



# Open House & Mitzvah Day SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

## LET'S CELEBRATE HOMECOMING TOGETHER!



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Event is free! All are welcome!

### Event Highlights

Mitzvah Projects 9:00-11:00 am ◀

Bagel, Lox & Fruit Breakfast 9:00-10:15 am ◀

First day of school 9:30-11:00 am ◀

Parents meeting 9:30 am ◀

OPEN HOUSE: Let's celebrate! ◀

Live music: ROCK KING ROWE 11:00am-1:00 pm

Visit Committee Tables 11:00 am-1:00 pm ◀

Food Trucks 11:00 am-1:00 pm ◀

Savor delightful food and beverages  
served by Munchies and  
Mama Emily's Sweet Treats food trucks

### About Our Event!

We warmly invite you to join us for our annual open house and mitzvah day! Whether you're an individual wanting to make a difference by joining a mitzvah project, a congregant who wants get to know more Temple Emanu-El friends, a friend who wants to support the community, or a newcomer curious about what our vibrant Temple family has to offer, please join us to celebrate!



Questions? Contact us  
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Website  
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## Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

### **Amplifying American Jewish Perspectives: A Call to Conscience**

*Friends,*

I want to call your attention to three significant statements issued this summer by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), and the American Conference of Cantors (ACC). These statements, available at [www.ccarnet.org](http://www.ccarnet.org), demand our careful consideration. I strongly encourage you to read all three in their entirety, as I will only summarize their key points here.

#### **Confronting Settler Violence in the West Bank**

The first statement, issued July 23, responded to the killing of 20-year-old Palestinian American Saif Musallet—a tragic incident emblematic of escalating violence between Israeli settlers and Palestinians in the West Bank. Since the war began, violence against Palestinians has surged dramatically, while illegal outposts proliferate unchecked. Most alarmingly, settler violence now targets even Israeli security forces and the IDF.

As the statement notes, "Given that the Israeli police force is controlled by Minister of National Security Itamar Ben-Gvir, and the civil administration of the West Bank is under the command of Finance Minister and Minister in the Defense Department Bezalel Smotrich, both of whom support expansion of West Bank Jewish settlements, none of this comes as a surprise, but it cannot be condoned."

Torah repeatedly emphasizes our obligation to treat the stranger with respect and equality. Exodus 12:49 declares unequivocally: "There shall be one law for the citizen and for the stranger who dwells among you." We desecrate Torah itself when we permit violence against innocent Palestinians, deny them water access, destroy their crops, steal their animals, and attempt to expel them from their villages.

### **Addressing Starvation in Gaza**

The July 27 statement confronted the humanitarian crisis of starvation in Gaza. Too many spend precious time debating technical definitions of hunger versus famine or arguing whether Hamas or Israel bears primary responsibility. While we know Hamas shows utter disregard for human life, these debates cannot absolve Israel of its moral obligations.

The statement powerfully declares: "No one should be unaffected by the pervasive hunger experienced by thousands of Gazans. No one should spend the bulk of their time arguing technical definitions between starvation and pervasive hunger. The situation is dire, and it is deadly. Nor should we accept arguments that because Hamas is the primary reason many Gazans are either starving or on the verge of starving, that the Jewish State is not also culpable in this human disaster. The primary moral response must begin with anguished hearts in the face of such a large-scale human tragedy."

If we truly believe Torah's teaching that every human being is created *b'tzelem Elohim*—in the image of God—then allowing preventable starvation constitutes an affront to the Divine. This moral imperative exists independent of strategic calculations, and we must acknowledge that hunger and starvation will not secure the return of the 50 remaining hostages, only 22 of whom may still be alive.

#### **Rejecting Reoccupation of Gaza**

The August 8 statement addressed the security cabinet's approved plan to extend control over Gaza, as extremist ministers openly advocate reoccupation and resettlement. Twenty years ago, Israel's traumatic but courageous dismantling of Gaza settlements represented a unilateral gesture toward future peace. That unhealed trauma now

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manifests in both the settler violence described above and dangerous messianic desires to return to Gaza at any cost.

The statement warns that such reoccupation would exact a devastating price on Israel and Jews worldwide: "Israel has become, and remains, a powerful nation thanks, in part, to the support of allies around the world. But the length and horrors of this war thus far means that military and other forms of support from longtime allies may be less forthcoming in the future. The current occupation of part of Gaza already risks Israel's security and international reputation."

While Hamas bears undeniable responsibility for initiating this war, maintaining conditions in Gaza, refusing to release hostages, and resisting improved conditions for its people, "Israel has the ability and responsibility to prioritize its own people and values by recognizing that now is the time to end this war, bring the hostages home, and create a coalition of Arab nations with the U.S. and

other allies to rebuild Gaza and shape a better tomorrow for all."

### **Our Moral Obligation as American Jews**

I have quoted extensively from these statements because they articulate American Jewish perspectives that must be amplified in our current discourse. Supporting Israel remains both our duty and responsibility, but we bear an equally sacred obligation to offer our perspective and voice as American Jews—anchored firmly in Torah—to help Israel see what it may not be able to see itself.

