



**Rabbi's Message -
Marc Ekstrand**

Friends,
Rabbi Dalia Marx begins the preface to her recent book, **From Time to Time: Journeys in the**

Jewish Calendar,

“What is time? What is this slippery, uncontrollable element in our lives? The things that sometimes flies at top speed and sometimes refuses to budge? The thing that moves babies to start turning over on their bellies, sit up, stand, and grow into children, that causes the young to grow tall and adds the graceful touch of silver hair to older people? How can we define the constant, inscrutable flow that we call ‘time?’”

Human experience unfolds along threads of time. Every culture attempts to address and respond to Marx's opening questions, not scientifically but emotionally, transforming seconds, minutes, and hours into meaningful moments. In this new book, Rabbi Marx leads us through the months of the Hebrew calendar, elucidating ancient and modern texts and traditions to reveal each month's unique character. Her opening questions foreshadow a presentation of a Jewish accounting of time that I find inspiring, accessible, and personal.

I was a student of Rabbi Marx at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. Through her lectures and teaching style, I developed a deep love for Jewish liturgy. She taught in such a way that I believed I could hear the voices and feel the emotions of those who first extemporaneously spoke the prayers now fixed on the pages of our siddur. One of the most challenging aspects of prayer is developing one's unique prayer voice. This is the voice that we speak, and God hears when prayers leave our minds and mouths. Rabbi Marx's teachings have been a central influence in developing my inner prayer voice.

It was a sweet surprise to find the foreword written by Rabbi David Ellenson, z"l. Rabbi Ellenson died on December 10, 2023. He taught at HUC-JIR for forty years and was president for 12 years. You can read his obitu-

ary in the *New York Times*. I had precious few encounters with Rabbi Ellenson. What stood out to me about him was that he was engaged emotionally and intellectually in every moment. It was clear that he always spoke from the heart and cared deeply about those he spoke to.

In his foreword, Rabbi Ellenson tells us why we should give the time of day to one more book about Jewish holidays and seasons added to the pile. That reason is Dalia Marx – a tenth-generation Israeli, ordained at HUC-JIR in both Jerusalem and Cincinnati, earned a doctorate in Jewish liturgy at Hebrew University, prolific author, and lecturer, writing and speaking in Hebrew, English, German, and Spanish, chief editor of the new Israeli Reform prayerbook, **T'filat HaAdam**. Ellenson writes that this book "in many ways expresses and captures the most noble ambitions that informed both religious and cultural Zionism... represents the highest hopes both Rav Kook and Ahad HaAm had for the Zionist enterprise. Rav Kook dreamt of Jewish national renewal in religious terms and believed that a newborn Zion is where the 'old would be renewed and the new would be made holy.' Contemplating this religious vision was the notion Achad HaAm put forth that the future Zion would be a *merkaz ruchani*, a spiritual center that would facilitate the revival of Jewish culture in Israel and breathe life into Jewish existence in the Diaspora." Rabbi Dalia Marx is an authentic voice speaking traditions old and new from the spiritual center of Am Yisrael.

Each chapter of *From Time to Time* begins with a *kavanah* or prayer, an introduction to the month, and poems from classical or modern sources before beginning her presentation and commentary on the religious and secular sources that give each month its unique character. Although you may be familiar with some of what Marx presents, you will find her work new and authentic. I highly recommend *From Time to Time*. I doubt it will make it onto your bookshelf. You will want to keep it nearby to ground yourself and breathe new life into Jewish time. **From Time to Time** is available now from the CCAR Press –

www.ccarpress.org.

Happy New Year & L'Shalom,

Rabbi Marc

President's Message - Armi Rowe

It's now 2024. We are halfway through the 2023-2024 fiscal year and almost one year since we asked you at our Coffee Houses for your input on how we could improve Temple life.

You said, not everything has to be a fundraiser -- please come up with more frequent and less expensive group activity options. We brought back a fun new format -- the shorter service paired with an affordable but healthier and high quality Shabbat dinner menu. We've seen many participate because it is a relaxing way for congregants to catch up with each other. We've offered free adult education courses, lectures, panels, and special presentations to expand our minds and cultural outlook.

