

DECEMBER 2024 KISLEV 5785



# Brotherhood's Annual Chanukah Latke Dinner is Back!

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

Sunday, December 15, @ 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 9. **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.



## Rabbi's Message — Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

I will take a short sabbatical between December 21 and February 10. I am grateful to the Board of Trustees and the congregation for recognizing my work over the past eight years and understanding that providing this time away from my regular duties will help ensure my growth and development as your spiritual leader. I am grateful to all those who have helped plan around my time away, especially Sherry Barnes, Lisa Marcus, and Sam Winograd.

Recently, I took our Kadima teens to the Touro Synagogue in Newport. The Touro Synagogue is the oldest active synagogue in the United States. In 1658, 15 Jewish families arrived in Newport. By the eve of the American Revolution, the community had grown to 25 families. These 25 families constituted the largest Jewish community in the colonies. By 1763, they had purchased land and built the Touro Synagogue. The Touro campus now includes a museum and visitor center, while the synagogue is still an active house of worship. It is interesting that our Jewish population today is dominated by Ashkenazi Jewish culture, while the earliest Jews in America were Sephardic.

The Sephardic community took shape during the Golden Age of Spain in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries. But the Golden Age would not last. The Jews of Spain experienced a significant decline in rights and living conditions until their expulsion from Spain in 1492 and Portugal in 1497. Many exiles escaped the Inquisition and took refuge in the Netherlands, where they prospered. From here, merchant Jews made their way to the socalled New World. In the Dutch colony of Recife, Brazil, 1500 or so Jews made up a third of the European population. But the Inquisition caught up to them when the Portuguese recaptured Recife in 1654. The Portuguese gave them just three months to leave. Some went to the islands of the West Indies, others returned to Amsterdam, some went to New Amsterdam (now New York), and 15 Jewish families eventually arrived in Newport. The religious freedom unique to Rhode Island allowed them to thrive.

An exchange of letters between a leader of the Newport Jewish community, Moses Sexias, and President George Washington highlighted the importance of religious freedom for the Jews of Newport and the developing nation. In 1789, Washington skipped over visiting Rhode Island during his tour of New England. Some suspect that this was because Rhode Island had not yet ratified the new Constitution of the United States

on the grounds that it lacked explicit protection of religious freedom. However, with ratification, Washington planned to return to New England in August 1790.

Then, Moses Seixas joined other religious leaders of Newport in presenting letters of welcome to President Washington. Sexias wrote, "Deprived as we heretofore have been of the invaluable rights of free citizens, we now with a deep sense of gratitude to the Almighty disposer of all events behold a Government, erected by the Majesty of the People–a Government, which to bigotry gives no sanction, to persecution no assistance–but generously affording to all Liberty of conscience, and immunities of Citizenship: deeming every one, of whatever Nation, tongue or language equal parts of the great governmental Machine."

President Washington wrote back a few days later, taking Sexias' theme further. Washington wrote, "It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

We would do well to remember the long arc of Jewish history in which a unique people with a unique understanding of our Creator endured expulsion from our ancestral homeland to make new homes in every corner of this magnificent world, only to endure yet further persecutions and expulsions. In every place where we have dwelled, we have aspired to be good citizens and neighbors, dwell in peace, and work for the betterment and upbuilding of the communities and nations in which we live.

While Sexias praised God for deliverance into the hands of a benevolent government, Washington expressed a much greater aspiration that the developing nation's government be a safeguard for the inherent natural rights of all people. It is striving for this aspiration that has made our country a homeland for the largest Jewish community living in peace and security, perhaps excepting only the modern State of Israel. May our prayers for this great nation's welfare be answered and our hands' work on its behalf be blessed.

