



Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Dear Friends,

At 3:00 AM on November 14,
day 38 of the war against Ha-
mas, we began our journey to

Washington, DC. Our destination was the march – for Israel, to free hostages, against antisemitism. Sherry and I were accompanied by Anne Cohn, Adrienne, Jillian, Zoe Parad, and 50 others from our Jewish Federation region. We stopped in Stamford in the dark to pick up another half dozen. It felt impressive, considering we only learned of the march a week and a day beforehand.

I had some reservations about going. I wondered about security. I wondered about counter-protesters. I wondered about who would be speaking and what the speakers might say. I wondered about Polly struggling to juggle the full load of our shared responsibilities. Initially, I decided not to go – there was not enough information and time to plan. But I quickly changed my mind. I changed my mind because just as I was hearing about our march being organized, I was also hearing about many so-called pro-Palestinian marches taking place around the world. I call them "so-called pro-Palestinian" because, in many of them, the rhetoric, chants, and symbols employed are explicitly about the complete destruction of Israel. After all, that is the meaning behind their envisioned free Palestine from the river to the sea. Even now, the energy behind these pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel marches and protests continues to grow. I have no desire to give these protests any legitimacy, even through counter-protests. Yet, my heart is with my people in Israel.

As we have rallied to provide money and material to organizations helping on the ground in Israel, perhaps you felt like me. I felt the money and materials weren't what Israel *really* needed. I felt and still feel what Israel really needs is to know that it has allies, friends, and the support of the American branch of her family, Am Yisrael. I thought, I can't pick up and go to Israel, but I can get on a bus and go to Washington. I needed to show up. And if there were enough of us, I thought, perhaps we could make a difference. We could lift the hearts of Israelis by giving them a headline or a picture of a vast gathering supporting them. Thinking this way, it mattered less who would speak or what they would say. There wasn't a chance in the world that anyone would pick me out of a picture. But my presence was necessary to ensure there was a chance for the picture, the best possible. I needed to go, and Polly agreed. So, we set out at 3 AM.

I didn't worry about the details. I dressed in layers even though the weather would be mild and sunny – just in case. I packed water, breakfast, and enough snack bars for lunch, dinner, and a few to share – just in case. There was no need because others were packing too – sandwiches, water, cookies. Thanks to love and generosity, we were a well-provisioned bus. Before we knew it, our bus was parked at FedEx Stadium, and we were marching on Washington. It was beautiful to see the resolve of older people, the unbridled enthusiasm of young people, the Israeli flags everywhere, perky orthodox schoolgirls asking women if they had Shabbos candles for this week, even the insistent orthodox men asking obviously non-orthodox men if they had put on tefillin yet. All of

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us doing the only thing we really could do at that moment to support Israel, we showed up. Yet there were a lot of things I could not stand the sight or sound of – so-called supporters carrying signs for *Israel* from the river to the sea, gory protest signs depicting the horror of the atrocities on October 7, speeches that sounded all too bellacose, an evangelical pastor (why?!), and the blatantly obvious and unmistakable absence of rabbis from ANY American Jewish movement. Except for the latter, I suppose it was about what I expected. It was not spiritually moving. Rather, it was heartbreaking that we had to show up, that we had to listen again, with the most intense attention, to the voices of hostages' families and victims' families. Perhaps the most pointed words were from Rachel Goldberg Polin, mother of her abducted son Hersh, pleading for us to focus on the 240 human beings held captive in the Earth's crust in Gaza. She urged that forgetting about any

of the Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, and Hindus from nearly thirty countries buried alive in the earth is to forget our own humanity. We must do everything possible to bring them home.

As we sat in the dark in standstill traffic outside of DC on our way home, I received an alert from *The Times of Israel* with a headline conveying that nearly three hundred thousand had shown up in DC. At that moment, I felt we had accomplished at least what I set out to accomplish – the headline for our Israeli family. That felt like something important, yet I feel like we have not yet accomplished a thing. The hostages are still underground, Hamas still exists, peace is further away than ever, and much of the world is turning on us. What can we do? Keep showing up, anywhere and everywhere, with hope. Am Yisrael Chai.

L'Shalom, **Rabbi Marc**

President's Message - Armi Rowe

Lately, I feel like I'm living in two different worlds. The upside-down virtual world is filled with violent and threatening news headlines. There is so much stress swirling around the globe. Although I am tempted to resist the noise to get through the day, instead I turn toward our Jewish teachings and values and commit to facing each day with courage. Our mission as Jewish people is to spread ahavath chesed or loving-kindness and to perform tikkun olam or help repair the world. How can we feel better and make a difference each day?

