



TEMPLE
EMANU-EL
WATERFORD, CT

Temple Emanu-El Seder 5784

Monday, April 22, 2024
6:00 pm
at Temple Emanu-El
29 Dayton Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Menu:

- Matzo ball soup
- Gefilte fish with horseradish
- Spring Salad with field greens, asparagus, peas, radishes and citrus vinaigrette
- Smokey lemon glazed chicken
- Roasted thin sliced rosemary red potatoes
- Tzimmes – {vegan} Roasted spiced sweet potatoes and other root veggies with prunes
- Vegan/Gluten Free Option: Stuffed Portabella Mushroom

RSVP for Passover Seder by April 15th

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number attending: _____ at \$40 per Adult, _____ at \$20 per Child, ages 6–12,
_____ Age 5 & under free **Total Enclosed:** _____

Number of vegan or vegetarian meals: _____

Seating will be pre-arranged. Please include requests for guests at your table. Dinner will be buffet style.

Return this form with payment to: Temple Emanu-El • PO Box 288 • Waterford, CT 06385

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please go to <http://www.tewaterford.org>, click the Donate button, and select "Passover Seder 2024" under Choose A Fund on the donation page.

Questions? Call Roberta: 860-443-3005

Rabbi's Message — Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

This past month, I had the incredible privilege of marrying two couples within one week. In large congregations and Jewish communities, this might be common. In our small community and congregation, it is unusual. Even more remarkable is that I know both couples well. One of them I know very well because the groom is my oldest son, Michael, and the bride is my new daughter-in-law, Julia. Both weddings were very small, with guests limited to close family and friends. Yet, the guest list size doesn't change the magnitude of the moment. Whether the guest list is hundreds or a few, two people making a sacred commitment to one another, is a *shehecheyanu* moment. However, when the guest list is small, all involved seem more focused on the commitment and the sacredness of the moment rather than the little details and logistics that make large weddings seem intimate and beautiful.

Every wedding has its special moment. Sometimes, the special moment is when a parent or parents escort their child to join hands with their partner before coming under the *chuppah*. Sometimes, it is the personal vows, the ring exchange, announcing the couple, breaking the glass, or the first kiss in marriage. For both of these weddings, the special moment was the priestly blessing – *Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishm'recha* – May the Lord bless you and protect you. For each couple, I wrapped them in my tallit; they wrapped their arms around each other; I spoke God's words through my humble heart while they tightly closed their eyes, making feeble attempts to stem the tears of love and joy, with their hearts wholly opened to the sanctity of the moment.

As wonderful as these moments under the *chuppah* were, much of the backdrop is not so wonderful. As American Jews, we are struggling with the fallout from the assault, torture, murder, and abduction of Israelis, Jews, and foreign workers on October 7; rising anti-semitism; growing rifts between us Jews and people

and groups we thought were our strong allies; not to mention fragile economies, climate change, migrant and refugee crises, and political extremism both at home in the US, and our homeland, Israel. Most disturbing is that most of these issues are not Jewish-centric, yet Jews are often named as the central problem with many of them. In his article in *The Atlantic*, published March 4, Franklin Foer detailed the many signs we have seen and experienced ourselves that lead him to conclude that the *Golden Age of American Jews is Ending*. As depressing and scary as this article is, I suggest you read it. But Franklin Foer does not tell us what to do with this realization. I choose to look for hope.

So, where do I find hope? I find hope in these two weddings. In both cases, an interfaith couple believed the context for the start of their married life, their envisioned future, should be under the *chuppah*. I also find hope in the more difficult places, like friends and family supporting those struggling with cancer or those amid grief from the loss of loved ones. I find hope in the large crowd of Jews and non-Jews gathered at the Garde to see Jerry Fischer's movie premier, *Henny – a Legacy of Hope*. I find hope in the steady stream of individuals and families finding their way to Temple Emanu-El, with little outreach on our part, seeking spiritual and community connection through Reform Judaism. Indeed, there are many signs of hope.

Franklin Foer is rightly ringing the alarm bell. But we should know our Jewish history well enough to know that the Golden Age of American Jews wasn't the only such age for Jews. We should also know that the largest part of our history resides not in a single united homeland but in all the places and cultures within which Jews have thrived under incredibly difficult circumstances. There is always hope to be found somewhere if you are looking for it. Look, and you will surely be inspired.

L'shalom, **Rabbi Marc**

President's Message - Armi Rowe

Spring has officially arrived and I'm enjoying the songs and sightings of more and more feathered friends who are migrating back. Soon we'll be tackling our gardens, breathing more fresh air, and absorbing vitamin D the

natural way again.

It's a good time of year to exercise Jewish values

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Temple Emanu-El 65th Anniversary Directory

Temple Emanu-El is putting together a new *printed* congregational directory for our current & future members!