L'shalom, **Rabbi Marc** 

## **Notes from Sherry Barnes**

The quiet month of Cheshvan, the Jewish month with no holidays, has passed and we are back to having a holiday to celebrate every month. This month, we will be celebrating Chanukah on 25 Kislev, which falls on the evening of December 25, on the secular calendar. In the darkness of winter, the lights of Chanukah make it one of my favorite holidays at home and here at Temple Emanu-El. Watching the Chanukah candles flicker in the darkness of night, reminds me of hope. Hope for peace in our world, hope for prosperity for those in need, hope for the good health of family, friends, and those we don't know personally. Though hope without action will just remain a hope, hope is the catalyst that helps us create what we are hoping for. Like the flame of the Chanukah candles, a candle is just a candle until we light it and illuminate the darkness.

On page 85 of our siddur, Mishkan T'filah, there is a line that says, "I am a Jew, because at every time when despair cries out, the Jew hopes." That hope is kindled by the flame of mitzvot, like helping those around us. Maybe it is collecting food for those who are food insecure, cooking and serving meals at the community meal center, or volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in restoring homes to help make them affordable to families who may otherwise not be able to afford one. My Dad could not always help physically, but he helped by making donations to organizations that he felt could help someone in need. We may only be one person, and the problem may seem too big to fix, but we can make a difference not only in our lives by helping those around us, especially over the winter, but helping to make the hopes of others come true.

Our Chanukah service will be celebrated on December 27, at our Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30. Bring your chanukiah and celebrate the 3rd night of Chanukah with us. It's always a beautiful service with music and singing, so I hope to see you there. The one thing that we will be missing at our celebration will be Rabbi Marc, as he will be taking a much needed Sabbatical from December 21, until February 10. On February 14,

Rabbi Marc will join us on the bimah again for the Kabbalat Shabbat Service. I will be leading Shabbat Services while Rabbi Marc is recharging his "spiritual" battery. This will be my third time leading services during a sabbatical leave, so not to worry. The only thing I will ask of you is to say yes, when I ask you to light Shabbat Candles, say the Torah Blessings, lift the Torah, or light the lights on the yahrzeit board. Many thanks in advance.

OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> CABARET EVENING will be on February 1, so please put a big read circle around that date on your calendar so that you remember to join us. If you want to be in the 10<sup>TH</sup> CABARET as an act, please contact me or Armi Rowe and let us know what you would like to do. You can sing, play an instrument, do comedy, dance, or read poetry. Start thinking about it now, because next month we will be calling for acts, having rehearsals, and sound checks. If you are interested in the behind the scenes set up, please let us know. Many hands make the work easier. Make sure to watch the bulletin for more details.

If you would like to chant Torah this year, please let me know and I can give you the list of available dates

**Hazan Sherry** 

## **RAFFLE TICKETS**

As of Nov. 21 less than 20 tickets were left.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this all 720 raffle tickets have been sold.

## President's Message - Armi Rowe

I was ill for a few weeks and missed several Shabbat services. Thank you to everyone's healing prayers. I really appreciated the caring check-ins I received. Fortunately, when things go wrong in general, there are professionals who have the knowledge or skill we turn to for help, like doctors, plumbers, electricians, etc. For day-to-day dilemmas, we tend to seek assistance from trusted confidants in our circles, usually family members, friends, or neighbors. But sometimes they are not available or live too far away.

Remember that your Temple community could be another amazing resource and source of comfort for you. Many of us may not be in the same life stage, but we may have walked in the same shoes before, and believe it or not, we may be in the position to share information or positive energy to help. A chance conversation over mahjongg, Shabbat dinner, or the oneg could open doors to solutions or make you realize you are not alone. It's during the oneg that many of us get a chance to catch up on each other's lives. We learn a little bit more about each other when we decide to hang out for at least 15 minutes or so to socialize. Try it if you haven't been in a while.

