson
Richard O'Brien
Barbara Rubin
Jacob Snitman
Melvin Snitman
Marjorie Thomas

July 28

Joseph Abrams
Arthur Camassar
Alan Freeman
Irene Levy

Yetta SechterMillstein
Frances Ofstein
Abraham Pastel
Murray Perl
Dr. Solomon Prokesch
Muriel Schneider
Betty Silverman
Jodie Gorin Stewart
Harry Tulman
John Vogel
Dorothy West
Irving Allan Wildstein
Joseph Ziegler



May their memory be a blessing.

יהי זכרם ברוך.

August Birthdays

Brian Alpert
 Brian Blaise
 Danielle Blaise
 Kevin Carlow
 Oliver Constantine
 Elissa DeBruyn

Kyra Dezjot
 Yoni DuBois
 Aaron Ekstrand
 Leonard Epstein
 Louise Feldman Baskey
 Kathleen Flax
 David Freedman
 David Garson
 Donna Goldman
 Steve Goldstein
 Hannah Goldstein
 Elizabeth Hall
 Eleanor Hoffman
 Thea Kallan Johnson
 Emmerson Kaye

Gerry Keeler
 Pamela Kilbey-Fox
 Jordan Clark Levin
 David Levine
 Jenna Levine
 Beth Linden
 Anne Luner
 Alan Luner
 Kathy Michalove
 Mimi Perl
 Alexander Pievsky
 Hunter Rock
 Karen Rosenberg
 Rachel Sayet
 Talia Schaperow
 Ellen Seeman

Brett Seeman
 Leah Shiling
 Adriana Shiling
 Jamie Stavropoulos
 Donald Steinman
 Sunny Steinway
 Matthew Teeter
 Andrew Venooker
 Michael Evan Weber
 Aaron Scott Weber
 Shelley Weiss
 Sam Winograd
 Rebecca Woodward
 Jennifer Zettler
 Debra Ziegler

Anniversaries

Michael and Linda Barnett
 Michael and Florence
 Betten
 Brian and Marcie Blaise
 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 Hoff-
 man
 Alan and Norma Hol-
 landersky
 Joel and Avery Holwitt
 Peter and Barbara Kallan
 Philip and Ethel Krasney
 Roark and Judy Levine
 Eric and Rachel Levine
 Anthony and Jacqueline
 Mazza
 Harvey and Leslie
 Orenstein
 Chris and Jennifer Rock
 Marvin and Jane Schnur
 Steve and Gail Weber
 Joel and Gail Wildstein
 Dylan and Amanda
 Williams

August Yahrzeits

August 4

Leah Goldberg Asen
 Max Barnett
 Philip Betten
 Laura Bor
 Samuel Diamond
 Joseph Eisenberg
 Benjamin Gordon
 Lawrence Grayson
 Maude Harriet
 Howard Ilson
 Eileen Iorillo
 Morton Klieback
 Fay Kracke
 Claire Perry
 Maurice Rosenstein
 Peggy (Margaret) Smith
 Henry Sutel
 Julius Webman
 Solomon Wilkomer
 Daniel Zager

August 11

Michele Abrams
 Eduard Alper
 Etta Andelman
 Michael Atkind
 Rose Baker
 Rose Barnett
 Harvey Bloom
 Julius Cooper

Morris Epstein
 Dorothy Friedman
 Abraham Gottfried
 Isadore Gottfried
 Shirley Hendel
 Warren Hollandersky
 Bessie Kline
 Claire Perry
 Lottie Rodkin
 Beatrice Rovner
 Yetta Sedransk
 Rebecca Merims Stoner
 Miriam Toplosky

August 18

Joseph Abrahms
 Mollie Azaroff
 Nicholas Doukas
 Rose Feigenbaum
 Diana Fischburg
 Louis Galvin
 Dorothy Goldman
 Eleanor Grossman
 Barbara Hausmann
 Bill Katz
 Naomi Kerwin
 Emily Lasser
 Dorothy Levine
 Barney Millstein
 Ruth O'Brien
 Howard E. Proper Lamchick

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

August 25

Richard Blaise
 Sarah Davidson
 Wilkomer
 Frederick Eichler
 Belle Eidensohn
 Ada Engelman
 Michael E. Friedman
 Milton Goldsmith
 Irving Goodstein
 Nathan Greenhouse
 Libby Isaac
 Morton Kallan
 Bella Kil
 Angela Klieback
 Sherman Marcus
 Fred Michalove
 Laura Richardson
 Harry Ruck
 Mark Sayet
 Solomon Schaferman
 Jeanne Swatzburg

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in loving memory of Frieda Kupfer on her yahrzeit

Leslie and Harvey Orenstein & family

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

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in honor of Lance Holwitt's Bar Mitzvah

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in honor of Jo Michaelson receiving the Howard Ilson Award

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in honor of Jo Michaelson receiving the Howard Ilson Award

in honor of Jo-el Fernandez receiving the Howard Ilson Award

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in memory of my brother David Aaron Blustein on his yahrzeit

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mazel tov to Jo Michaelson on receiving the Howard Ilson Award

mazel tov to Jo-el Fernandez on receiving the Howard Ilson Award

Kim and Kenn Fischburg

in loving memory of Sylvia Eisenberg on her yahrzeit

in loving memory of Mary Jane Helveston on her yahrzeit

in loving memory of Joe Eisenberg on his yahrzeit

in loving memory of Diana Fischburg on her yahrzeit

in loving memory of Skip Wagner on his yahrzeit

Martin, Margaret & Henry Trehub

in loving memory of Yvonne Taylor on her yahrzeit

in loving memory of George Trehub on his yahrzeit

in loving memory of Matthew Trehub on his yahrzeit

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in honor of Jillian Parad's Bat Mitzvah

in honor of Lance Holwitt's Bar Mitzvah

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As the Temple Fiscal Year started July 1, 2023, we ask that you please try to return the packets as soon as possible.