It will include updated membership contact information, professional photography, and celebratory ads and messages. Congratulate our Temple on 65 years! Recognize people, send a card, or give someone a call. Join our directory to help make Temple Emanu-El a vibrant, close-knit community.

Please fill out the front & back of this form and submit it via mail or e-mail:
Temple Emanu-El Directory • P.O. Box 288 • Waterford, CT 06385
Or communications@tewaterford.org • Subject: Temple Directory

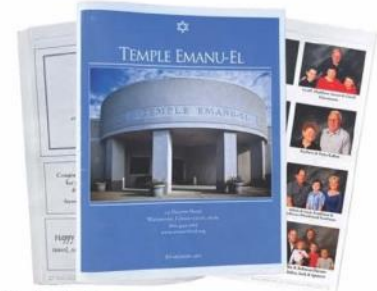
Names of Family Members (one per line, check box if an adult):

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Primary Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____



- Check if you do not want your address included in directory. Phone and email will be included.
Please note this directory will only be printed, it will not be available or distributed digitally.

Photo of Directory from 50th Anniversary

To have a free professional photo featured in the directory, please circle *one* of the following photo session dates:

Sunday, April 14th,
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday, April 21st,
12:00 – 2:30 PM

Sunday, April 28th,
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Wednesday, April 17th,
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

I cannot make any of these. Please contact me.

A photo for the directory is free. If you would like a printed photo or photo package, you can choose one at the time of photography. Pricing ranges from \$18 – \$36 and payment by cash or check is due at time of photo session.

Photo packages and ad purchases help cover the cost of printing the directory. Want to have a personal message featured in the directory?

Full Page Size:
7.5" w by 10" h

Temple Directory Personal Message Submission Form

Please note there is a different ad form for businesses.
Please contact the Temple office if you would like the form for a business ad.

Please *print* your message here:

Half Page Size:
7.5" w by 4.875" h

Please choose an ad size:

- Full Page** (7.5" w x 10" h)
\$180
- Half Page** (7.5" w x 4.875" h)
\$100
- Quarter Page** (3.625" w x .875" h)
\$60
- Eighth Page** (3.625" w x 2.312" h)
\$36
- Include a Photo**
\$15

Quarter Page Size:
3.625" w by 4.875"

Eighth Page Size:
3.625" w by 2.312"

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through simple actions, like scheduling a Hartsprings Foundation donation pickup as we organize, recycle, reuse, and reduce, just in time for Earth Day on April 22, which happens to coincide this year with the beginning of Passover. Hartsprings Foundation gladly accepts clothing, shoes, linens, and cloth items without limitations and they'll pull up to your mailbox or driveway to take your boxes away.

I love wearing my newish pair of sneakers as its memory foam truly makes logging 10,000 steps feel more effortless. I'm really looking forward to rejoining Sisterhood's weekly walks at the Niantic Boardwalk as well as participating with our Temple Emanu-El team on April 28 at the Homeless Hospitality Center's Walk to End Homelessness. Have you seen the Temple Emanu-El logo on the posters around town? We're sandwiched between Mohegan Sun and the Rotary Club of New London. As co-sponsors this year thanks to a donation made in Sybil Nassau's memory, this visibility allows us to communicate to the greater community that we care deeply about helping those in need. It's also an opportunity to do outreach and perhaps meet some unaffiliated Jewish families as we do some good together with our neighbors. Please consider walking with us. Go to www.nlhhc.org/walk, click on Join A Fundraising Team, and select Temple Emanu-El when you register.

Thank you, once again, to Bruce, Lori, and Hillary Goldstein for hosting Rabbi Jonathan Rubinstein and Rabbi Linda Motzkin during our Bread and Torah Shabbaton weekend. Thank you to all the members of our Bread and Torah Planning Committee and our hosts for the memorable event activities that our congregants, students, and guests enjoyed: Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry, Hillary Goldstein, Ben and Courtney Miller, Erica and Rich McCaffrey, Caryn and Steve Novick, Scott and Jennifer Zettler, and Emma Zelken. It was delightful learning about scribal arts, baking challah and bagels, and celebrating Shabbat in a deeply spiritual and meaningful way with our vibrant community. See photos on pages 17.

Thank you to Barbara Wolfe, Janine Sitko, and Amy Perry and all of their volunteers who helped make the Mishloach Manot Purim Bag Fundraiser such a success. Many thanks to Barbara Senges for ordering and do-

nating the delicious hamantaschen for Purim. And special thanks to Sam Winograd for writing this year's very entertaining Purim Spiel, the entire cast and crew for their time and skill on the Temple Emanu-El Players' stage.