December will bring us more reasons to gather at Temple. In addition to our weekly Shabbat services and adult education classes with Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry, remember to RSVP early by Dec. 9 for Brotherhood's annual brisket and latke dinner on Sunday Dec. 15 at 5:00 p.m. The raffle drawing will be at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to John Murphy and his crew of raffle ticket sellers for helping us with this important fundraiser and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. I hope to see many of you attend our final Shabbat Dinner of the secular calendar on December 20 – please RSVP by Dec. 16.

To help you with your Chanukah gifts shopping list, check out Sisterhood's Chanukah fair on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 8. Anne Cohn has done a fabulous job curating the gift shop with new Judaica gift items. And of course, we will continue our tradition of celebrating Chanukah together on Friday, Dec. 20 – remember to bring your favorite chanukiyot as we will light them together and enjoy watching the festival of lights twinkle as we also celebrate Shabbat, then enjoy sufganiyot and Chanukah cookies!

Hazzan Sherry and I are very excited to be planning our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabaret Night on Saturday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. It will be spectacular! For those who are new, Cabaret Night is a very fun winter evening, which begins with hors d'oeuvres and socializing in a night-club atmosphere in our social hall, followed by Havdalah, a variety show, and then dessert. The Call for Acts has been posted! If you are a singer, musician, actor/actress, comedian, poet, or performance artist, please contact us. Auditions will take place immediately after the holiday break in January.

We are grateful for Rabbi Marc's 8 plus years of dedication, passion, and commitment as our spiritual leader. Our Board of Trustees was pleased to grant Rabbi Marc's request for his two-month Rabbinic Sabbatical from December 21 to February 10. This is a welldeserved special time for restoration, rumination, and inspiration that is common practice in rabbinic life cycles. We will miss Rabbi Marc, wish him well as he rejuvenates his body, mind, and spirit, and look forward to his return. Thank you to Hazzan Sherry, Rabbi Emeritus Aaron Rosenberg, Religious Practices Committee Chairperson Sam Winograd, Religious School Director Lisa Marcus, and our volunteer lay leaders who will all help make sure our congregation continues to receive the spiritual and religious educational support they need during this time.

Get your potatoes, onions, and frying pans ready for Chanukah! And remember the apple sauce...

See you soon,

## Armi

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

- The Board of Trustees discussed marketing ideas to pursue.
- 2. After 8 plus years in his role, Rabbi Marc will be taking a two-month sabbatical, as negotiated in his contract, beginning at the end of December. He will return to duty at the end of February. Hazzan Sherry will be leading services and assisted by lay leader volunteers.

## Raffle Prize Sponsors — THANK YOU!

- 1. **Anonymous** 5 \$500 **Visa** Gift Cards
- 2. Sayet and Seder Apple iPad

## Todah Rabah!!

- 3. Gary and Iris Freeman \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 4. Bill and Ellen Seeman \$300 Target Gift Card
- 5. Adam Kaufman and Rebecca Woodward \$200 Walmart Gift Card
- 6. John Murphy and Barbara Senges \$150 Lowes Gift Card
- 7. Armi and Jonathan Rowe \$100 Amazon Gift Card

Don't Forget to RSVP for the Brotherhood Brisket and Latke Dinner by Dec. 9. The dinner is December 15 at 5:00 PM. The Raffle drawing will take place at 6:00 PM.

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

Please support our coat drive on December 15. Between now and Sunday,

Dec.15, TERS will be collecting new and gently used coats, scarves, mittens,

gloves, and hats to be delivered to families of the

New London Public School System

As I sit down to write this article, I am preparing to host 22 people at the Thanksgiving table this year. That is a blessing in and of itself. I am blessed to have so many people love me enough to want to spend one of the most cherished days of the year with me and my family. Truth be told, we will likely require two tables, but we will all be in the same room—at least for a little while.

As I count my blessings, I am reminded that not every family has steady work or reliable vehicles to drive to work, or even a roof over their head or heat to keep them warm in the cold of winter. Not everyone has mental or physical health and wellbeing, something that has been a challenge in my house this year. In many homes the bills pile up, the savings drain, the work dries up, and the cost of living rises.

