



Summer 2025

TE Summer Fun Days

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JUL

SHABBAT & BBQ

Join Hazzan Sherry, lay leader Sam Winograd, and Temple friends for a Shabbat & BBQ Service at 6:00 pm in honor of Independence Day followed by a Barbecue dinner at 7:00 pm.

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JUL

PICNIC & HIKING DAY

Meet up at 11:00 am for a picnic and hike. No rain date. BYO Everything. Food. Chairs. Bug spray. Sunscreen. Etc. RSVP to Lisa Marcus.

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JUL

PUZZLE & GAMES DAY

Looking for cool indoor activities to escape the heat? Join us at 10:00 am-2:00 pm for an exhilarating Puzzle and Games Day for all ages. Bring your favorite games, we'll form teams, and play. Bring potluck salads, fun food, and snacks to share.

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**10
AUG**

WELLNESS DAY

Join us at 11:00 am for nutrition talks, cooking demonstrations, and healthy recipes from Claire Warren and Judy Mann, and yoga with Merrill Mazzella.

**16
AUG**

BAGELS & BRACHOT NATURE DAY

Join Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry, and Temple Friends at 9:30 am for a breakfast picnic, prayers, songs, and a hike together in nature. Bring comfortable footwear, bikes, and your well behaved pets.

**18
AUG**

CHALLAH BAKING FEST

Want to learn a new culinary skill? Meet with the Baking Club at 4:00 pm to bake challah together. Each baker takes one loaf home and donates one.

**24
AUG**

BEACH/WATER DAY

Last chance for a beach day together before the summer ends. Meet at 11:00am. No rain date. BYO Everything. RSVP to Lisa Marcus.

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Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

Friends,

As I write this article, Rabbi Polly and I are in New York City for a Jewish Welfare Board meeting of Jewish military and VA chaplains. The conference starts tomorrow, and Polly and I are wondering how many of our colleagues may [be pulled](#) away from the conference, given the situation in the Middle East. By the time this bulletin reaches your mailbox, the situation may have dramatically changed, so bear that in mind as you continue reading.

One of the distinct memories from my childhood was the 444 days American hostages were held in Iran and their release on inauguration day in 1981. As I witness the war between Israel and Iran, I recall the Islamic revolution. It is clear that this war did not begin just a few weeks ago but has been waged for most of my life. Over the years, Iran has extended its influence into Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, the West Bank, and Gaza. Iran's hatred of Israel, Jews, and the Western World has been so intense as to cross and perhaps even erase old lines dividing Shia and Sunni Islamic states, all to gain control from the Gulf to the Mediterranean and nearly surround Israel. So, despite having serious concerns about the Netanyahu government and even greater concerns about the political upheaval in the United States, I feel a sense of relief that there has finally been a serious check to Iran's power. My hope and prayer is that the current war ends quickly, and along with it, Iran's decades-long proxy war. My further hope and prayer is that this war paves the way for a 23-state solution that finally brings peace to the Middle East.

I want to turn to things here at home now. A few weeks ago, we held our annual meeting. Several people commented that it was our best meeting in years. There were no controversial issues to discuss, and the financial report was all good news. How did this happen? It happened because we had a leadership team focused entirely on our mis-

sion of building a vibrant community through Reform Judaism. I want to thank the entire board, Sisterhood, all who participated on committees and helped make our many programs happen, and each and every supporter of the Temple. I especially want to thank our now Past-President, Armi Rowe. Being a Temple President is hard work. It takes a lot of energy, time, thoughtfulness, and patience. Armi has been a blessing within the Temple family for many years, which makes her expert leadership as President no surprise to anyone. She will be a hard act to follow, but we have another strong President coming in with John Murphy. John will enjoy the support of another strong and focused board. We should all be filled with anticipation for the year to come.

Lastly, this is our double bulletin issue for the summer months. Since it is summer, don't forget to stay hydrated, wear a hat, sunscreen, and especially bug spray. Mosquito bites are no joke. It may be summer, but there is still a lot going on at Temple Emanu-El. A special thanks to Sherry Barnes for organizing our lay-led summer services. And big thanks to all our summer service lay-leaders. Please take note of all the summer events in this bulletin.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Marc



President's Message - John Murphy

It is an honor and a privilege to share my first message with you as President of Temple Emanu-El. I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has entrusted me with this responsibility and to all who have dedicated their time, energy, and love to building and sustaining our vibrant community.