You also said one Shabbat time does not fit all so we offered options. We've seen an increase in attendance due to the earlier 6:30 start during the first and second weeks, but the shorter 6:00 service before the dinners during the third week brings in a different crowd, and the 7:30 service during the fourth week brings in those who prefer to first enjoy Shabbat dinner at home.

And you said, how about setting up some smaller groups to cultivate more quality interactions? Great idea. Our community circles are catching on. More and more people are gathering at Temple to play drop-in mahjonn on a regular basis. They're in the social hall and the library on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Once a month writers are sharing their stories and discussing planned works. The committees are meeting in the social hall on Sunday mornings again. And we tried line dancing after a New Year's Themed Shabbat service.

Our clergy, professional staff, and lay leaders listened. We're trying new things and we're making a great deal of progress in energizing and invigorating our community.

Our Temple has seen a huge uptick in attendance at recent events, so we are grateful to be able to

better afford private security details to help monitor our grounds during our programming. Thank you to all who are continuing to support the Security Fund.

Over 80 people attended the Chanukah Shabbat service and families enjoyed lighting their own Chanukiyot together. Special thanks to Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry, and the Temple Band for their extra ruach. Thank you to our Religious School Director Lisa Marcus, Amy Orce, Jennifer Zettler, and the Religious School Committee for coordinating a special Chanukah celebration, which included visiting students and parents from the religious school of Congregation B'nai Israel. And many thanks to Mike Reinhard and the men of Brotherhood who once again cooked a delicious Brisket & Latke Dinner and fed over 110 people in attendance!

Thank you to Jo Michaelson for coordinating the super interesting and entertaining Mohegan Tribal Cultural Presentation by Tradition Specialist David Eichelberg.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Temple's Annual Raffle! It was exciting to see our Young Israeli Emissaries randomly select the winning tickets and to hear John Murphy announce the winners' names. It had been a while since so many winners were present at the Brisket & Latke dinner.

This month, Hazzan Sherry and I will be very busy watching the auditions of Cabaret Acts (music, singing, comedy, dance, and/or literary readings and more) as we plan our 9th Annual Cabaret Night for Saturday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. It will be another fantastic evening of Temple friends gathering for appetizers, Havdalah, a variety show, and dessert. The snow date is for the following Saturday, February 10.

I look forward to catching up with you at our next

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Shabbat service oneg, Shabbat dinner, or Cabaret
Night auditions and rehearsals!

Cheers to 2024—to more good tidings,

Armi

THANK YOU!

Thank you to **Bob Chester and John Upholz** for donating their time to teach Self Defense class at Temple Emanu-El in support of Israel.

This class raised **\$371**. In addition, other donations have also been received to support Israel. The Temple Emanu-El Community raised **\$771** to donate to the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut Israel Emergency relief fund.

Top Board of Trustees Highlights

The Board agreed to hire Marcum, LLP to apply on the Temple's behalf for the employee earned retention credit offered by the IRS due to the lost revenue during the pandemic.

A Golf Tournament Planning Committee is forming – we will need many volunteers. First, a golf course willing to partner with our Temple needs to be determined. Then the event date will be scheduled, hopefully during this fiscal year.

A private security officer has been helping to monitor our grounds, providing public safety for our recent high traffic events.



A crowd of around 110 people enjoyed the delicious meal of brisket, chicken, latkes, vegetables and dessert prepared by Mike Reinhard and the Brotherhood on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023.

Notes from Sherry Barnes



It never ceases to amaze me how quickly time passes. Here we are in January, and I feel like we are at the top of the mountain, getting ready to slide down through upcoming holidays and events, towards the summer. There are lots of things coming up over the next few months to bring light and laughter to the winter months.

On Friday, January 26, the choir will be singing for Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song. You'll hear some new prayer settings and some familiar ones. I hope the choir inspires you to become a member!

On Saturday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting our annual, I think it's the 9th, Cabaret! If you have signed up, thank you very much, if you are on the fence and haven't decided, take the leap, and bring your act to the Temple Emanu-El stage! We are blessed to have so many talented people. Singers, instrumentalists, dancers, poetry readers, skit performers, and the list goes on. Armi and I hope that you will be a part of the evening, whether you have an act to share or are in the audience cheering on the performers! It's

always a small, fun, fundraiser for the Temple.