As we are reminded of these things, I ask you to reach into your pockets a little deeper this month and do what you can to support our coat drive on December 15. Between now and Sunday the 15, TERS will be collecting new and gently used coats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats to be delivered to families of the New London Public School System. There are so many in need. Please do what you can to contribute to this worthy cause. Clean out your coat closet or make an extra stop at your LOCAL outfitters. We thank you in advance for your donation. I know the coat that warms another person's body will be sure to warm your heart!

Shalom,

### Miss Lisa

## Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

#### Ladies,

Late October and early November have continued to be busy with Sisterhood get-togethers. Thank you to Anne Cohn for hosting our October Book Club. Thank you to Eileen Shapiro for organizing three Movie Club outings for October and November. The Movie Club has proven to be a very successful new event with 15-20 women at each gathering. The December Movie Club will take place on Monday, December 30 at Mystic Luxury Cinemas. We will be seeing "A Complete Unknown" with Timothée Chalamet. The movie is a biopic of music legend Bob Dylan.



On **October 31,** we reinstituted the **Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group** led by Hazzan Sherry. **Fourteen** Sisterhood members honored our matriarchs, learned the history of the Rosh Chodesh celebration for women, and joined together for songs and prayers to celebrate the new month of Cheshvan. The theme for Cheshvan is cherishing and we discussed how to bring hope into our lives through cherishing what we are grateful for.

The dates for upcoming **Rosh Chodesh Groups** are Thursdays at 1:00PM on January 30, February 27, March 27, May 29 and June 26. The April Rosh Chodesh Group will meet on Monday, April 28. **Please join us!** 

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help with the Chanukah Fair Set-Up on Saturday, December 7 and the Chanukah Fair on Sunday, December 8 from 9:30 to 12:30. We hope to also see many of you there as customers as the Chanukah Fair is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Our Sisterhood Membership for 2024-2025 continues to grow. As of November 1st, our membership roster has 97 members! Welcome to our new members –

Francine Gorin, Wendy Ladd, Marla Loew, Ellyn Marinho, Barbara Montrose, Barbara Salz, Lorraine Viesz, and Vivian Weinberger.

#### **UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS**

- Tuesday, January 14 Book Club at the home of Karen Bloustine at 6:30PM in Niantic. We are reading "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. <u>Contact Suzanne Crawford at suzm.crawford@outlook.com</u> if you are interested in joining us.
- Thursday, January 23 at 7:00PM TRIVIA NIGHT
   ON ZOOM This is an added event from the original calendar!
- Thursday, January 30 Rosh Chodesh
- Date to be Determined Movie Club

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

- Sunday, March 30 at 2:00PM at the Temple –
   Sheryl Faye Presents Historical Women. In her
   one-women show, she immerses the audience in a
   multimedia learning experience that captivates
   viewers and sparks their interest to explore more.
   She will be performing the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This event will be open to the entire Jewish
   Community
- Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30PM at the Garde Arts
   Theatre in New London -- "Menopause 2" a musical. Please contact Eileen Shapiro at esfinallyhasemail@comcast.net if you are interested.
- Tuesday, June 10 Mahjongg Tournament

Happy Chanukah!

## Barbara

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Please join us!

## Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President continued from page 4

## PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW FOR THE 2025 MAHJONGG CARD!

I am taking orders for the new 2025 National MahJongg League Card.

We continue to use the 2024 cards until April 2025, but will begin taking orders now for 2025 cards which will be sent to you in March.

#### The deadline for ordering cards is the end of January.

The price will be the same as last year: \$15 for large cards and \$14 for standard (small) cards.

The NMJL gives us \$5 for each card, so every card sale helps us. We do not receive any donation after my order deadline.

If you have ordered in the past and your mailing address is the same, then all I need to put you on my order list is your check made out to Temple EmanuEl Sisterhood.