Like many of you, my connection to Temple Emanu-El runs deep. Back in August of 1992, Barbara and I decided to raise our son, David, in the Jewish faith and enrolled him in the Temple Emanu-El preschool. Though we had no family in Connecticut, we quickly found one within this congregation. We were welcomed with open arms and warm smiles — and over the years, we built friendships that have become the foundation of our lives.

Since then, I've converted to Judaism, served as Brotherhood President and Vice President of Fundraising, and even celebrated my own Bar Mitzvah in October of 1999. I still smile when I think about Marty Lazarus at the Waterford Post Office sorting Temple mail for "Murphy" — a name that stood out. And at David's Bar Mitzvah in 2001, Barbara's father, Walter, reflected that he never imagined his one grandchild having a Bar Mitzvah would have the last name Murphy. Life, as we know, takes us on beautiful and unexpected journeys.

As I step into this role, I am mindful of the shoulders on which we stand: our presidents, clergy, staff, lay leaders, and the countless volunteers who have brought us to where we are today. I am humbled by their dedication and inspired to build upon their legacy.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities before us. Together, we will continue to strengthen our congregation by:

- **Fostering engagement** — listening to your ideas and encouraging new voices to lead. Members like Ian Crawford, Michael Barnett, Emma

Zelkin, and Byrne Blumer are already making a difference, and I know many more will follow.

- **Developing future leaders** — welcoming fresh perspectives is vital. I'm excited to have Terry Cohn, Violet Greenmoor, Ben Miller, Shannon Small, and Amanda Williams stepping into leadership roles.

- **Expanding outreach** — reconnecting with former members and inviting new families to find a home here. I look forward to working closely with Emma Zelkin, our Membership Chair, as we grow together.

Investing in education — our religious school is thriving under Lisa Marcus's leadership. From our preschoolers to our B'nai Mitzvah students guided by Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry, and our teens staying engaged through Kadima — the future is bright.

In these times, our community reminds us that we are never alone — we stand together in celebration and in sorrow, in learning and in service. It is my hope that you continue to find meaning, friendship, and purpose at Temple Emanu-El.

Please know that my door is always open — and for those who know me well, my cell phone number hasn't changed since 1999 and won't be changing anytime soon! I welcome your ideas, your participation, and your feedback.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your President. I am excited to begin this new chapter together — and I look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue to build something meaningful, enduring, and deeply rooted in our shared values.

B'Shalom,
John Murphy



Notes from Hazzan Sherry Barnes

Happy Summer! At this time of year, I always feel as if I have crossed the finish line and can slow down a bit before going into High Holy Day mode in August.

Our Lay-led Shabbat Summer Services begin on Friday, July 4, with a BBQ dinner. Please make sure to RSVP to the Temple Emanu-El Office and let Roberta know you'll be joining us.

Summer Shabbat Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Here are the lay-leaders for these services:

July 4 Sam and Roberta Winograd

11 Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg and Friends

18 Hazzan Sherry outdoor service

25 Emma Zelken, Susan Rosen, Jo Michaelson

Aug. 1 Armi and Jonathan Rowe

8 Stan Bloustine, Norma Hollandersky,
Barbara Senges

15 Hazzan Sherry outdoor service

22 Rabbi Polly Berg

Thank you to all of our Shabbat Service leaders.

I love our Rosh Chodesh group! These programs will continue through the summer. Make sure to look for Sisterhood emails for these dates.

Choir rehearsals for the High Holy Days will begin on August 7. All rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:00. If you've thought about joining us, please consider doing it this summer. I'm always looking for male voices. Contact me if you are interested.

Check out these links: Sue Horowitz Grateful [\(1\)](#)
[Grateful by Sue Horowitz - YouTube](#)

Julie Silver - Sim Shalom [Sim Shalom](#)

Looking forward to having these two wonderful, caring musicians as our Artists in Residence in the Fall. Enjoy these two pieces, they are among my favorites.