So many things to look forward to sharing together, like Purim in March, and our Passover Seder in April, just to name a few.

Make sure to read your TE Bulletin or check our website for upcoming fun and informative programs.

Many thanks to:

- Our Torah readers in December, Jeff Elkin and Michelle Pievsky. There are still openings for Torah readers. If you are interested, please let me know.
- The Temple Emanu-El Band for bringing their light to our Chanukah Service.
- Sebastian Zelkin for entertaining us at the Brother Latka Dinner, when he played **Dreidel** on his trombone! Such a treat!

Wishing all of you a secular New Year filled with laughter and love.

B'shalom,

Sherry

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

Happy 2024 TERS Families!

While 2023 brought about many exciting changes, we hope that 2024 will feature some fan favorites of years past. While we work on the lineup of activities, **please keep an eye on our bulletin board (located just outside the school wing)** for the most up to date calendar and activity information regarding such holidays as Martin Luther King Day, Tu B'Shvat, Purim and Pesach. Share Shabbat and Sunday Family Funday information will be posted here as well. **Please check this board regularly.**

A special shout out to the families who helped us prepare for the Chaunkah Carnival last month. These types of activities are not possible without the generous support of our TERS families! To the families who made latkes, distributed latkes, set up arts and crafts, called Bingo, and cleaned up so many things afterwards: **many, many thanks to you! You made my heart full!**

Shalom,

Eliza Miriam

Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Ladies,

December was a very busy month of **Sisterhood Service to the Temple and the community.**

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to help with the **Chanukah Fair Set-Up, the Chanukah Fair, the assembly and delivery of Chanukah bags for the Friendly Visitor Program, the Chanukah Shabbat Oneg and the assembly of bags of feminine hygiene products for "Dignity Grows" which we donated to Safe Futures.** A very special thank you to **Anne Cohn, Eileen Shapiro, Sue Fornara, and Moira Ross** for organizing and implementing these important projects.

The Sisterhood Board and the entire Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood received a very special Chanukah gift this year. Sisterhood member, **Carol Curland,** surprised us with a very generous gift of \$1,000!!! We cannot thank Carol enough for contributing to the work that Sisterhood does for the Temple and the community. We hope to support another month of **Dignity Grows** with Carol's donation.

In December, the Sisterhood Movie Club met on **Wednesday afternoon, December 13, at the Mystic Cinema to see the movie "Maestro".** For only seven dollars, eleven of us enjoyed this wonderful film about the life of Leonard Bernstein. The movie, which has already been nominated for three Golden Globe Awards, is worth seeing. If you have Netflix, it is available there. The movie version of the Broadway Show, **The Color Purple,** opens in movie theaters on December 25. **Stay tuned to your email for another afternoon Sisterhood Movie Club in January.**



This month, we will have our third **Book Club** of the year on **Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30PM at the**

home of Karen Bloustine in Niantic. We will be discussing **"The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn.** Many of you have already RSVP'd to Suzanne Crawford, our Book Club Chair. Don't forget to email me at professeur38@me.com, if you would like the Zoom link. Our **February Book Club** will be held on



Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30PM at the home of Anne Cohn in Niantic and I will be leading the discussion. We will be reading "The German Wife" by Kelly Rimmer. This historical

novel is inspired by Operation Paperclip: a controversial secret US Intelligence Program that employed former Nazis after World War II. In 1930, Jurgen Rhodes is forced to take a position in Hitler's Rocket Program. Twenty years later, Jurgen is pardoned and granted a position in America's space program in Huntsville, Alabama. This novel chronicles what happens to Jurgen's wife Sophie and her entire family when her American neighbors discover their past history. **If you are interested in joining us and being added to the Book Club Email list, please contact Suzanne Crawford at suzm.crawford@hotmail.com.**

As promised, our January and February events will be held on Zoom. **On Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00PM, there will be another of Sisterhood's, always fun, always challenging, Trivia Events.** All the info is in the flyer. I will send out the Zoom link to all those who RSVP to me. It doesn't matter if you are good at trivia. We play in teams, and it is a lot of fun! **On Thursday, February 15 at 7:00PM, there will be a second Zoom event.** It will probably be a **Scavenger Hunt,** but please let me know if you have an idea for another fun game or speaker you'd like to have.