These are mailed out directly from the NMJL to anywhere in the country, so please consider ordering for friends and family as well. If you are a snowbird, then indicate the address that you want the card sent at the end of March.

Feel free to contact me with any questions about the process.

#### Iris Freeman

860-460-3081 (text/call) | ifreegang@aol.com

Save the date: Spring MahJongg Tournament — Tuesday, June 10th, 2025

Full Day, Breakfast, Home-made Lunch, Cash Prizes, Beginner to Advanced – we have a place for you all!

## Temple Emanu-El Gift Shop

Join us for the Chanukah Fair which will be held on December 8th from 9 – 12:30. We will be setting up on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Please send me a note at my email address below if you can help.

I've ordered lots of new items and they are starting to arrive. It's going to be great fun to look at and buy gifts, or maybe buy something for yourself! There are lots of options for kids and grown-ups too.

The gift shop will be open every Sunday morning 9-12 during the month of December. Remember you can also make appointments by emailing <a href="mailto:annecohn@gmail.com">annecohn@gmail.com</a>.

See you December 8th at the Chanukah Fair!

Anne



Sunday, December 18

9:00 AM —12:30 PM



Set up Dec. 7 at 3 PM.
Contact Anne if you can help
annecohn@gmail.com

## ENDOWMENT GIFTS — A way to help your temple reach \$1 million

## **Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund**

Did you know that there is an Endowment Fund included in the Restricted Funds for Charitable Donations? As donations to this specific restricted fund grow, they will be invested in the Endowment portfolio. Your donations will help us reach our goal of \$1,000,000!

So please remember the Endowment Fund when making your donation to the Restricted Funds. The Endowment Fund ensures the sustainability of Temple Emanu-El for the future.

# HOW TO DONATE YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM IRA DISTRIBUTION TO THE TEMPLE EMANU-EL ENDOWMENT FUND

At June's Annual Meeting, I spoke to you about the Endowment Committee's goal to grow our Endowment to a million dollars. We truly believe this is an achievable goal! Having a million dollars in the Endowment would enable the Endowment Committee to give 5% or \$50,000 on a yearly basis to support the ongoing success and sustainability of Temple Emanu-El.

#### Here is how to make this happen:

The check for your minimum distribution (which will include what you would have paid in income

tax) must come directly from the Custodian of your IRA.

The check will be mailed directly from your Custodian to:

National Financial Services 29 Sawyer Road Waltham, MA 02453

For Security Reasons, I cannot publish here how to make out the check. If you are generously planning on donating your Minimum Distribution, please email me,

Barbara Senges,
Chair of the Endowment Committee
<a href="mailto:professeur38@me.com">professeur38@me.com</a>





## Condolences to...



Marcie and Howard Brensilver
on the passing of
Marcie's sister,
Julie Hirsch.

The Kanfer and Greenmoor families on the passing of Cynthia Lee Furman.
Cynthia is Andrea Kanfer's sister, Paul Kanfer's sister-in-law, Zachary Kanfer and Bethany Greenmoor's aunt.

## **Writers Circle**

The Writers Circle will be meeting on **Wed., Dec. 11 at 3:00 PM.** 

If you are interested in joining, contact Armi Rowe at <a href="mailto:president@tewaterford.org">president@tewaterford.org</a>

## **Membership Renewal Packets**

If you have not turned in your membership packet, and need a new one sent to you please call or email the office — 860-443-3005, office@tewaterfor.org.

Thank you.

## Mazal Tov to...



Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Family

on the birth of Saba Marc's granddaughter,

Penelope Luna

Bugajski-Ekstrand.

Michael and Julia are the proud parents of Penelope. Penelope was born on November 14, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 18" long.