Here is one more link. I'm super excited to see Coldplay this summer with my son. It will be my first live concert at a stadium! This song is called Good Feelings. Hope your summer is filled with good feelings.

[GOOD FEELINGS - Coldplay, Ayra Starr \(Official Lyric Visualiser\)](#)

See you at Shabbat Summer Services.

L'shalom,

Sherry

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

Happy Summer!! I am missing you all so much already and am very much looking forward to our summer outings together!

Meet up with me at Devil's Hopyard on Sunday, July 13 at 11AM just south of the waterfalls (near the covered bridge) for picnicking and hiking! BYO EVERYTHING! Chairs, food, bug spray, sunscreen, games, water shoes, floats, etc. RSVPs required.

Also join me for a LAST DAY OF SUMMER BEACH DAY on Sunday, August 24 at 11AM. Location: Ocean Beach Park in New London. Carpooling will be most cost effective, as they charge by the car.

No in and out privileges unless you have a season pass. Again, BYO EVERYTHING & RSVPs are required.

Back to School Orientation Day (attendance required) is September 7! School is back in full session on September 14. Stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, enjoy those summer rays!!

Shalom,

Miss Lisa



Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Ladies,

The month of June has been an extremely busy one for Sisterhood. Thank you to **Lois Panikoff** for hosting our last Book Club on June 3. We all enjoyed her book discussion, her beautiful home and her delicious refreshments. The members of Book Club together with Book Club Chair, **Suzanne Crawford**, will be selecting books for next year in August. Book Club will resume in September. If you are not already a member, think about joining for next year. All are welcome! On Wednesday, June 4, twenty of our members had a delicious lunch at the Gelston House followed by a performance of "Ragtime" at the Goodspeed. On June 10, we had another successful **Mahjongg Tournament** with 80 participants! A huge thank you to **Iris Freeman and Robbin Alpert** for many months of hard work. The monies raised at the Tournament allow us to continue to make our generous donations to the synagogue. The Movie Club went to Westerly on June 24 to see "The Wedding Banquet". Thanks to **Eileen Shapiro** for organizing this fun afternoon.

July and August will continue to be busy months for Sisterhood. Rosh Chodesh (see dates under upcoming events) and Movie Club will continue. You should already have received an email from me about trips to **Ivoryton Playhouse on Wednesday, July 23 and Thursday, August 7**. We have fifteen seats in the Orchestra for both performances. Tickets are 48 dollars. **RSVP to Barbara Senges at professeur38@me.com ASAP as tickets are going fast!**

UPCOMING EVENTS July/August 2025

July 2025

- **Wednesday, July 23 at 2:00PM - Performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Ivoryton Playhouse.**
- **Thursday, July 24 at 1:00PM - Rosh Chodesh in the Sanctuary**
- **Date To Be Determined - Movie Club**

August 2025

- **Thursday, August 7 at 2:00PM - Performance of "My Fair Lady" at Ivoryton Playhouse.**
- **Thursday, August 21 at 1:00 - Rosh Chodesh in the Sanctuary**
- **Date to be Determined. - Movie Club**

This winter the Sisterhood Board formed a sub-committee to write a new Mission Statement for the Temple Emanuel-El Sisterhood. This Mission Statement which I'm sharing with you below was approved unanimously by the Sisterhood Board. We welcome your thoughts and feedback.

The mission of the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood is to serve the women of Temple Emanu-El and all Jewish women of our greater community. We welcome these women of all ages to become members and to fully engage in our activities. Sisterhood activities are open specifically to Sisterhood members unless otherwise specified.

The Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood provides ongoing support towards the needs and programs of our synagogue. The collaborative and inclusive nature of Sisterhood fosters new friendships and offers opportunities to engage in a variety of educational, cultural and recreational events. In addition, Sisterhood encourages participation in service-oriented endeavors for the good of the Temple Emanu-El community as well as for the greater good of the community.

Have a great summer! The Board is busy already planning events for the fall. Stay tuned!

Barbara



Thank you for helping us celebrate another successful Mahjongg Tournament



I want to thank you all for supporting us in our recent Mah Jongg Tournament. We manage to pull this event off only with the help of a lot of kind souls in a lot of different capacities. For some it is to lend their help in the kitchen with food prep, set-up, serving, and clean-up. For others, it is by signing up and playing in the tournament (granted one of the more fun ways to support us). And for others, it

is collecting and tracking payments, entering scores, breaking down tables, and moving every last chair in the sanctuary — more than once. And many have taken on more than one of those jobs.