Although our fiscal year is quickly nearing its completion, we still have many activities to look forward to in the coming weeks. Be sure to schedule your portrait for the 65th Anniversary Temple Directory. Many thanks to Brian Alpert for lending us his talents – he's an amazing photographer. And thanks to Sue Fornara and her communications committee for coordinating this effort. Soon we'll be able to connect Temple names and faces and be able to reach out to each other.

I wish you all a wonderful time at your family Passover Seders.

Chag Pesach Sameach, **Armi**

Top Board of Trustees Highlights

The Board of Trustees approved the Security Committee to spend up to \$4,500 of our remaining Federal Security Grant funds to add a few more infrastructure upgrades to make our Temple safer (must be spent by end of month).

Membership Committee is exploring outreach opportunities to increase Temple Emanu-El's visibility in the larger community.

The Nominations Committee will be searching for new candidates to fill Board of Trustees positions that will open up on July 1st. Please consider serving. We are all responsible for the welfare of our Temple Family's home and its operations.

Building & Grounds Committee is exploring the feasibility of potentially converting the handicapped stall in the women's restroom into a family/all gender restroom with its own private door. Building permit and zoning compliance inquiries are being investigated with the Town of Waterford.

Notes from Sherry Barnes

This month we celebrate Pesach! Time to do your spring cleaning! **What is your favorite memory of Passover?** I have many happy memories of my mom's delicious seders. One of my favorite memories was my mom asking me to serve the matzah ball soup. I proudly dished up a bowl for my dad, who upon tasting it said the soup didn't taste right. I didn't know that the chicken soup was in the other pot! I had served my dad matzah balls in matzah ball water! Oy vey! My mom would tell us stories about seders when she was a girl. She said the seders went until after midnight. She would get in trouble for having shpilkes, and towards the end would fall asleep because of the wine she sipped. I wish I had known my grandpa. He was Orthodox, and I'm sure he read every word in the haggadah. I'm sure it was filled with wonderful discussions. Our seders were short at most 30 minutes. It was nice to have my brother, my parents, and me around the table having a wonderful time, eating, and laughing. After we joined Temple Emanu-El, we became part of the TE family for Pesach. I'm very happy that this year our seder will be here at Temple Emanu-El. As a congregant, many years ago, my family would sit with our good friends the Goldsmiths. Our boys would hang spoons on their noses, make jokes, and make all of us laugh. We also spent many wonderful second seders as a part of the Rosenberg family, enjoying the laughter around their table, and watching the grandchildren grow big-

ger every year.

What did you get for finding the afikomen? Sometimes my brother and I would get chocolate covered coconut. We may have received money, but the chocolate seems to stick in my mind more.

What did you take to school for lunch Pesach? I remember taking things like tunafish, bologna and mustard, or peanut butter and jelly, on matzah to school for lunch. What a mess. The kids at the lunch table always wanted to try the matzah. I was happy to share.

What is your favorite part of the Seder? My favorite thing about the seder were the songs. Had Gadya, Echad Mi Yodeah, Adir Bimlucha, and there were more. I remember them, because the holiday record would be playing those songs sung by a male choir. I loved that record.

I hope that whether your seder is at your home, away with family, here at Temple Emanu-El, or maybe it is your first seder, may your seder be meaningful, filled with stories of past seders, and that you create new stories and memories for next year.

Have a zissen Pesach! A sweet Passover!

B'shir, **Sherry**

Todah rabah to the Bread and Torah Committee, and those behind the scenes, for making sure the weekend went beautifully.

Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Ladies,

The month of March brought several new members to the Temple and to our Sisterhood! New members automatically receive a free year of membership to Sisterhood. **Welcome to Gale Sloan, Brianna Agnew-Weber, Margot Orlander, Michele Kessel, Geraldine Mihalko, and Barbara Taub. We hope to meet all of you very soon!**

Thank you to Sheri Pascal, Anne Cohn, Janet Weiss, Jamie Stavropoulos, Amy Greenberg, Leslie Spees,

Michele Snitkin, and Flossie Betten for assisting with the assembly of the **Purim bags for the Friendly Visitor Program on March 18**. This month, Sisterhood will also be assisting with the assembly and distribution of holiday bags. **On Monday, April 15 at 10:00AM in the Social Hall** we will be putting together 120 **Passover bags**. We will also be filling our **Decoupage Vases with flowers**. **If you are able to assist with this Mitzvah Project please email Eileen Shapiro at esfinallyhase-mail@comcast.net.**

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Two upcoming Sisterhood events are highlighted with flyers in this month's bulletin. **On Thursday, April 18 at 6:00PM**, we will be making our yearly visit to **Smith's Acres in Niantic**. Thank you to **Merrill Mazzella** for once again organizing this fun outing. This year we will be filling an oval planter with **herbs and pansies**. The cost for the planter is \$25. Sisterhood will be providing pizza and beverages. **Please RSVP to me at professeur38@me.com by Tuesday, April 16th.**