We are in the position to help one another get through each day. The sane world involves all the senses. I meet and speak with people who continue to go about their daily lives. I hear stories about interesting personal journeys on Sisterhood walks. I taste the delicious food catered by Dona Casey with good friends and newer ones

who I am getting to know better at our Shabbat dinners. I smell and taste the delicious treats our baking club makes together – it was fun to learn how to bake chocolate babkas! I hear the satisfying sound of the mahjongg tiles being shuffled and then stacked by my fellow players who have also been learning from Norma. She has been the bridge to us making new connections with each other through this game.

It makes such a big difference to gather together. That has been the focus of our leadership this year. Engaging and strengthening our community. We must stay productive, check-in with each other, continue to safely gather, and keep supporting Israel.

Many of you recently went above and beyond the request to support our new security fund. Little

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did we know last Spring how critical establishing a security fund would be this year. Thank you to all of you who sent in supplemental funds to help tighten our security. Our board is currently exploring our ability to afford private security personnel. The funds will only go so far, so if some of you can continue to help this effort, you may now easily donate toward the security fund online through the website or simply send in a check and state in the memo section that the donation is for the security fund.

Fellow bakers, baking club will be making a delicious variety of Chanukah cookies on Wednesday December 6 for the December 8 oneg (let Erica McCaffrey know if you want to help by December 4). We invite you to bring two dozen of one recipe so you can then swap them for a wide variety at the Chanukah Cookie Swap table. Writers Circle meets on December 6 at 2:00 p.m. Mahjongg drop-in circles will meet on December 6 and 20 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thank you to John Murphy, Barry Feldman, Marcia Reinhard, and Roberta Reisner-Winograd for their efforts in selling the now sold-out annual raffle tickets. Good luck to our ticket holders. The drawing will be held at the annual Brotherhood's Chanukah Brisket and Latke dinner on Sunday December 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Many enjoyed the super brief but meaningful Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. followed by Shabbat dinner last month. Join us for our Winter's Eve Shabbat Dinner on Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. If you own an ugly holiday sweater, wear it to dinner because we want to see it and hear your stories!

Will you be in town on December 29? Join us for a special New Year's themed Shabbat evening starting at 6:30 p.m. After the service, we will enjoy a New Year's Eve-Before the Eve line dancing party led by Lisa Mazzaro from Dance Country, a fitness studio in Ledyard. RSVP ahead and send in your

\$10.00 contribution to help offset our line dancing instructor and party snacks!

Chag Chanukah Sameach and
a Blessed Secular New Year to All,

Armi

Top Board of Trustees Highlights

- Voted to approve spending \$500 from mitzvah fund to help subsidize JFEC bus to Americans March for Israel in DC on Nov 14
- Voted to apply the approved programming budget toward securing a "Bread and Torah" artists in residence program on March 8-10. Creative, hands-on learning experiences that combine traditional Jewish scribal arts and bread making with Jewish spiritual teachings and practices. Partial program sponsorship donors would be greatly appreciated.
- Agreed to explore the possibility of securing a vetted and dedicated security guard, most likely a private one that is more affordable. We can use more security fund donor support.



Notes from Sherry Barnes



There were 55 of us on the JFEC bus bound for the Washington DC March for Israel. At first, I was hesitant to go, not knowing what might happen when we arrived there. Rabbi Marc and I discussed it and helped put my fears to rest, I was excited to go. The estimated 40,000 to 60,000 of those who would be attending, quickly turned into nearly 300,000! What an amazing show of solidarity for Israel, speaking out against antisemitism, and support for those still being held hostages by Hamas. We heard from government officials from Israel and the U.S., college students, and family members of those that have been taken hostage, just to name a few. I hope the words of 300,000 people chanting “Bring them home!” was heard by those in office who can help to make that happen. I would suggest watching the Washington DC Rally for yourself, if you haven’t already, at [March for Israel | Tuesday, November 14, 2023](#) It truly was an experience that I will not forget.

A big thank you to Rachel Levy, who was among the Jewish Federation Directors who felt the need for a rally and gave our community, and others,

the opportunity to be at this historic gathering. Rachel watched over our group like a mom, always keeping us updated with where to go and how to get to and from the rally. I really enjoyed the chance to get to know her better on this trip. Another big thank you to Helen and Yelena for breakfast bagels, sandwiches for lunch, snacks, and water. I’m sure there are many more behind the scenes that helped make this possible, thank you. Matisyahu was there singing “One Day” with the Maccabeats. I’ll close with his lyrics.