And I couldn't do this at all if not for the constant support of my partner, Robbin Alpert, who has been there with me in an ever-increasing role from the beginning, some 20 years ago.

Until the next one.

Iris Freeman



Rabbi Marc Bidon and won the Mah Jongg set.

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Condolences to...



Jane Schnur

on the passing of her husband,

Marvin Schnur

on May 14, 2025

Mazal Tov to...



The Gipstein and Scirico Family

Emilia Edith Gipstein Scirico was born May 12, 2025.

Emilia is the daughter of **Sophia Gipstein Scirico** and **Adam Scirico**.

Proud Grandparents are **Myra and Richard Gipstein**

The Jackson and Fischburg Family

Zachary Jackson was born May 12, 2025

Zachary is the son of **Julia and Ben Jackson** of Boston.

Proud Grandparents are **Kim and Ken Fischburg**



Please watch for Membership Renewal and Religious School Packets in the mail. If you have not received yours by July 15, please contact the office,

860-443-3005 or office@tewaterford.org.

As the Temple Fiscal Year started July 1, 2025, we ask that you please try to return the packets as soon as possible.

Thank you.



July-August Service & Event Schedule

Fri.	July 4	6:00 PM	Shabbat Service led by Hazzan Sherry and Sam Winograd
		7:00 PM	Barbecue; R.S.V.P. by July 1
Fri.	July 11	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service led by Hazzan Sherry and Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg and friends
Sun.	July 13	11:00 AM	Picnic and Hiking; R.S.V.P. to Lisa Marcus for location
Fri.	July 18	6:15 PM	Bring your own picnic dinner
		7:00 PM	Outdoor Shabbat Service led by Hazzan Sherry, R.S.V.P. for location and bring a chair
Sun.	July 20	10 AM – 2:00 PM	Puzzle and Game Day, R.S.V.P. for location and time
Mon.	July 21	12:00 PM	Federation Senior Lunch, R.S.V.P. to Dona/Federation
Thurs.	July 24	1:00 PM	Rosh Chodesh with Hazzan Sherry
Fri.	July 25	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service led by Hazzan Sherry, Emma Zelken, Susan Rosen, & Jo Michaselson
Fri.	Aug. 1	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service led by Hazzan Sherry, Armi and Jonathan Rowe
Fri.	Aug. 8	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service led by Hazzan Sherry, Stan Bloustine, Norma Hollandersky, & Barbara Senges
Sun.	Aug. 10	11:00 AM	Wellness Day, R.S.V.P. for location
Fri.	Aug. 15	6:15 PM	Bring your own picnic dinner
		7:00 PM	Outdoor Shabbat Service led by Hazzan Sherry R.S.V.P. for location, and bring a chair
Sat.	Aug. 16	9:30 AM	Bracha and Bagels Breakfast & Hike, R.S.V.P. for location
Mon.	Aug. 18	12:00 PM	Federation Senior Lunch, R.S.V.P. to Dona/Federation
		4:00 PM	Challah Baking Fest, R.S.V.P. for location
Thur.	Aug. 21	1:00 PM	Rosh Chodesh with Hazzan Sherry
Fri.	Aug. 22	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Polly Berg & Hazzan Sherry
Sun.	Aug. 24	11:00 AM	Beach/Water Day, R.S.V.P. to Lisa Marcus for location
Fri.	Aug. 29	7:00 PM	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry

GIFT CARDS NEEDED

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!