On Thursday, May 30 at 6:00PM at Temple Emanu-El, we will be celebrating our **Sisterhood End-Of-Year Membership Dinner**. The evening will include a sit-down dinner catered by Cloud Nine. The menu is extra special! The evening will be a great opportunity to reconnect with Sisterhood friends and meet some new friends. The cost for the evening is \$18. Checks made out to "Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood" can be sent to the synagogue to the attention of Jennifer Zettler or brought with you the evening of the event. **It is essential that you RSVP to Jennifer at sjzetter95@gmail.com no later than Sunday, May 19th.**

May Book Club will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at

6:30PM at the home of Cecile Feldman in East Lyme. We will be discussing "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. This is the true story of how nine working-class boys, members of the Washington State University rowing team, became the 1936 United States Olympic Rowing Team that defeated the German team at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Some of you saw the film with the Movie Club earlier this year.

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.

Stay tuned to the May Bulletin for a flyer and info on the **June 4 excursion to the Audubon Society, the Florence Griswold Museum and Flo's Cafe in Old Lyme!**

Looking Forward to seeing many of you at our annual Sisterhood Service on Friday, April 12 at 6:30PM.

Happy Passover!

Barbara

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Join Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
to plant

Herbs & Pansies

Smith's Acres in the Greenhouse
4 W. Main St., Niantic
Thursday, April 18th • 6:00 p.m.

Make an oval planter with herbs and pansies!
Cost: \$25
Payment for participation will be made to Smith's Acres
the night of the event.

Pizza and beverages will be provided by Sisterhood.

Please **RSVP** to Barbara Senges
at professeur38@me.com by
Tuesday, April 16.

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**It's Spring! That means it's time for the
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood
End-of-Year Membership Dinner**

All Sisterhood members* are invited to join us!
Thursday, May 30th • 6 pm • Temple Emanu-El in Waterford

This will be a sit-down dinner catered by Cloud Nine Catering.
Reconnect with Sisterhood friends and meet some new friends.

\$18 per person

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

RSVP
to Jennifer at sjzettler95@gmail.com **no later** than Sunday, May 19th.

*Contact Jennifer if you are not sure if you're a member.
Membership is \$36 per year.

Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

Hello Everyone,

Passover is approaching and we have items to help with your Seder. We have seder plates and

matzo covers and afikomen bags. There are lovely gifts to bring to your seder host too. The photo shows adorable finger puppets and many other items to keep your little ones occupied during the seder.

Any time you'd like to shop at our gift shop please contact me at annecohn@gmail.com.

Wishing everyone a Happy Passover,
Anne

SPRING MAHJONGG TOURNAMENT –

May 15, 2024

Don't miss out on all the fun!

Temple EmanuEl's next MahJongg Tournament is Wednesday, May 15th, beginning at 8:30 AM.

We will again be offering our Relaxed tables for those who are newer to the game or want the flexibility of a shorter day of mahjongg. And then there are the Tournament tables for a full day of competitive (but still fun) play. Both options includes full luncheon, plus



continental breakfast and afternoon desserts.

See the enclosed registration flyer for all the details.

Our full day includes 6 rounds of Mah Jongg. If you don't want to play a full day but want tournament style play, we may be able to arrange for someone to sub in for part of the day for you. We try to accommodate our guests in any way we can!

We will have a 50/50 Raffle which is open to Tournament attendees and non-participants. You need not be present to win, so contact me if you'd like to purchase

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tickets (\$5 each; 3 for \$10).

Also, we will be taking pre-orders for homemade dessert dairy kugel. Contact me if you want to pick one up Wednesday afternoon. (\$30 for a full tray and \$15 for a half.)

Tournament Volunteers

We welcome volunteers for setup and food prep the day before the tournament (May 14th, 10 am to 12ish). And for

those few holdouts who have not yet dipped their foot into the game of MahJongg and won't be participating as a player, we invite you to help on the day of the event. Contact me to add your name to the list of assistants. It's a lot of fun!

We look forward to the pleasure of your company!

Text or call with any questions.

Iris Freeman, 860.460.3081, ifreegang@aol.com

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

FULL DAY MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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

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



Your Choice:

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

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

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

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

Deadline: Friday, May 10 or when we reach capacity. Register early to ensure a spot! **No refunds.**

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

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

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

Name: _____ **Email: Required** _____

Address: _____ **TOURNAMENT RULES EMAILED PRIOR TO 5/15**

Phone: _____

Check any that apply:

____ I can bring a mah jongg set and be East (you don't rotate)

____ Seat me at Novice/Relaxed table only (no time limits)

____ I am including payment for _____ 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets

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

Happy Spring!