*“All my life I've been waitin' for
I've been prayin' for
For the people to say
That we don't wanna fight no more
There'll be no more war
And our children will play
One day, one day, one day....”*

L'shalom,

Sherry

JUST A REMINDER...

- Start thinking about a Cabaret Act!
- If you would like to chant Torah, let me know. I'll give you a list of open dates.

Religious Practices — Claire Warren

We hope you have noticed the changes to the Friday Night Shabbat Service schedule. We are responding to the feedback received at the Temple Board Retreat. The first, second and 5th Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service will begin at 6:30 pm. We also formed a Shabbat Dinner Committee for the 3rd Friday of each month to help with setting the delicious dinner menu. The Rabbi and Hazzan Sherry will lead us in prayer over the wine and bread and additional music and song

Our congregation will provide the much enjoyed socialization. Our first dinner was a huge success,

inter-generational dining and spontaneous dancing was appreciated by all who attended.

Prior to dinner promptly at 6 pm there will be a brief service which will include meaningful prayer and kaddish.

For those that cannot make a 6:30 service, the Shabbat Service on the 4th Friday of the month will be at 7:30 PM.

As always, the committee is looking for new members to help advise, implement, and evaluate changes. Please contact me through the Temple office to join our committee.

Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Ladies,

November has been another busy month for Sisterhood. On November 2, fourteen women met at 5:00PM for a delicious pre-theater dinner at Dev's on Main and then walked down the street to the Niantic Playhouse to see a performance of "Steel Magnolias". Thank you to **Moira Ross** for organizing the dinner and to **Shoshanna Weiss** for distributing tickets and making sure everyone had their "choice" seat. On November 7, our second book club was held at the home of **Adrienne Parad** in Ledyard and on Zoom. We had a lively discussion of the graphic novel "Maus" and enjoyed yummy treats prepared for us by our hostess.

A HUGE THANKS to **Iris Freeman, Robbin Alpert, Shelley Arenson and all their dedicated helpers** for another very successful **Mah Jongg Tournament**. The tournament and the sale of Mah Jongg cards are Sisterhood's biggest fundraisers of the year. With the profits from this tournament, Sisterhood is donating \$2,500 to the Temple to assist in the cost of the Young Emissary Program.

Our December events will occur shortly after you receive this month's bulletin. On **Saturday, December 2 at 3:00PM**, we will be meeting at the synagogue to assist **Anne Cohn** with the set-up of the **Chanukah Fair** which will take place the next day, **Sunday, December 3 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM**. Many of you have volunteered to help on both Saturday and Sunday.

Thank You! Many thanks to Anne for her efforts to add many new items to this year's Chanukah Fair. Anne has also been opening the Judaica Shop on Sunday mornings during Religious School. Stop by and check out all the new merchandise. On **Monday, December 4 at 10:00AM**, we will be gathering once again in

the Social Hall at the synagogue to assemble Chanukah bags for the **Friendly Visitor Program**. Finally, on **Wednesday, December 6 at 3:00PM** (this was rescheduled from November 8), volunteers will assemble 100 bags of menstrual hygiene products as part of the **"Dignity Grows Program"**. We will be donating these bags to "Safe Futures" in New London in memory of long-time Sisterhood member and our dear friend, Donna Goldman. Thank you to our Social Justice Chair, **Moira Ross**, for organizing this very important project.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with any of the above December projects, please email me at professeur38@me.com.

In my November article, I gave you a preliminary report on our fall **Membership Drive**. I now have the final report from our hard-working Membership Chair, **Jennifer Zettler**. As of this writing we have 88 members for 2023-2024. This includes 14 new members. **Welcome to new members** (an additional five new members since last month) – Arlene Bohn, Susan Diaz, Courtney Babcock, Madeline Malish, Susan Condry Rosenthal, Janet Weiss, Cindy Weiner, Loretta Levy, Monica Bafetti, Madison Meisner, Genna Rappaport, Hillary Ryan, Tess Teeter and Sabrina Weisberger. Remember that it is never too late to join Sisterhood.