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At our next Sisterhood Board Meeting on January 4, the Board will be finalizing our calendar of events for March through June. On our list of possibilities: a trip to **Board and Brush, Florence Griswold Museum, Audubon Society, Smith's Acres and Goodspeed Opera House** ("The Mystery of Edwin Drood", April 5 – June 2 and "South Pacific", June 14 – August 11). Of course, there will be the annual **Sisterhood Service and End of the Year Dinner and Book Club on April 5, May 7, and June 18** and a **talk by Rabbi Marc**. We'd love your suggestions! Contact me or any member of the Sisterhood Board with your thoughts!

Hoping for SHALOM in 2024!

Barbara

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

I am delighted to report that our Chanukah Fair was a huge success. We had a wonderful turnout of shoppers and they seemed pleased with our assortment. I would also like to thank all the wonderful sisterhood members who came out to help set up and help at the Fair on Sunday. I'm so happy to be a member of our wonderful sisterhood. Please remember that I am happy to make an appointment for you at the Gift Shop to shop. I am also willing to special order items for you. I have a wide array of items that can be ordered from a variety of vendors. You can contact me to schedule an appointment by phone (860-508-6084) or through the gift shop email (tewaterford.org/judaica-shop)

Anne



Mazal Tov to . . .

Allison Glickman on the birth of her grandson, **Samuel James DuBois**. Proud parents are Allison's daughter and son-in-law, **Hillary and Jeremy DuBois**. Samuel has an older brother, **Yoni** who is 2 years old. Samuel was born on Monday, November 20, 2023.

Deadline is approaching for all 2024 Mah Jongg Card Orders

There is *still time* to get your orders in for the 2024 NMJL Cards. They are the same price as last year (\$14 for small and \$15 for large cards).

These are for the 2024 cards that will be mailed directly to you at the end of March.

I must receive your checks by January 31 for you to be part of our group order.

The National MahJongg league gives us a donation for every card that is ordered by this deadline. Any orders that I place after my deadline result in no donation. The cost to you is the same, so it is a Win-Win. Also, beware of fraudulent cards that are not ordered through the NMJL or an approved charity "collector", such as me. Last year, there were many counterfeit cards sold through Amazon and Walmart. And, of course, there is no charity component to those sales.

Please make checks out to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood. Your cards can be mailed to any location in the country. If it's to the same place as in past years, all I need is your check. If you are a snowbird, please provide the address that you would like the card mailed to you in late March.

Do not hesitate to contact me with ANY questions, either through email, text, or phone. I am more than happy to provide additional information.

HELP US TO CONTINUE THIS AS A SIGNIFICANT FUND RAISER!

Iris Freeman

ifreegang@aol.com

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860-460-3081

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: _____

Thanks,
Iris



If going to multiple people: please provide a list addresses, emails, and size cards below.



Whoo Hoo - Another Sisterhood Trivia Night!

Join the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
for a fun evening with friends and trivia!

Tuesday, January 23rd • 7 pm • On Zoom

RSVP to Barbara at professeur38@me.com
by Sunday, January 21st

Service & Event Schedule

Wed.	Jan. 3	1:00 P.M.	Drop in Mah Jongg Circle (contact Robbin Alpert)
		2:00 P.M.	Writers Circle (contact Armi Rowe)
		4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Thur.	Jan. 4	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	Jan. 5	6:30 P.M.	Share Shabbat
Sun.	Jan. 7	9:30 A.M.	Religious School and Preschool
Mon.	Jan. 8	12:00 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Tues.	Jan. 9	6:30 P.M.	Sisterhood Book Club/Bloustine Residence
Wed.	Jan. 10	3:00 P.M.	Baking Club
		4:30 P.M.	Religious School
		7:30 P.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thur.	Jan. 11	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	Jan. 12	6:30 P.M.	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sun.	Jan. 14	9:30 A.M.	Religious School and Preschool
Tues.	Jan. 16	R.S.V.P.	Deadline for Shabbat Dinner on Jan. 19
Wed.	Jan. 17	1:00 P.M.	Drop in Mah Jongg Circle
		4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Thur.	Jan. 18	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	Jan. 19	6:00 P.M.	Shabbat Service
		6:30 P.M.	Shabbat Dinner (RSVP by Jan. 16)
Sun.	Jan. 21	9:30 A.M.	Religious School and Preschool
Mon.	Jan. 22	12:00 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Tues.	Jan. 23	7:00 P.M.	Sisterhood Triva Night on Zoom
Wed.	Jan. 24	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Thur.	Jan. 25	7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	Jan. 26	6:30 P.M.	Shir Shabbat – Choir will be participating
Sun.	Jan. 28	9:30 A.M.	Religious School and Preschool
Mon.	Jan. 22	12:00 P.M.	Jewish Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 P.M.	Jewish Community High School
Wed.	Jan. 24	4:30 P.M.	Religious School
Fri.	Feb. 2	6:30 P.M.	Share Shabbat
Sat.	Feb. 3	7:00 P.M.	Cabaret