March was another busy month at TERS. To begin the month, we were active participants in the Bread & Torah weekend, with both Challah Making and Hide Stretching programs for all our students. They were fascinated and completely engaged. It was a wonderful experience. It was also nice to see parents connecting with one another as well. This weekend we continued to live the mission of our school and meet many of the goals we have set for ourselves. Thank you to Emma Zelken and the entire committee for bringing Rabbi Jonathan and Linda to our Temple!

The older students were able to spend a special session with their parents and Rabbi Marc. The session was a conversation about what they love about being Jewish and also how it might be hard to be Jewish at this moment in time, with a little historical perspective thrown in for good measure. Again, the students were

so engaging with the Rabbi and one another. Having their teachers and parents participate surely brought them a sense of security. Many thanks to Rabbi Marc for preparing for this important discussion!

And of course, we ended the month on a very happy note with our Purim Celebration, where kids stole the show. Great costumes, creative groggers, and just a general sense of enjoyment was had by all. Many thanks to Amy Orce for running this special event and to our emissaries for their contributions!

As we look forward to this month, keep your eye on the calendar, as there are a few days off here and there. If you have any questions at all, or need a new copy of the calendar, check out our UPSCALED bulletin board in the atrium or just give me a jingle. Don't forget... my door is always open!

Shalom,,

Miss Lisa

Religious Practices Committee

The Religious Practices Committee has been meeting religiously with the clergy to provide meaning and music to Shabbat services. Covid19 was a challenge that kept us separated. For the last 2 years, the Committee with the leadership of Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry have been striving to bring community and worship together again. Thanks to Rabbi Marc and the Committee we now have a calendar for the year.

First Fridays are Share Shabbat, where the Religious School students can hone their Hebrew skills and participate in services. Personally, I love watching the gradual increase in confidence each Friday as more students come and meet up with their school friends and learn the traditions of Shabbat. It can be as daunting as dressing the Torah, saying a prayer with their pals, singing a song or playing percussion. Our whole community is enhanced by family participation.

Lisa Marcus and Rachel O'Brian before her were selfless in welcoming families to join our Friday evening Shabbat services. The joy of Friday Shabbat, our reli-

gious traditions, prayers, music, the comfort of routine on Friday evenings can become a calm respite of a busy week. We look forward to continuing to see many congregants and families often to share the peace of the Shabbat services. The more you come, the more there is to love and be loved.

We are all looking forward to a meaningful and deliciously catered Seder in our own social hall Monday April 22 at 6 pm. We look forward to sharing this event with you, our families and friends. This spring Holiday always has special meaning and this year even more so.

See you at Temple,

Claire Warren



Service & Event Schedule

April 1	Mon.	6:00 PM	Jewish Community High School
April 2	Tues.	6:30 PM	Sisterhood Book Club at the Kaye Residence
		7:00 PM	JFEC Film Festival at Temple Emanu-El
			“Let the Party Begin”
April 3	Wed.	1:00 PM	Drop-in Mah Jongg Circle
		2:00 PM	Writers Circle
April 4	Thur.	5:00 PM	Federation Program – Eli Weinberger will be speaking here at Temple Emanu-El
April 5	Fri.	6:30 PM	Share Shabbat
April 8	Mon.	12:00 PM	Federation Senior Lunch
April 9	Tues.	7:00 PM	JFEC Film Festival at Temple Emanu-El
			“The Story of Annette Zelman”
April 12	Fri.	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
			Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood will be participating
April 14	Sun.	9:30 AM	Religious School and Preschool
		11:30 AM-2:00 PM	Directory Photos – complete the form in this bulletin and sign up for a date to have your picture taken
		12:30 PM	Federation – Retirement Party for Mimi Perl at Cong. Beth Jacob - R.S.V.P to Federation by Monday, April 8.
April 15	Mon.		Deadline to RSVP for Passover Seder on April 22
			Deadline to RSVP for Shabbat Dinner on April 19
		10:00 AM	Federation/Sisterhood Friendly Visitor Purim bag assembly
		12:00 PM	Federation Senior Lunch
		6:00 PM	Jewish Community High School
April 17	Wed.	1:00 PM	Drop-In Mah Jongg Circle
		4:00-6:30 PM	Directory Photos – complete the form in this bulletin and sign up for a date to have your picture taken
		4:30 PM	Religious School
April 18	Thur.	6:00 PM	Sisterhood Smith Acres Program
April 19	Fri.	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
		6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
April 21	Sun.	9:30 AM	Religious School and Preschool
		12:00 PM-2:30 PM	Directory Photos – complete the form in this bulletin and sign up for a date to have your picture taken
April 22	Mon.	6:30 PM	Passover Seder for those who RSVP by April 15
April 24	Wed.	4:30 PM	Religious School
April 25	Thur.	3:00 PM	Baking Club- Baking Passover Treats
			RSVP to attend & for location
April 26	Fri.	7:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
April 28	Sun.	9:30 AM	Religious School and Preschool
		11:30 AM-2:00 PM	Directory Photos – complete the form in this bulletin and sign up for a date to have your picture taken
April 29	Mon.	10:00 AM	Passover Morning Service including Yizkor
May 5	Sun.	2:00 PM	Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration

2024 Ilson Award Recipients — McCaffreys & Zettlers

2023-24 has been quite the year for so many reasons, and it's no different for determining the Howard Ilson Award recipient. The award has been presented each year to someone who has provided a lengthy and distinguished array of contributions to Temple Emanu-El.

This year, the Ilson Committee had a lengthy discussion, as we often do, about the merits of all the candidates, and particularly two couples. This year, after an hour of discussion and debate, the Ilson Award committee has selected **Jennifer and Scott Zettler AND Erica and Rich McCaffrey as co-recipients**. To some of you this may appear to be a very odd choice, since at no time in the almost 40 years we've been selecting worthy recipients has there ever been any choice greater than two individuals, which hasn't happened that often. On a few occasions, a married couple has received the award. But this year, along with many deserving individuals, it was a challenging choice. The Temple is truly blessed with several people who deserve to be recognized, and the committee is sure that in the coming years, the individuals who received several nominations will be strongly considered.

The Zettlers and McCaffreys both arrived as new members around the same time. All four of them, in different but extremely helpful ways, have demonstrated

leadership and a spirit of community that has consistently served our temple over many years. When it came down to deciding, we just couldn't separate them and state that one couple was clearly more committed and dedicated to the temple. They both are, and so we honored them both!

The committee is confident that most of you know them well, and that you will come out on Friday night, May 10 at a special Shabbat service to congratulate them on this wonderful occasion.

Finally, after more than two decades, I am "retiring" as the coordinator of this committee after taking over for Barry Feldman many years ago. Barry will remain on the committee, along with Karen Rosenberg and Armi Rowe. In addition to me, Judy Mann, Joanna Lazarus, and Gail Weber are also retiring. Thanks ladies! Sean Bendick has agreed to take my place, and I'm sure Armi, Barry and Karen will come up with additional names of recent recipients who will fill the seats of the other retirees.

It's been a joy for all of us to be part of this wonderful Temple process and event. I wish the committee members, and the future recipients, all the joy, spirit of voluntarism, and spirituality that the temple can produce.

Scott Wolfe

Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee is putting together a **new printed congregational directory** for our current & future members to celebrate our upcoming 65th anniversary! It will include updated membership contact information, professional photography, celebratory ads and messages. To have a listing in the directory, please fill out and return the form in this bulletin.

You can have a **FREE** professional photo featured in

the directory, and if you would like a printed photo or photo package, you can choose one at the time of photography. **Please note that the photo sessions are in April so return your form ASAP!**

On the back of the form is an option to place a congratulatory ad. Photo packages and ad purchases help cover the cost of printing the directory.

Sue Fornara

Communications Chair

Gift Cards — Please Donate

The Temple office continues to receive calls from people in need of help.

Donations of Gift Cards to ShopRite, Stop and Shop,

and Walmart are appreciated.

Please drop them off in the box on the office door, whenever you have the opportunity. Thank you.

April Birthdays

Sean Bendick
Rabbi Polly Berg
Jessica Blaise
Thomas Blum
Charlie Constantine
Lori Corah
Mark DeBruyn
Alexia Dickey
Rabbi Marc Ekstrand
Zoe Feinstein

Savannah Feinstein
David Feldman
Gary Freeman
Myra Gipstein
Hillary Goldstein
Bruce Goldstein
Jacob Goldstein
Amy Greenberg
Violet Greenmoor
Norma Hollandersky
Avery Holwitt
Barbara Kallan
Zachary Kanfer
Michele Kessel
Jason Kessel

Rachel Levine
Hannah Rae Linder
Peter Marcus
Anthony Mazza
Emilia Osovsky
Adrienne Parad
Jillian Parad
Sheri Pascal
Edward Perry
Amy Perry
Michelle Pievsky
Carl Rosen
Aaron Rosenberg
Neil Ryan

Bart Sayet
Rosa Schaperow
Jennifer Shill
Michele Snitkin
Karl Solomon
Tessa Teeter
Jacob Levi Venooker
Debra Wool
Carolyn Ziv



Anniversaries

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

Brian and Robbin Alpert
Isaac and Rebecca Brody
Greg and Deborah Kupfer
Steve and Judy Mann
Emilia and Valery Osovsky
Gregg and Sarah Selke
Ira and Janine Sitko