There are now **22 women on the Sisterhood Book Club email list**. Everyone is enjoying meeting



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again in the homes of members. We have worked out the “technical” problems of Zoom from our first book club and members at home had a great experience at the second book club. If you would like to be added to the Book Club email list, please contact **Suzanne Crawford** at suzm.crawford@hotmail.com. There is no book club in December, but our **January Book Club** will be held on **Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30PM at the home of Karen Bloustine in Niantic**. We will be reading “The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn. This is a World War II story of three female codebreakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over. **On Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30PM** (location to be determined), we will be discussing “The German Wife” by Kelly Rimmer. Stay tuned for more info on February Book Club and other upcoming Book Club Meetings in Suzanne’s emails.

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop



Chanukah is just around the corner! The Chanukah Fair will be held on December 3 from

9 – 12:30. We have lots of

new products and great gift ideas. If you can't make the Chanukah Fair, please contact me at judaicashop@tewaterford.org if you'd like to meet me at the shop to do some shopping. And, please keep in mind that we have merchandise and gifts for every day of the year!

Anne

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30PM – Book Club

Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00PM on Zoom – Sisterhood Trivia Night

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM – Book Club

Thursday, February 15 at 7:00PM on Zoom – Trivia Night or Scavenger Hunt

The Sisterhood Board is busy working on plans for Spring Events. Of course, we will continue with afternoon movie trips, as well as lunch and dinner get-togethers. Watch your emails!

Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

Barbara



Fall Mah Jongg Tournament

Thank you to all who helped with the October tournament to make it a lovely day and successful event. Here are a few photos from the tournament.

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TIME TO ORDER 2024 MAH JONGG CARDS

Standard (smaller size) \$14.00 and Large \$15.00

These will be mailed directly to you in late March. Please designate where you would like them sent (snowbirds), and feel free to order for friends and family anywhere in the country.

We truly appreciate your order. This is a major fundraiser for our Sisterhood and a portion of the cost (\$5) is refunded to us by the NMJL. This really adds up!! The cost to you is exactly the same, so it is a win-win. Thank you to all those who helped collect orders . This has a big impact on our success!

Please make checks payable to Temple EmanuEl Sisterhood.

Checks must be received by January 31, 2024 to be included in our order.

Questions? Contact Iris: ifreegang@aol.com or 860-460-3081

Name: _____

Address: (If changed) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Standard cards x \$14: _____

#Large cards x \$15: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

If going to multiple people: please provide a list addresses, emails, and size cards on a separate piece of paper.

Thanks,

Iris Freeman



A team from Emanu-El participated in the Annual 4K Safe Futures Annual Walk on Sunday, October 22 at Waterford High School during Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TERS) - Lisa Marcus, Administrator

As we approach Chanukah, let our children be our guides during this Festival of Lights. Let their wonder lead us to fanciful places and may their curiosities allow us to forget for a few moments the chaos that surrounds us. We owe it to them to immerse ourselves in their celebration. While there are great tragedies happening in the world, let us not forget that their lives move onward. May we create spaces for them to celebrate all their blessings.

The Chanukah Fair is Sunday, December 3 from 9 - 12:30. Please send your children with a little shopping money (\$5-\$20) and come and peruse the more sophisticated items yourself. Anne Cohn, from the Judaica shop, has acquired some fun and exciting items this year. Do not miss seeing them in person!



The Chanukah Carnival is December 10 from 10-12. We are hosting guests from Temple B’Nai Israel of Willimantic and have planned quite a variety of activities including ethnic food, games, a sing-a-long, arts and crafts, Israeli dancing,

and much more. Moms and Dads we could use your help! Please reach out to Amy Orce or myself ASAP. Thank you in advance!

December 20 is our last religious school day of the calendar year, then we are back on January 3, 2024. Hard to believe. I hope everyone has a healthy and restful break. I can’t wait to hear about everyone’s activities and travels upon our return.