July Birthdays



Cindy Aaronson
Robbin Alpert
Emily Aungst
Matthew Barnes
Craig Bentley
Melinda Blum
Harper Blumer
Elizabeth Bochain
Isaac Brody
Suzanne Crawford
Megan Dame
Ian Diaz
Jonah Feldman
Julia Fischburg
Mae Flax
Ryann Foulke
Iris Freeman

Jared Freeman
Sophia Gipstein
Dr. Alissa Goldman
Romano
Cori Goldman Segal
Sue Goldstein
Rebecca Goldstein
Meridith Hans
Paul Kanfer
Hali Keeler
Louis Kronisch
Judy Levine
Robert Linden
Robin Margolis Silsby
Jacqueline Mazza
Courtney Miller
Jacoby Parad

Daniel Pievsky
Joshua Pievsky
Armi Rowe
Dianne Rubin
Madeline Sayet
Donna Schneider
Jane Schnur
Chuck Seeman
Charles Seeman
William Seeman
Bill Seeman
Rebecca Segal
Mary Seidner
Libby Seidner
Veronica (Vee)
Sherman
Janine Sitko

Lauren Stavropoulos
Lois Steinman
Jennifer Thompson
Lorraine Veisz
Samantha Venooker
Ella Jordyn Venooker
Claire Warren
Gail Wildstein
Dylan Williams
Martin Zeldis
Linus Zelken
Lori Zelvin

August Birthdays

Brian Alpert
Brian Blaise
Danielle Blaise
Oliver Constantine
Elissa DeBruyn
Aaron Ekstrand
Louise Feldman Baskey
Kathleen Flax
Sabrina Weisberger
Foulke
David Freedman
David Garson
Steve Goldstein

Hannah Goldstein
Max Grossman
Eleanor Hoffman
Thea Kallan Johnson
Emmerson Kaye
Gerry Keeler
Pamela Kilbey-Fox
Ricardo Jose
Kleinbaum
David Levine
Jenna Levine
Beth Linden
Beth Linden

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Alan Luner
Nora Montrose
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Alexander Pievsky
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Rachel Sayet
Talia Schaperow
Ellen Seeman
Brett Seeman
Jonah Small

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Donald Steinman
Sunny Steinway
Andrew Venooker
Michael Evan Weber
Aaron Scott Weber
Michael Weber
Shelley Weiss
Dalton Wickes
Sam Winograd
Rebecca Woodward
Jennifer Zettler
Debra Ziegler

July Anniversaries

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

August Anniversaries

Michael and Linda
Barnett
Michael and Florence
Betten
Brian and Marcie Blaise
Andrew and Byrne
Blumer

Howard and Marcia
Brensilver
Thomas Smith and
Irene Brickman Smith
Mark and Marianne
DeBruyn

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August Anniversaries *continued from page 10*

Bruce and Lori Goldstein	Alan and Norma	Roark and Judy Levine	Harvey & Leslie Orenstein
Alan and Patricia Gruber	Hollandersky	Leonard and Marla Loew	Chris & Jennifer Rock
Geoff & Susan	Joel and Avery Holwitt	Anthony and Jacqueline	Steve and Gail Weber
Hausmann	Peter and Barbara Kallan	Mazza	Joel and Gail Wildstein
Robert & Eleanor	Philip and Ethel Krasney	Perry & Barbara	Dylan and Amanda
Hoffman	Eric and Rachel Levine	Montrose	Williams

July Yahrzeits

July 4	Hans Einhellig	Irma DeBruyn	July 25
Elizabeth M. Bochain	Edna Epstein	David Feldman	Louis Atkind
Herbert Boehner	Barney Fishbone	Anatoly Fishman	Arleen Berliner
Sarah Chevan	Mary Jane Helveston	Gunther Goldman	Max Berns
Sylvia Fischburg	Frieda Kupfer	William Gordon	Jonathan Fox
Eisenberg	Sharon McCaffrey	Stanley Jacobson	Jean Kutscher
James Fearer	Samuel Penstein	Enid Lesser	Yetta Sechter Millstein
Marion Gottfried	Rose Rozen	Samuel Libby	Wade Nelson
Sarah Hytone	Brian Archer Thorp	Sarah Mazur	Dr. Solomon Prokesch
Aaron Isaac	Andrea Weiner	Jerry Moynihan	Muriel Schneider
Ella Levine	Alexander Moron	Richard O'Brien	Betty Silverman
Mina Liberman	Wessel	Harry Ogulnick	Bessie Snitkin
Elaine Perry	July 18	Pearl Parker	Melvin Snitman
Fannie Rosefeldt	Meta Altman	Nathan Rappoport	Jodie Gorin Stewart
Jeannette Rosenstein	Miriam Bloom	Fay Rubin	Marjorie Thomas
Marie Rouquette	Estelle Brickman Miller	Barbara Rubin	Harry Tulman
Susan Zechman	Sol Brown	Jacob Snitman	Zelda Weiner
July 11	Janet Bruck	Charlotte Taub	Dorothy West
Muriel Berkowitz	Ethel Chatkin	Charley Weiss	Joseph Ziegler
Michael Comer	Lolita Cohn	Bitzalel Ben Abraham	