Social Action Committee — Karen Bloustine

Temple Emanu-El Social Action Committee has decided to donate to Temple Emanu-El in Sybil Nassau's memory.

Temple Emanu-El has received an increase in calls from families in the wider community in need of gift certificates for food, clothing, formula/diapers. Please consider making Gift Card donations to the Temple office. **Thank you.**

Karen Bloustine / bloustinek@gmail.com



Join Temple Emanu-El's Baking Club



Wednesday, Jan, 10
at 3:00 p.m.



Let's chat & bake wintery treats together for the January 12 Shabbat oneg.

RSVP to rmccaffrey@snet.net
by January 8



Community CIRCLES



Bi-Weekly Drop-In Mahjongg Circle

Wed. January 3 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wed. January 17 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

RSVP: rba1pert@att.net



Monthly Writers Circle

Wednesday, January 3 at 2:00 p.m.

RSVP: armirowe@gmail.com

Each group is hosted by a Circle Leader.

Meet over refreshments in the social hall monthly or weekly.

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

**Join or Start
One of Temple Emanu-El's
Community Circles**

**GATHER WITH FELLOW CONGREGANTS
WHO SHARE YOUR SPECIAL INTEREST!**

SUBMIT YOUR IDEA TO TEMPLE OFFICE:

860-443-3005 or office@tewaterford.org



MENU

Green Salad

Taco Chips &
Guacamole

Mediterranean Turkey
Chili or Vegan Chili

Spanish Rice

Cornbread

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

*January
Shabbat Dinner*

Friday, January 19 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, January 14
* Please 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: _____

JOIN US FOR OUR 9TH ANNUAL

Cabaret Night

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Temple Emanu-El Social Hall

Appetizers, Havdalah, Variety Show & Dessert

\$36 suggested donation per person
Benefits the Essential Services Fund

29 Dayton Road, Waterford, CT

Please RSVP by 1/28/24

January Birthdays

Moncia Bafetti
Byrne Blumer
Willow Blumer
Lynn Brown
Kevin Constantine
Betty Cooper
Lisa Darling
Susan Diaz
Sandra Epstein

Henry Folstein
Marc Goldsmith
Felix Daniel Greenmoor
Patricia Hans
Samantha Hans
Patricia Hendel
Greg Kupfer
Deborah R. Linder
Jim Michalove
Eric Naarden
Leslie Orenstein
Marnie Rock
Judd Mayer Rosen
Solomon Ross

Nathaniel Ross
Sam Schaperow
Marvin Schnur
Susan Seeman
Dr. Adam Seidner
Lester Shapiro
Anna Cloe Sheikowitz
Rachel Sherman
Fiona (FiFi) Sherman
Noah Shiling
Elizabeth V. Walz
Michael Weiss
Barbara Wolfe
Jessica Wolfe

Orion Zelken
Eliana Marie Ziv



Anniversaries

Jess Feldon and
Elizabeth Hall

January Yahrzeits

*I found the one
my heart loves...*
Song of Songs 3:4

Shirley Grayson
Anna Jezeski
Murray Lazarus
Sylvia Lewiss
William Morea
Roger Rouquette
Harry Rubin
Anna Seidman
Rose Tobin
Rachel Wessel

Stanley Skigen
Louis Snitkin
Katherine M. Thibault
Anna Tropp
Harry Weber
Al Weinberg
Harold Wolfe
Richard Donald Zettler

Grace Wertheim
Alice Wiesniewski

May their memory be a blessing.