As we approach the High Holy Days, I look forward to seeing many of you. We have much to discuss and much praying to do, both for America and for Israel. In this season of reflection and repentance, let us commit ourselves to the prophetic tradition of speaking truth with love, even when that truth proves difficult to hear.

L'shalom, **Rabbi Marc**

## **President's Message - John Murphy**

### **A Season of Renewal, Connection, and Community**

As the golden days of summer gently give way to the crisp promise of autumn, our Temple family begins a season filled with new beginnings, sacred reflection, and joyful connection.

The past months have been a time for rest, travel, and long afternoons with family and friends. Now, as we step into the new school year, our Religious School classrooms will once again echo with the sounds of learning, laughter, and discovery. Students, teachers, and families will join together for another year of growth, community, and shared purpose.

### **Your Temple Board in Action**

Over the summer, the Temple Board has been hard at work strengthening our congregation. We approved the Congregation Beth-El lease renewal,

secured a \$7,000 security grant from the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, and renewed the contracts of Hazzan Sherry Barnes and Office Manager Roberta Reisner-Winograd.

The Board also participated in security training led by Michael Shanbrom of the Secure Community Network, ensuring that we continue to make safety a top priority. In addition, we created the position of Oneg Coordinator, which will be led by Lisa Marcus. If you are interested in supporting our Onegs, please consider donating to the Oneg Fund—your contributions help make these warm, welcoming gatherings possible.

### **Mark Your Calendar – Open House & Mitzvah Day**

On **Sunday, September 7, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, we invite you to our **Annual Open House &**

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**Mitzvah Day.** Whether you're joining a mitzvah project, reconnecting with Temple friends, meeting new members, or simply curious about what our vibrant Temple family offers, this is a day to celebrate homecoming together! Savor delicious treats from Munchies and Mama Emily's Sweet Treats food trucks and enjoy the warmth of our community. The event is free, and all are welcome!

### Looking Ahead to the High Holidays

Soon after, the High Holidays will call us together in worship and reflection. Rosh Hashanah will invite us to greet the New Year with gratitude and hope. Yom Kippur will guide us toward forgiveness, renewal, and the courage to live with greater purpose.

### Security Reminder – Arrive Early

As we gather for High Holiday services, please plan to **arrive early** to allow time for check-in and to receive your badges—just as we did last year. Your cooperation ensures the safety and comfort of everyone in our sacred space, and we appreciate your understanding and participation in this important process.

Let us greet this season with joy, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to each other. May the year ahead be filled with sweet moments, meaningful connections, and opportunities to make a difference—together.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu—

May you be inscribed for a good and sweet year.

**John Murphy**

## Notes from Hazzan Sherry Barnes

### Days are scrolls. Write on them only what you want to remember.

I know that when this article is due, that the calm of summer is over and the month of Elul has arrived. My feet are in the starting blocks, as I ready myself for the holiday sprint through the beginning of the new year. The choir and I have been in music rehearsals for the High Holy Days for a few weeks now and the Holy Days are approaching quickly.

Part of my preparation for the High Holy Days is the music, and the other is preparing for the turning inward that takes place. That internal dialogue, an honest self-critique of one's actions towards those that we have had interactions with over the past year, hoping to make it right for their healing and mine.

Rabbi Karyn Kedar writes poetically about forgiveness in her new book Unfolding, "I ask for forgiveness, to be better, to do better, to expand my capacity. To reflect light upon the dark corners of my soul, upon the dark world that waits to

be redeemed. Hold me in Mercy, dear G\*d. Hold me with grace as my light is revealed during these Days of Awe."

When I read parts of this over the summer, I loved her spiritual insight into forgiveness. Two thoughts came to me as I read this passage. One, it reminded me that this isn't a superficial look at my actions over the past year. Two, the image of the dark corners of my soul and what light are we reflecting into these dark corners? I guess that's three things. Rabbi Kedar did not use the word shine, she used reflect. I looked up the word reflect, and this is what I found: things that reflect light often have light coming into them from an external source. Immediately the Priestly Benediction came to mind, May G-d make G-d's face *shine* upon you..... The word "shine" usually means something that gives off a bright light of its own.

Sometimes that is how I visualize G-d, as a bright light that doesn't hurt your eyes to look at it. It reminded me that I'm not alone on this journey of

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t'shuvah. I look back with the intent of finding where I missed the mark, try to make it right, in order to strive to be who I know G-d, and my soul, wish to aspire. Actually all of humanity should be looking to be good, caring, empathetic, people. Treating those around us the way we would want to be treated, with patience, understanding, and love. I'm the first to admit that it isn't always easy. This is when we need to "reflect" and walk in that divine light.