Lisa Marcus



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Service & Event Schedule

Dec. 1	Fri.	6:30 P.M.	Share Shabbat
Dec. 3	Sun.	9:00 A.M.	
		- 12:30 P.M.	Chanukah Fair – open to everyone- invite friends
		9:30 A.M.	Religious School and Preschool
Dec. 4	Mon.	10:00 A.M.	Sisterhood/Federation Friendly Visitor’s bag assembly
		12:00 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Dec. 5	Tues.	12:00 P.M.	Torah Translation Class Begins
Dec. 6	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Trope Class
		11:00 A.M.	Intermediate Hebrew Class
		1:00 P.M.	Drop-in Mah Jongg
		2:00 P.M.	Writers Circle
		3:00 P.M.	Sisterhood/Federation “Dignity Grows” bag assembly Bags to be donated to safe Futures
		3:00 P.M.	Baking Club- Chanukah Cookies and treats for Oneg
		4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Dec. 7	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew Class
Dec. 8	Fri.	6:30 P.M.	Chanukah/Shabbat Service Cookie Swap Table
Dec. 10	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Religious School and Preschool Chanukah Celebration
		5:00 P.M.	Brotherhood Latke Dinner
		6:00 P.M.	Temple Emanu-El Raffle Drawing
Dec. 11	Mon.	12:00 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Dec. 12	Tues.	12:00 P.M.	Torah Translation Class
Dec. 13	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Trope Class
		11:00 A.M.	Intermediate Hebrew Class
		4:30 P.M.	Religious School
		7:30 A.M.	Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees Meeting
Dec. 14	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew Class
Dec. 15	Fri.	6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
		6:30 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner
Dec. 17	Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Religious School and Preschool Special program – Mohegan Presentation
Dec. 18	Mon.	12:00 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Dec. 19	Tues.	12:00 P.M.	Torah Translation Class
Dec. 20	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Trope Class
		11:00 A.M.	Intermediate Hebrew Class
		1:00 P.M.	Drop-in Mah Jongg
		4:30 P.M.	Religious School

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Dec. 21	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew Class
Dec. 22	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Evening Service
Dec. 26	Tues.	12:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew Class
Dec. 27	Wed.	10:00 A.M.	Trope Class
		11:00 A.M.	Intermediate Hebrew Class
Dec. 28	Thur.	12:00 P.M.	Beginning Hebrew Class
			RSVP with payment for Line Dancing
Dec. 29	Fri.	7:30 P.M.	Shabbat Evening Service; Line Dancing after Services, RSVP and pay for instructor and snacks ahead of time

Condolences to . . .



Andrew Goldman and family
on the passing of
Donna Goldman



MENU

Mixed greens, candied walnuts, roasted beets with cranberry vinaigrette

Mushroom chicken with vegan brown butter sage pasta winter squash & caramelized onions

Roasted broccoli and cauliflower with lemon

ADULTS: \$20 each
CHILDREN: \$12 each



Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.
A brief but meaningful service in the sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner in the Social Hall

RSVP by Sunday, December 10
* Please WEAR YOUR UGLY SWEATER (if you wish) and feel free to bring a dessert to share

RSVP for Shabbat Dinner by calling (860) 443-3005 or email office@tewaterford.org and send pre-payment to: Temple Emanu-El, P.O. Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Adults: _____ # Children: _____

Vegan Option: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

Social Action Committee — Karen Bloustine

The Social Action Committee mourns the death of our co-chair
Sybil Nassau.



She was a significant contributor to our Holiday dinner for police, firefighters and first responders several years ago. Her commitment to social justice continued all her life. We will meet soon to plan a fitting memorial to Sybil.



Community CIRCLES



Bi-Weekly Drop-In Mahjongg Circle

Wed. December 6 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wed. December 20 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

RSVP: rbalpert@att.net



Monthly Writers Circle

Wednesday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.

RSVP: armirowe@gmail.com

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Sundays between 9:30-12:00pm or
Wednesdays between 10:30am-3:30pm.

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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
Anne Levine
Joseph 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

Bradley Sherman
Danny Shiling
Julie Snoke
Jay Snoke
Mollie Teeter
Mollie Teeter
Rebecca Teeter
Rebecca
Tsai
Frederic
West
Joel
Wildstein



Anniversaries

Leonard and Sandra
Epstein

Sabrina Weisberger and
Bruce Foulke

Phil and Donna
Schneider



Yahrzeits

December 1
Ruth Joan Brody
Marvin Broomfield
Rachel Crystal
Isadore Diamond
Nash Feldman
Dorothy Glazer
Dorothy Goldman

Vivian Goldsmith
Esther Greenberg
Herman Gruber
Emily (Rachel) Heilweil
Betty Kallan
Marilyn Marcus
Charles Misch
Mary Shiers
Harry Stein
Bessie K. Tankel
Benjamin Yormark

December 8
Edward Basch
Ada Bloustine
Mary Louise Boehner
Andi Camassar
Sol Deglin
Allan Brian Glickstein
Joyce GoldmanL
Jeanette Gruber
Abraham Leder
Caren LindenL
Lynn Machette
Janet MacMichael
Max Resnick
Marjorie Ryack
Ethel Schnable
Saul Robert Shapiro
Helen Shulman
John Soda
Nathan Solomon