יה זכרם ברוך.

January 12

Henry Berliner
Donald Bloom
Morris Brickman
Ray Cohen
Hannah Cooper
Elsie Deglin
Edith Greenberg
Ekstrand
William Fishbone
Michael Bennett
Freeman
Audrey Germaine
Daniel Kanfer
Joseph Lasser
Frederic Rosenstein
Fred Seeman

January 19

Frances Brensilver
Barbara Ellen Lupkay
Combs
Tillie Finkelstein
Eleanor Freeman
Stephen Horton
Eugene Krinick
Marilyn Morgenstern
Nancy Newall
David Nirenstein
Doris Reinhard
Ellen Schwartz
Alita "Lola" Sevilla
Mortimer Shaff
Reuben Shiling
Esfir Vestel
Herman Weber
Mynna Weiss

January 26

Carol Blaise
Abraham Irving
Epstein
Elizabeth Glenn
Jack Greenberg
Esther Hoffman
Phyllis Kaufman
Jules Levine
Eleanor McCaffrey
Bernice Moss
Frances Ogulnick
Sophie Pagnes
Yetta Paulson
Sigmund Sol
Rosenholtz
Dorothy Segool
Beatrice Sherman
Isaaca Zelda Siegel
Morris Thall
Rochelle Tripp
Irwin Tuchfeld
Pauline Ruth
Wildstein
Harold Wolfe

Yahrzeits

January 5

Bernadette Bechewek
Randy Deglin
Samantha Deglin
Elisabeth Farran
Edward Gipstein
Marvin Goldstein

We are eternally thankful for the support of those below

Cantor's Fund

Amy Greenberg

---in loving memory of Abraham Leder on his
yahrzeit

Gregory Morea & Barbara Luftglass-Morea

---in memory of my mother, Eleanor Cohen,
because I got my voice and musical ability with
love from her

Craig Blumsack Fund

Michael and Marcia Reinhard

---in loving memory of Edith Weiner on her
yahrzeit

Tracy Shoor

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Essential Services Fund

Dr. Jean Lasser

Alyse Crane and Jenna O'Neill

---in appreciation of attending the Hanukkah
Service

Armi and Jonathan Rowe

---in memory of Donna Goldman

---in memory of Sybil Nassau

---in celebration of the birth of Allison Glickman's
grandchild, Samuel James DuBois

Barbara and Peter Kallan and family

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Jane and Chic Weinberg

---in loving memory of Molly Rifkin on her
yahrzeit

Jay and Lesly Ginsburg

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Patti and Alan Gruber & Sons

---in loving memory of Herman Gruber on his
yahrzeit

Patti and Alan Gruber & Sons

---in loving memory of Jeanette Gruber on her
yahrzeit

Stacy Gould

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Sula Krieger

---thank you for having zoom services for the high
holidays. This is a great service to the community.

Goldsmith-Kallan Fund

Dianne and Mark Rubin

---in memory of Donna Goldman

Lothar Knobel Library Fund

Ian and Suzanne Crawford

Mitzvah Fund

Hali and Gerry Keeler

---condolences to the Goldman family on their loss of
Donna: wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend

---in loving memory of Ethel Schnable on her yahrzeit
Michael and Flossie Betten

---in memory of Donna Goldman; condolences to
Andy, Cory, Alissa and family

Oneg Fund

Patricia Hendel

---in memory of Seymour Hendel

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Fund

Deborah, Jared and Hannah Linder

---in honor of grandparents Robert and Margaret
Lesser

Karen and Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg

---in memory of Harry Stein on his yahrzeit

---in memory of Leo Rosenberg on his yahrzeit

Matthew and Florence Lewiss

---in loving memory of Lillian Gertz Lewiss on her
yahrzeit

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Amy Greenberg

---in loving memory of Tillie Leder on her yahrzeit

Andrew Goldman

---in memory of Donna Goldman

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Barry and Phyllis Bienstock
-- in memory of Donna Goldman
Barry and Stephanie Thorp
-- in loving memory of Rachel Crystal on her
yahrzeit
Karen and Stan Bloustine
-- in memory of Ada Bloustine on her yahrzeit
Melissa Rubinsky
-- in loving memory of my mother, Jean Rubinsky,
on her yahrzeit
Michele and Harvey Snitkin
-- in loving memory of Daniel Iorillo on his
yahrzeit
Paulette Kaffee
-- in memory of Donna Goldman
Susan Farber
-- in memory of my beloved cousin, Sybil Nassau