August Yahrzeits

August 1	Frances Ofstein	Max Barnett	Yetta Sedransk
Leah Goldberg Asen	Abraham Pastel	Rose Barnett	Peggy (Margaret)
Philip Betten	Murray Perl	Harvey Bloom	Smith
Joseph Eisenberg	Claire Perry	Julius Cooper	Rebecca Merims Stoner
Alan Freeman	Maurice Rosenstein	Samuel Diamond	Irving Allan Wildstein
Rose Gordon	Henry Sutel	Dorothy Friedman	Solomon Wilkomer
Lawrence Grayson	John Vogel	Benjamin Gordon	August 15
Howard Ilson	Julius Webman	Abraham Gottfried	Etta Andelman
Morton Klieback	Daniel Zager	Maude Harriet	Michael Atkind
Fay Kracke	August 8	Warren Hollandersky	Nicholas Doukas
Irene Levy	Joseph Abrams	Eileen Iorillo	
	Rose Baker	Beatrice Rovner	

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Morris Epstein
Rose Feigenbaum
Diana Fischburg
Isadore Gottfried
Barbara Hausmann
Shirley Hendel
Naomi Kerwin
Bessie Kline
Dorothy Levine
Barney Millstein
Ruth O'Brien
Lottie Rodkin
Mildred Schiller
Orrin Silverberg
Sharon Spiegel
Miriam Toplosky
Harry Winterholer

August 22
Joseph Abrahms
Michele Abrams
Eduard Alper
Jennifer Beatty
Richard Blaise
Frederick Eichler
Belle Eidensohn
Ada Engelman
Gloria Fireman
Louis Galvin
Dorothy Goldman
Milton Goldsmith
Irving Goodstein
Eleanor Grossman
Morton Kallan

Bill Katz
Bella Kil
Angela Klieback
Leslie Garson Labranche
Sherman Marcus
Anne Mikulka
Claire Perry
Howard E. Proper Lam-
chick
Laura Richardson
Leonard F. Rosen
Harry Ruck
Mark Sayet
Bernice Bunny Stern
Jeanne Swatzburg
Paul Trzepacz

Skip Wagner
August 29
Mollie Azaroff
Jennifer Beatty
Dr. Arnold Feldman
Selig Fireman
Nathan Greenhouse
Emily Lasser
Hersch Muchnick
Ascuncion Reyes
Irving Rozen
Marshall Rubin
Harold Rutman
Solomon Schaferman
Samuel Wertheim

First Annual Terri Goldsmith Memorial Golf Tournament A Resounding Success



The First Annual Terri Goldsmith Memorial Golf Tournament took place on **June 16, 2025**, at the beautiful Great Neck Country Club. Originally scheduled for May 5 but rescheduled due to inclement weather, the tournament was ultimately met with ideal conditions—clear skies, great energy, and a powerful sense of purpose.

At **noon**, teams teed off in celebration and remembrance, supported by an incredible team of **more than**

50 dedicated volunteers. This event was a true community effort, led by **Karen Rosenberg, Joanna Lazarus, Sheri Pascal** and **Jamie Stavropoulos** with tremendous support from:

- **Scott and Jenn Zettler** – Food & Beverages
- **Armi and Nathaniel Rowe** – Website
- **Sue Fornara, Bruce Goldstein, and Armi Rowe** – Signage & Communications
- **Ian Crawford and Roberta Reisner-Winograd** – Finances & Billing

Plus, a dynamic team focused on **sponsor and donor outreach**

The tournament honored the memory of **Terri Goldsmith**, a cherished educator at both Solomon Schechter Academy and Temple Emanu-El Religious School for more than three decades. Terri was known for her warmth, wisdom, and steadfast commitment to making the world a better place—both in and beyond the classroom.