## **Drop - In Mahjong**

The next Drop - In Mahjong Circle is

Wed., Dec 4 & 18 from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Contact

Robbin Alpert — rbalpert@att.net

with any questions

## **Baking Club**

Baking Club will be baking in the Temple kitchen on
Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:00 PM.
Contact Erica McCaffrey
emccaffrey15@gmail.com

## **December Service & Event Schedule**

| Dec. 2  | Mon.  | 12:00 PM      | Jewish Federation Senior Lunch   |
|---------|-------|---------------|--|
| Dec. 3  | Tues. | 12:00 PM      | Beginning Hebrew   |
| Dec. 4  | Wed.  | 10:00 AM      | Trope Class – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
|         |       | 11:00 AM      | Intermediate Hebrew – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
|         |       | 12:30 PM      | Torah and Text – instructor Rabbi Marc   |
|         |       | 1:00-4:00 PM  | Drop-In Mah Jongg  |
|         |       | 4:30 PM       | Religious School   |
| Dec. 5  | Thur. | 11:00 AM      | Torah Translation – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
| Dec. 6  | Fri.  | 6:30 PM       | Share Shabbat  |
| Dec. 8  | Sun.  | 9:30 AM       | Sisterhood Chanukah Fair   |
|         |       |               | Religious School   |
| Dec. 9  | Mon.  | RSVP Deadline | for Brotherhood Brisket and Latke Dinner   |
|         |       | 12:00 PM      | Jewish Federation Senior Lunch   |
| Dec. 10 | Tues. | 12:00 PM      | Beginning Hebrew   |
| Dec. 11 | Wed.  | 10:00 AM      | Trope Class – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
|         |       | 11:00 AM      | Intermediate Hebrew – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
|         |       | 12:30 PM      | Torah and Text – instructor Rabbi Marc   |
|         |       | 3:00 PM       | Writers Circle, RSVP to <a href="mailto:president@tewaterford.org">president@tewaterford.org</a> |
|         |       | 4:30 PM       | Religious School   |
| Dec. 12 | Thur. | 11:00 AM      | Torah Translation – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
|         |       | 6:00 PM       | Baking Club – RSVP to Erica McCAffrey  |
| Dec. 13 | Fri.  | 6:30 PM       | Shabbat Service  |
| Dec. 14 | Sat.  | 10:00 AM      | Shabbat Morning Service/Gavin Holwitt Bar Mitzvah  |
| Dec. 15 | Sun.  | 9:30 AM       | Religious School   |
|         |       | 5:00 PM       | Brotherhood Brisket and Latke Dinner   |
|         |       | 6:00 PM       | Raffle Drawing   |
| Dec. 16 | Mon.  | RSVP Deadline | for Shabbat Dinner   |
|         |       | 12:00 PM      | Jewish Federation Senior Lunch   |
| Dec. 17 | Tues. | 12:00 PM      | Beginning Hebrew   |
| Dec. 18 | Wed.  | 10:00 AM      | Trope Class – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
|         |       | 11:00 AM      | Intermediate Hebrew – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
|         |       | 12:30 PM      | Torah and Text – instructor Rabbi Marc   |
|         |       | 1:00-4:00 PM  | Drop-In Mah Jongg  |
|         |       | 4:30 PM       | Religious School   |
| Dec. 19 | Thur. | 11:00 AM      | Torah Translation – instructor Hazzan Sherry   |
| Dec. 20 | Fri.  | 6:00 PM       | Shabbat Service  |
|         |       | 6:30 PM       | Shabbat Dinner   |
| Dec. 27 | Fri.  | 6:30 PM       | Chanukah Shabbat Service   |
| Jan. 3  | Fri.  | 6:30 PM       | Shabbat Service  |
| Jan. 10 | Fri.  | 1:30 PM       | Writers Circle, RSVP to <a href="mailto:president@tewaterford.org">president@tewaterford.org</a> |
|         |       | 6:30 PM       | Share Shabbat  |

## **December Birthdays**

Kenneth Abrahms
Morgan Abrahms
Linda Barnett
Howard Brensilver
Bran J. Cedio
Roy Clark
Dale Rebecca Dennis
Addison Dickey
Andrew Feinstein
Katie Feinstein

Dec. Anniv.