Security Fund

Paul S. Kanfer MD
Adam Kaufman and Rebecca Woodward

Claire Warren
Gregory Morea
Barbara Luftglass-Morea
-- in memory of my mother, Eleanor Cohen
Lois and Don Steinman, Sheri and Marc Tardiff,
Amy and Joel Steinman
-- in loving memory of our dear friend Donna
Goldman
Lori and Mitchel Corah
-- in loving memory of Marilyn Marcus on her
yahrzeit
Peter and Lisa Marcus
-- in loving memory of Marilyn Marcus on her
yahrzeit
Sheryl Reagan
-- in loving memory of Andi Camassar on his
yahrzeit
-- in loving memory of Gertrude Camassar on her
yahrzeit

2023 RAFFLE RAISES \$18,000

The 2023 Temple Raffle was drawn on Sunday, Dec 10 at 6 pm during the Brotherhood Latke dinner in front of over 100 people. The tickets were drawn by the Jewish Federation young emissaries: Hila Ziv and Netanel Vaninger. I want to thank all the people who bought tickets to the raffle along with the sponsors listed below. Mazel Tov to all the winners (listed below), in addition, I want to thank Barry Feldman, Marcia Reinhard, Armi Rowe and Roberta Reisner-Winograd for all their help with ticket sales.