Yahrzeits

April 5

Elias Altman
Erwin Crawford
Evelyn Driessen
Shirley Feuerman
Fred Feuerman
Adolph Goldsmith
Louise Goldstein
Edward Gotleib
Helen Mazza
Sally Miller

April 12

Jerome Rosen
Francis Segal
Leah Swiedler
Cvanio Tauer

Samuel Bloom
Michael Bloom
Scott Bloom
Robert Flax
Larry Freeman
Dottie Glasgow
Charles Gregory
Yetta Hartman
Elaine Jacobs
Frank Kelco
Minnie Krumholtz
Sadie Lazev
Dorothy Jean Love
Judd Nordyk
Ethel Perl
Rose Schlesinger
Donald Shulman
Bella Stricker
Freda Weinberg

April 19

Steven Colsen

April Yahrzeits

Edith Brown Deitch
Edward Edgar
Abraham Allie Feldman
Joseph Fernandez
Scott Fox
Miriam Miaz Fridman
Paul Glasgow
Rebecca Goodman
Howard Greenhouse
Helen Hans
Samuel Kushner
Samuel Liebowitz
William "Bill" Mandel-
baum
Joseph Mann
Nathan Paulson
Alexander Pollak
Janice Reisner
Pat Ruck
Lillian Shapiro
Dorothy Spiegel
Rose Swiedler
Mary Temple
Bennett Werner

April 26

Alicia Bauer
Gertrude Pat Blinderman

Jay Breslow
Katherine Buckstein
SarahDiamond
Joseph Epstein
Minnie Flitt
Mira Kil
Murray Luftglass
Arlene Margolis
Esau Mazur
Helen Michaelson
Nathaniel Proper
Joseph C. Quaratella
Ruth Rebenfeld
Helen Rosenholtz
Frieda Reznick
Saltzberg
Howard Segool
Frieda Shapiro
Marlene Simon
Abraham Sisisky
Irving Ziegler

May their memory be a blessing.

יהי זכרם ברוך.

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Building Fund

Michael and Linda Barnett

--in loving memory of Julia Barnett on her yahrzeit

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--in loving memory of Benjamin Angert on his yahrzeit

--in loving memory of Esther Hoffman on her yahrzeit

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Jane and Marvin Schnur

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--in loving memory of my father Irving Ressler on his yahrzeit

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--in loving memory of Sam Cohen on his yahrzeit

--in loving memory of Harold Stein on his yahrzeit

--in loving memory of Louis Schlissel on his yahrzeit

--in loving memory of Helen Stein on her yahrzeit

Paula Garnica

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Abraham and Sandra Fisher

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Armi and Jonathan Rowe

---thank you to Bruce, Lori and Hilary Goldstein for their generous hosting of Rabbis Jonathan and Linda

Barbara Senges

--in support of the deli day speaker

Brian and Robbin Alpert

--in support of the deli day speaker

Bruce and Lori Goldstein

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John Murphy

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Mitzvah Fund

Cynthia and Barry Weiner

---in memory of your mother, Selma Daren

Michele and Harvey Snitkin

---in memory of Laurie Wickson

Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Tikkun Olam Scholarship Fund

Chris Fornara and Sue Lavender

Florence and Mathew Lewiss

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Judith Glickstein

Anne Cohn

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

Jeffrey M. Engel

---in loving memory of Albert Engel on his yahrzeit

Lauren and Patrick Doherty

---thank you to Temple Emanu-El for always making us feel so welcome

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---in memory of Ken Abraham's sister, Karen Schwartz

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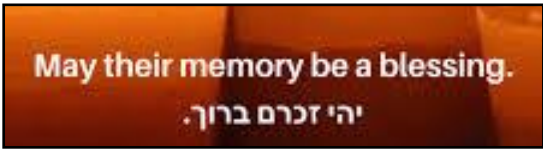
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--in loving memory of Philip Goldblatt on his yahrzeit

Ruth Joan Brody Religious School Fund

Lois and Don Steinman
--our heartfelt thoughts to the Reinhard family, especially Jake. Wishing Jake a full recovery.

Condolences to...

Janet and Garry Weiss and family
on the passing of Janet's mother
Selma Daren



Mazal Tov to...



Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and family
on the marriage
of his son
Michael to Julia



MENU

Green Salad

Falafel encrusted chicken with tahini sauce

(Falafel encrusted eggplant with tahini sauce - Vegan Option)

Roasted New Potatoes

Garlic string beans

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

April Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 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, April 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: _____

Temple Emanu-El Hosts Community Purim Celebration

By Samuel Winograd



Photo by Jen Zettler

On Erev Purim, Temple Emanu-El hosted an exciting community Purim celebration and Megillah reading. The evening began as entertainment in form of a Purim spiel “Queen Vashti’s Haram House” which was bookended by and integrated with music of Roz Etra and some members of the Klezmenschen. The setting of the spiel was a 50’s vintage TV drama with “special guest advertisers” and musical pieces interspersed throughout the show. The advertisers each pitched engaging in Shabbat services or other appropriate activities to recharge for the week, using the tag line “Shabbat, it does a nefesh (soul) good.” Between Acts 2 and 3 of the spiel, Roz Etra and team lead the audience in several Purim songs, followed by the finish of the spiel. The story of Esther ended with the entire cast and audience singing an anthem to the Jewish resilience to oppression, with a surprise (but planned) interruption from the audience asking a clarifying question.

After bows were taken by the cast, Roz Etra, and members of the Klezmenschen played more fun music while the audience enjoyed some light refreshments of Hamantaschen and soft drinks. Rumor has it that someone was also providing l’chaims to those who wished to have something stronger to drink.

Finally, the evening ended with our local Rabbis leading the Erev Purim service,

which included some very inventive, Purim appropriate, readings of the “gansa (whole) megillah.” Thanks to all megillah readers.

The spiel was locally authored and directed by Samuel Winograd (Shmuel Ben Hershel, haCohen), a member of Temple Emanu-El, and featured the Temple Emanu-El players throughout the spiel. The advertisers were played by community Rabbis: Rabbi Ken Alter, Rabbi Marc Ekstrand, Rabbi Earl Kideckel, and Rav Jeremy Schwartz.

The Purim spiel author would like to thank the members of the Temple Emanu-El Players: Kaitlyn Bendick, Jo-el Fernadez, Mark Goldsmith, Stuart Miller, Jillian Parad, Andy Parad, Adrienne Parad, Roberta Reisner-Winograd, Nathaniel Rowe, Armi Rowe, Jon Rowe, Sam Winograd, Gabrielle Zettler, Scott Zettler, and selected members of the audience for their stellar performances. Thanks also to Chris Rock, Roz Etra and Members of Klezmenschen, and, Nathaniel Rowe for providing live music and to Amanda Zettler for Running the PURIMTRON.

A big todah raba to Barbara Senges for providing the hamantaschen, and to the anonymous donors who provide drinks for the event. And last, but in no way least, a special thank you to those who helped with cleanup.



Photo by Jen Zettler



Photos from Bread & Torah Weekend

Bread & Torah Committee behind the hide stretching.

Bread & Torah hosts



Religious school students learning to bake challah.

**Join Temple Emanu-El's
Baking Club**

Thursday, April 25
at 3:00 p.m.



Let's bake Spring-inspired &
Passover treats together for the
April 26 Shabbat oneg.

RSVP to rmccaffrey@snet.net
by Tuesday, April 23

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024
11:00 A.M. SOCIAL HALL



Jewish Food Festival & Talking Hands Theatre Jewish Storyteller

Jewish Storyteller Anna Sobel will perform “Dreams and the Wind”



Storyteller Anna Sobel brings to life Jewish folktales of wonder and adventure, each of which centers on the theme of either dreams or the wind. You’ll meet delightful characters including friendly giants, loyal princes, kindly kings, tough old ladies, and one very silly little boy, all embodied in Anna’s uniquely engaging style. Maybe you’ll even add some of your own character voices to the stories! She studied the art of Jewish storytelling, *maggidut*, with the late great Yitzhak Buxbaum and has performed Jewish stories for all ages, from the Jewish Museum in New York to the Yiddish Book Center stage in Western Massachusetts.

Thank you to the donors who contributed to the Meyer Goodman Fund to help sponsor this Jewish Storyteller program. Deli Day Food Festival proceeds will benefit the Essential Services Fund.

Pre-Order Deli Day Lunch from Rein’s Deli in Vernon, CT

Send in this form with payment to: Temple Emanu-El, P.O. Box 288, Waterford, CT 06385. You can also **donate deli lunches to the New London Meal Center (indicate number of donated meals below).**

N.Y. Style Corned Beef or Pastrami on rye (with Kosher sour pickle, chips & 8 oz bottled water) - \$18 each # corned beef _____ # pastrami _____ # donated _____

Hebrew National Hot Dog (plus bag of chips & bottled water) \$5 x _____ = _____

Falafel (with pita, salad and tahini sauce) \$15 x _____ = _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Check to Temple Emanu-El): _____

To order online/pay with credit card, visit www.tewaterford.org for Deli Day order form. **Pre-order deadline: May 19, 2024.**

Mini Jewish Food Festival

Visit the Jewish Food Festival tables to purchase items (while supplies last):

Loaves of Challah

Matzah Ball Soup

Israeli Salad

Kasha

Kugels

Babka

Hamantaschen

Rugelach and other Jewish baked goods

Mandel bread

Dr. Brown's soda

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