Gale Sloan and Jim Ricci

Phil and Donna Schneider

David and Lee Snyderman





## Dec. Yahrzeits

#### December 6

Avraham Duvid ben Moshe Alfred Goldstein Edward Basch Ada Bloustine Mary Louise Boehner Warren Brenner Sol Deglin Cecile Feldman
Anna Feldman
Irma Flitt
Susan Fornara
Florence Frank
Max Frischling
Gavier Greenmoor
Katelyn Haynes
Clayton Hicks
Gavin Holwitt
Ethan Johnson
Andrea Kanfer
Emily Kil
Anne Levine
Joseph Levine

Annalise McCaffrey
Lee Miller
Joseph Morea
John Murphy
Naomi Paulson
Bill Posage
Rebecca Reinhard
David Rosenberg
Anastasia Rosenthal
Nathaniel Rowe
Bradley Sherman
Danny Shiling
Julie Snoke
Jay Snoke
Mollie Teeter

Rebecca Teeter Rebecca Tsai Frederic West Joel Wildstein



## **December Yahrzeits**

Nash Feldman Allan Brian Glickstein Dorothy Goldman Elsie Greenhouse Lvnn Machette Janet MacMichael Marjorie Ryack **Ethel Schnable** Blanche Solomon Cynthia "Rusty" Sutel Bessie K. Tankel Maurice Taub Hannah Shafner Teicher Sheila Wasserman Mollie Lynn Weiner

#### December 13

Sondra Bank
Howard Bauer
Esther Clark
Peggy Cramer
George Daniels
Goldie Gorban Davidson
Isadore Diamond
Marian Eisenstein
Miriam Freedman

Jeanette Gruber
Emily (Rachel) Heilweil
Daniel Iorillo
Dr. Charles Irwin
Jody Katz
Monya Millstein
Mollie Rifkin
Helen Rosenstein
Jean Rubinsky
John Soda
Rose Stein
David Stoner

#### December 20

Gladys Goldstein Esther Greenberg Sidney Katz James Murphy Franklin Prague Helen Shulman Marsha Sperling Harry Stein Judy Weber

#### December 27

William Bentley Brenda Dorenfeld Arthur Feinstein Milton Frank Ida Covitz Freiberg Joyce Goldman Israel Goodman **Betty Gotleib** Beverly Kanfer Abraham Leder Lillian Gertz Lewiss Caren Linden Max Resnick **Evelyn Rosenstein** Mabel Rutman Saul Robert Shapiro Louis Siegel Nathan Solomon **Pauline Trostler** Harold Weiner



May their memory be a blessing. יהי זכרם ברוך.



## December Winter Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 20 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 15
\* Please feel free to bring a dessert to share

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

| # Children: |             |
|-------------|-------------|
|             | # Children: |

# Vegan Option: \_\_\_\_\_Total Enclosed: \_



## We are eternally thankful for the support of those below

#### **Aaron and Pearl Parker Religious School Fund**

Ronald and Jayne Elkin

-- in loving memory of Beatrice Caplowe on her yahrzeit

#### **Cantor's Fund**

Harvey and Ellen Schiller

- -- in memory of Jodi Katz on the seventh anniversary of her passing
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#### **Capital Expenditure Fund**

Ian and Suzanne Crawford

- in support of the bathroom renovation

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

-- in support of the bathroom renovation

#### **Endowment Fund**

John and Jamie Irwin Stavropoulos

-- in loving memory of Sylvia Irwin on her yahrzeit

Martin and Joanna Lazarus

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

#### **Essential Services Fund**

Bob and Elly Hoffman & family

- -- in loving memory of Helen Angert on her yahrzeit Gail and Steve Weber
- -- in memory of our friend, Donna Goldman, on her yahrzeit Greg and Debbie Kupfer
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- -- in memory of Abe Fisher
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