Donor: **Anonymous**- 5 – \$500 visa gift cards

Winner: Jonathan Rowe

2. Donor: **Sayet and Seder** - HP ENVY 15.6” 2-in-1 Touchscreen Laptop

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Winner: Rachel O’Brien

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Winner: Sherry Barnes

6. Donor: **John Murphy and Barbara Senges** - \$150 **Walmart** gift card

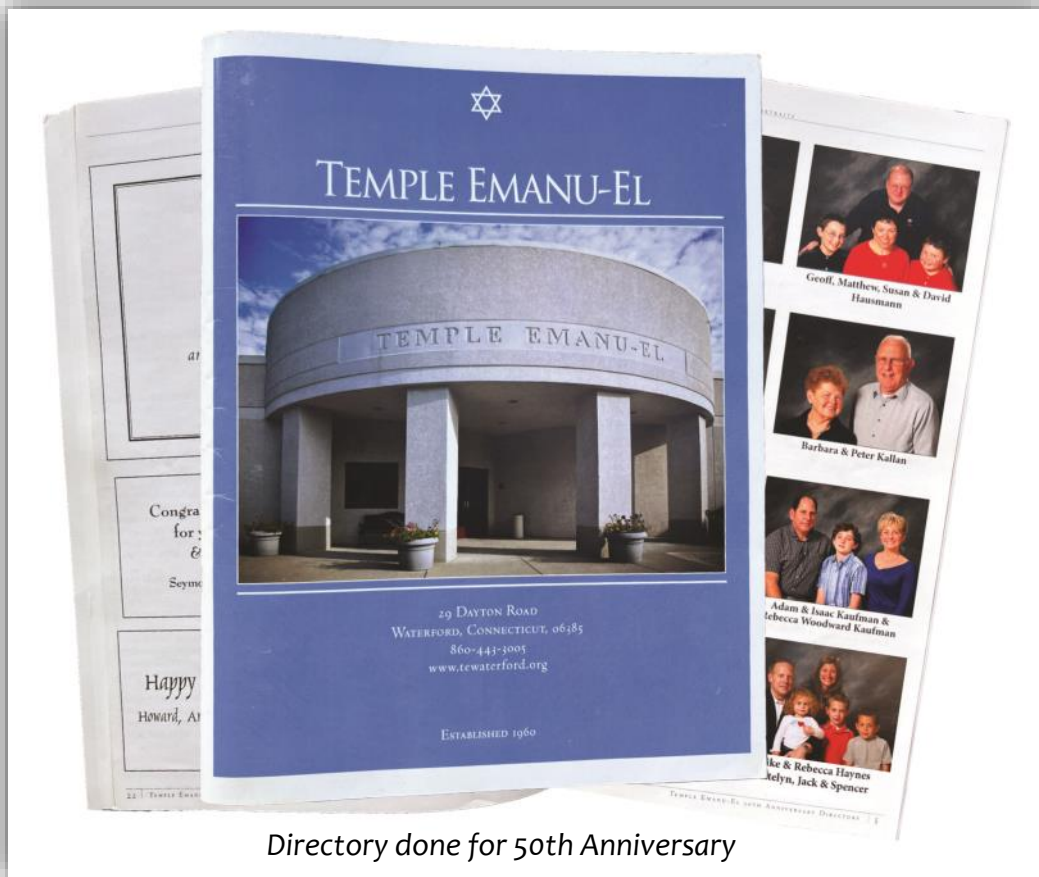
Winner: Chris Rock

7. Donor: **Armi and Jonathan Rowe** - \$100 **Amazon** gift card

Winner: Rachel Levy

John Murphy, Raffle Chairman/Temple Emanu-El Treasurer

New Temple Emanu-El Directory



Directory done for 50th Anniversary

Temple Emanu-El did a directory for the congregation when we turned 50. I used that directory often, and still pull it out for an address to send a card or give someone a call, as do many other congregants. But, it is now outdated, so the Communications Committee pulled together a Directory Sub-Committee and we are starting work on a new directory to celebrate our 65th anniversary!

Updated Contacts • Due to security and privacy concerns, this directory will be printed and distributed

only to Temple Emanu-El members. It will not be available digitally. Having a printed copy in your hands is a great way to learn faces in our Temple community, and see who lives near you! It is a wonderful way to connect people in our congregation.

Beautiful Photography • The previous directory had photos as well as contact information. The photography will again be done by Brian Alpert, with options for which photo package you would like to purchase. You may submit a photo of yourself or your family, especially if it is hard to have your family attend a scheduled photo time together. But, having Brian do a professional photo is a great way to get updated photos of your family, gives an overall cohesive look to the directory, and helps to support this project.

Celebratory Ads & Messages of Support • There is also an option to submit a personal or business ad. A personal ad can include copy such as a message celebrating our 65th anniversary, and may include your photo. A business ad could be an advertisement for that business, possibly adding a congratulations line if they choose. There are four ad sizes to choose from, ranging from 1/8 of a page to a full page in size, and pricing will be included on the form. Ad sales will help pay for the cost to print the directory.

Please keep an eye out for a form in future bulletins to submit your contact information, schedule your photo and see photo package choices, and consider ad options. If you have questions, please contact me at communications@tewaterford.org.

Thank you for supporting this directory, and for helping to make Temple Emanu-El a vibrant, close-knit community.

Sue Fornara

HOWARD ILSON MEMORIAL TEMPLE EMANU-EL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Ilson Award**, which is given annually to a member who has contributed to Temple Emanu-El in an important way. The award is in honor of Howard Ilson, a former president of our Temple who died suddenly while in office.

Areas of service to consider include:

- ~ Years of service as an officer or Board member
- ~ Years as a committee chairperson
- ~ Years of service in auxiliaries such as the Religious School, Sisterhood, Brotherhood
- ~ Years of community service as a representative of Temple Emanu-El
- ~ Years of time and energy expended for the betterment of Temple Emanu-El

Nominations will be accepted until March 1. The award committee will then review the nominations, and the winner will be announced in the Temple *Bulletin*. The award winner will be honored at a Shabbat service, and his or her name will be engraved on a plaque on display in the Temple.

Please take the time to consider a worthy nominee. It is one way of thanking our members for volunteerism that often goes unnoticed. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the form and mail or e-mail. All nominations will be strictly confidential.

Howard Ilson Award Nomination Form

Name of person being nominated:

Name of nominator:

Summary of nominee's attributes and service to Temple Emanu-El must be completed for nominee's consideration. Please use a separate piece of paper to complete and send to:

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