Tragically lost to cancer, Terri's legacy now powers a mission of healing and hope. This year's event raised

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over \$20,000, supporting cancer research and care at Yale New Haven Smilow Cancer Hospital and Temple Emanu-El.

The day concluded with heartfelt remarks from **Marc and Zach Goldsmith**, followed by a moving tribute from **Sherry Barnes**. Golfers, volunteers, and guests then gathered for a joyful dinner and dessert, closing out a day of reflection, generosity, and community.

With Gratitude to Our Volunteers

We extend our deepest thanks to the many individuals who gave their time and talents to make this event possible:

Jodi Alberti • Brian & Robbin Alpert • Sherry Barnes • Linda & Michael Barnett • Karen Bloustine • Moira Buckstein • Anne & Terry Cohn • Lori Corah • Suzanne & Ian Crawford • Karen Edgar • Rachel Edgar • Ada Filippetti • Kim Fischburg • Marilyn Fishbone • Sue Fornara • Pam Fox • Andy Goldman • Bruce Goldstein • Amy Green • Susan & Geoff Hausmann • Bob Hoffman • Alan & Norma Hollandersky • Joanna Lazarus • Loretta Levy • Merrill Mazzella • Jo Michaelson • Barbara & Greg Morea • Sherry Morris • John Murphy • Adrienne Parad • Sheri Pascal • Carl Rosen • Sandy Rosen • Rabbi Aaron & Karen Rosenberg • Armi Rowe • Nathaniel Rowe • Ben Savir • Barbara Senges • Robin Silsby • Judy Spitz • Jamie Stavropoulos • Lois Steinman • Howard & Lorraine Veis • Claire Warren • Gail Weber • Sam Winograd • Roberta Reisner Winograd • Scott, Jennifer, & Gabrielle Zettler

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About Us

Temple Emanu-El is a Reform congregation serving Southeastern Connecticut and Western Rhode Island. Our members live in Waterford, Norwich, New London, and Groton, Connecticut; Westerly, Rhode Island; and all the neighboring towns in the region.

Temple Emanu-El offers Jewish identity for everyone: meaningful worship services, education for children and adults, and activities designed to include all members. No one is denied membership for financial reasons; you may contact our Treasurer or President for details or to discuss your personal situation.

Our members' Jewish backgrounds range from highly traditional to classical Reform, and we welcome the membership of interfaith couples and families. A diversity of occupations, age ranges, and family structures, including singles, single heads of households, and same sex partners, characterizes our distinctive membership. There is a place for everyone at Temple Emanu-El.

Our History

Temple Emanu-El, the first Reform Temple in the New London area, began with the efforts of five families in 1960. The congregation has now grown to around 250 families and has made its mark, both in the Jewish Community and the Southeastern Connecticut community.

We owe our gratitude to the All Souls Unitarian Church in New London, who so graciously offered to share their sanctuary and social hall with us for the first eight years. In 1968, we were proud to be able to buy our first real home, the Bishop Seabury Church on Fort Street in Groton.

Soon after, having relied through the years on student rabbis, we were able to obtain our first ordained rabbi, Rabbi Peter Knobel, to lead us and help us grow. After almost ten more years, as we were bursting at the seams, good fortune led us to our present property. That was 1979, the year we bade goodbye to Rabbi Knobel, and again were blessed with the good fortune

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to obtain Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg as our new leader. After 35 years, we bid a very fond farewell to Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg as he moved onto retirement. We thank him for his years of leadership. Temple Emanu-El worked with Interim Rabbi Scott Saulson during the year of transition as we searched for a permanent rabbi.

We joyfully welcomed Rabbi Marc Ekstrand in July of 2016 as our new permanent rabbi.

Now, we have only to look around us to see the results of this glorious history... our handsome Temple building, complete with a long dreamed of Sunday School, our beautiful sanctuary, and a spacious social hall. Most importantly, Temple Emanu-El is still an engaged, inclusive, egalitarian Reform congregation supporting the diversity of the Eastern Connecticut Jewish Community and the Greater New London region.



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Please contact Karen Bloustine at bloustinek@gmail.com if you can help provide transportation.

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