December Yahrzeits

Blanche Solomon
Cynthia "Rusty" Sutel
Hannah Shafner Teicher
Sheila Wasserman
Harold Weiner

December 15
Sondra Bank
Esther Clark
Peggy Cramer
George Daniels
Marian Eisenstein
Miriam Freedman
Paula Glickman
Gladys Goldstein
Daniel Iorillo
Dr. Charles Irwin
Jody Katz
Tillie Leder
Monya Millstein
Ambrosio Orozco
Mollie Rifkin
Helen Rosenstein
Jean Rubinsky
Marsha Sperling
Rose Stein
David Stoner
Judy Weber

December 22
Gregory Bronfman
Ida Covitz Freiberg

Betty Gotleib
Sidney Katz
James Murphy
Franklin Prague
Daniel Ravis
David Rosenfield
Evelyn Rosenstein
Morris Schiller
Harry Winograd

December 29
William Bentley
Eva Berkowitz
Gertrude Camassar
Philip Cameron
Milton Chatkin
Arthur Feinstein
Milton Frank
Max Freeman
Louis Garfinkel
Henry Germaine
Israel Goodman
Henry Hochman
Beverly Kanfer
Lillian Gertz Lewiss
Marc Robbins
Mabel Rutman
Louis Siegel
Roseleah Stein
Pauline Trostler

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We are eternally thankful for the support of those below

Cantor's Fund

Charlotte Freeman & family

---in loving memory of Hilda Freeman Zisholtz
on her yahrzeit

Harvey and Ellen Schiller

---in memory of Jodi Katz on the 6th anniversary
of her passing

Craig Blumsack Fund

Bart A. Sayet and Lori Lindfors

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

Essential Services Fund

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

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---in loving memory of John Hoffman on his
yahrzeit

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---in memory of Golda Dinsfriend on her yahrzeit

Kenneth and Kimberly Fischburg

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

---in loving memory of Caroline Hillsberg on her
yahrzeit

---in loving memory of Lottie Lazarus on her
yahrzeit

Nancy and Robert Trostler

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Sandi Werfel

---in celebration of the life of Donna Goldman.

May her memory always be a blessing.

Stavropoulos Family

---in loving memory of Sylvia Irwin on her yahrzeit

Goldsmith-Kallan Fund

Lori Corah

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Mitzvah Fund

Gail and Steve Weber

---in loving memory of our friend Donna Goldman

---in memory of Bill Bentley

---in memory of Caren Linden

Lynne and David Miner

---in memory of Donna Goldman

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Deborah, Jared and Hannah Linder

---in honor of grandparents Robert and Margaret
Lesser

Karen and Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Alfred Goldstein

David S. Freedman

---in appreciation of attending Yom Kippur services

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Brotherhood's Annual Chanukah Latke Dinner is Back!

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

Sunday, December 10, @ 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 4.

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.



Chanukah is coming!

Visit the Temple Emanu-El Chanukah Fair
on Sunday, December 3, from 9:00 – 12:30.



Browse for great traditional and innovative gift ideas, and items for entertaining. Visit while the children are in religious school. Children will be given an opportunity to shop during school time. Free wrapping! Cash or check only please.



Can't make the Chanukah Fair?

The Temple Emanu-El Judaica Shop is open on Sunday mornings during the holiday season from 9:30 – Noon. Or, e-mail judaicashop@tewaterford.org or call Anne at 860-508-6084 to arrange another time.

Temple Emanu-El Raffle -- Sold out!

This year's temple raffle will be drawn
Sunday, December 10 at 6 pm during the Brotherhood Latke Dinner.

There will be **seven prizes and 720 tickets**

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Seventh Prize:
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Join Temple Emanu-El's Baking Club



Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m.

We will bake and decorate Chanukah cookies
and other treats for the Friday oneg.
RSVP ahead and join us if you want to help.



Friday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us for the Chanukah Shabbat Service.
Bring two dozen cookies and swap
two dozen varieties at the [Chanukah
Cookie Swap Table](#) to bring home!

RSVP to rmccaffrey@snet.net
by 12/4 for 12/6 baking session



2024

New Year's Eve
(Before the Eve)
Shabbat

Friday, December 29 6:30 p.m.
Please RSVP to Temple Office by 12/28

Shabbat Service followed by Line Dancing Party
Led by Lisa Mazzaro of Dance Country studio
\$10.00 contribution (please pay ahead - for instructor & refreshments)



Save the Date
Cabaret Night 5784

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

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