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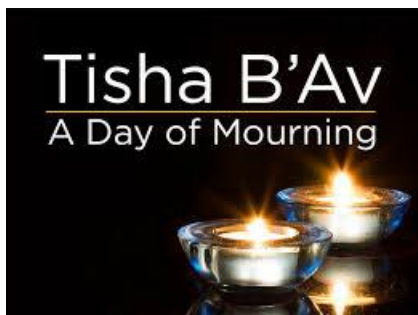
Join Us for the Creative Summer Shabbat

Lay-Led Services at 7:00 p.m.



Date	Leader	Date	Leader
June 30	Hazzan Sherry	August 4	Eileen Shapiro and Tom Smith
July 7	Barbara Senges & Norma Hollandersky	August 11	Aaron and Karen Rosenberg, Scott and Barbara Wolfe & Barry and Cecile Feldman
July 14	Stan & Karen Bloustine		
July 21	Emma Zelkin, Michele Snitkin, Jeff Elkin, Claire Warren & Susan Rosen	August 18	Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry - possible outdoor service/ location TBD
July 28	Armi, Jonathan & Nathaniel Rowe	August 25	Barbara Luftglass-Morea

Tisha B'Av — Wednesday, July 26



**July 26 7:00 PM
class,
8:15 Tisha B'Av
service
(Both in-person
as well as Zoom)**

Preceded by a final session of Tzadik V'ra Lo – Why Do Good People Suffer class, to which all are invited

How could it be that people are so distant from one another, from the Earth from which we grow, and from the BREATH OF LIFE that breathes us? “How could it be,” (“Eichah” in Hebrew,) is the question that starts the book called Eichah in Hebrew, Lamentations in English, that is the core of the Tisha B'Av ritual, in addition to fasting. This is a holiday about distance, or, in more traditional language, “exile.” How could it be that we have suffered (and imposed) the wars and

suffering that we have? And how could it be, as the tradition teaches, that the Messiah will be born on this day of commemoration of destruction? Is it true that honestly facing the suffering of the past will birth a more just and peaceful future? Such is the promise.

At 8:15, we'll read and chant the book of Eichah – some English, some Hebrew – along with other readings and songs that connect the ancient lamentation to our own experience.

Everyone is also invited to come to the final session of our adult ed class that also asked “how could it be” – how could it be that good people suffer? This final session will focus on Hassidic teachings, including a teaching from Rebbe Nachman on the role of Tisha B'Av fasting in the turning from division to peace. The class will start at 7.

Temple Bnai Israel will be hosting our dear partner congregations of Eastern Connecticut for this Tisha B'Av evening.

Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz

Temple Bnai Israel, Willimantic, CT

Another Successful MahJongg Tournament in Temple EmanuEl's RearView Mirror

We had a busy and lively day of MahJongg at Temple EmanuEl on June 21st at our spring Tournament, with almost 80 players in attendance, and a crew of 18 helpers. Again, we had players coming from all parts of CT, as well as New York, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. The top 5 players scored cash prizes, with Pepi Green as our number one winner. There is an age-old discussion about the weight of luck versus skill in MahJongg. We are happy to say Pepi had the right mix. Additional prizes were awarded during the day for special hands.

We had our largest ever Relaxed Room with 14 players who preferred to play untimed games or a shortened day. This is a great option for newer players, returning players, folks who just had knee surgery, or just got out of the hospital the night before (true story).

Tournament preparation began months ago with publicity and planning, followed by home baking for our continental breakfast and desserts, processing the registrations, planning the tables, updating the rules, and then the big push during the last week of shopping, food preparation and a million small details. The attendees enjoyed the homemade breads at breakfast, and homemade lunch of egg salad, chicken salad, Caesar salad, strawberry spinach salad, wheat-berry salad, and rich dairy kugel. When asked if they would like us to vary the menu for the next tournament, we got a resounding “No”; so I guess that will be it for next time, too! And, lest anyone drive home feeling weak and tired after a full day of mahjongg, we fit in an afternoon break for homemade desserts.

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Also, thank you to those who donated to the event: Claire Warren, Carol Curland, Flossie Betten, Barbara Wolfe. If I missed anyone, I greatly apologize.

In case you haven't heard, we set a date for our Fall Tournament, so mark your calendars for **Wednesday, October 18, 2023.**

We have many regulars who are already planning to signup. If you are not on my Mah Jongg email list, please contact me to be added. This way, you will be able to get updates in a direct and timely manner.

Email me at ifreegang@aol.com to get on the list!

Lastly, I could not be doing this without Robbin Alpert as my trusty sidekick. She has been with me for over 20 tournaments, taking on a larger and larger role. I may be the one sending the emails, but she's my cohort in all of this.

Until October,

Iris Freeman



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