I'll close with words from Rabbi Kedar's poem Unfolding; "I need these days to test my will, my willingness to re-form, to transform. There is so much work to be done....I am in formation. Unfolding." May your journey through the Days of Awe, reflect in and through you, the light of forgiveness, goodness, faithfulness, and love. The world surely needs it from all of us. If you need some guidance, I suggest you read Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar's book, Unfolding, A Holy Day Companion. I'm looking forward to taking a slower read through it, so that I can savor all of its gentle beauty.

L'Shana Tova,

**Sherry**

### Shabbat Summer Services

Many thanks to everyone who led a Shabbat service this summer, read Torah, gave a D'var Torah, or helped in any way. I am very grateful and appreciate your enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment in helping to keep our Shabbat Summer Services professional and meaningful.

Todah rabbah,

**Sherry**

Watch next month's bulletin for when Adult Classes begin.



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

### Happy Fall Y'All

I am so excited that fall is almost here because it is my favorite time of year. Fall is literally a time of new beginnings for all of us. BONUS: I get to see all of your smiling faces bright and early on Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 am for a shortened first day of school followed by a wonderful couple of hours of food and fun at our Temple's Open House! I am SO EXCITED!! Stick around to 1) show off your school, 2) catch up with old friends, and 3) make new friends!

In the meantime, keep an eye out for your new

school calendar, a letter from the School Director (Hey, that's ME!), and important announcements from your teachers. We have an amazing line up of teachers this year, so I am looking forward to an AMAZING YEAR!!

I hope everyone is enjoying their final weeks of summer. I can't wait to see you in person in a few short weeks.

Shalom,

**Miss Lisa**

## Beautiful Update to our Ark in the Sanctuary

The Ark has been wonderfully updated. Vertical pieces of wood have been added on the left and right, a total of ten pieces representing the Ten Commandments. Our thanks to Michael Barnett for the hard work of matching the wood and adding his artistic touch. Of course, it is hard to describe in an article, so the best way to enjoy is to attend a Shabbat service!

## Religious Practices Committee Happenings

We hope you have enjoyed a pleasant summer. This past Shabbat, August 16, we held the annual Bagels and Brachas, with lox, bagels, sweets, coffee and water provided to all. This was followed by a short, creative service lead by Rabbis Marc and Polly, and a hike. During the hike, at the bluff, another short service was held. Thank you to the Religious Practices committee members for planning and setting up the day.

Do you enjoy having an Oneg following Shabbat Services? How many of you look forward to the chance to mingle with the community while having a friendly way to start Shabbat? If this is important to you, please consider donating to the Oneg restricted fund. This is also a good way to recognize an important life cycle event and share it with our community.

As we approach the Fall holiday season, please be reminded that our High Holiday observances will begin with Selichot on Saturday, September 13, commencing with a short social gathering at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meaningful program and service at 7:00 p.m. Information regarding the schedules for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur has been provided on a separate flyer. Our break-the-fast meal is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 2, 2025. We are looking for volunteers for Hebrew or English readers for various honors during the High Holiday Services. Please see High Holiday Volunteer Notice below.

Following Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will celebrate Sukkot with two congregational events: the Sukkot Service will take place on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., featuring a fall harvest-themed Oneg. Additionally, on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in partnership with the Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TERS), all are invited to participate in the mitzvah of sitting and

dining in the Sukkah, as well as shaking the lulav and etrog; this event will conclude with a brief creative service. As Sukkot ends, we have the Simchat Torah evening service on Monday October 13 at 6:30 p.m., during which we will hold a consecration ceremony for our newest TERS students. We encourage the entire Jewish Community to join us as we welcome these students into our community of lifelong learning. Rounding out the October holidays, we will have Shemini Atzeret services, with Yizkor, on Tuesday October 14 at 10:00 a.m.

On October 19 and 26, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., we will present a two-part discussion series on Death and Dying. This may be a challenging topic for some, yet it remains an important aspect to address. Additional details will follow.

In November, we will commemorate Veterans' Day with a special Shabbat service on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., honoring those who have served. To conclude the month, a Musical Shabbaton is planned for the weekend of November 14, highlighting the talents of Sue Horowitz and Julie Silver. A dedicated flyer with further information will be distributed soon.

B'Shalom, **Sam Winograd**

### Religious Practices High Holiday Volunteer Notice

If you are interested in volunteering for a reading part for the High Holiday Services, please send an email to [SWinograd@comcast.net](mailto:SWinograd@comcast.net), with the subject "High Holiday Reading". Indicate your preference for which services and English or Hebrew.

## Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

Ladies,

**Happy New Year!** As I begin my fourth year as Sisterhood President, I am so very proud of the Sisterhood Board, all we accomplished last year and all we are planning to accomplish in 2025-2026. Our ranks continue to grow with first-time members and our range of activities continues to expand. This summer we had summer activities for the first time. In July and August, we had Movie Club, Rosh Chodesh and attended two musicals at the Ivoryton Playhouse.

There have been a few changes in the Sisterhood Board this year. We are saying goodbye and thank you to **Nancy Trostler** and **Gail Schor**. **Lisa Marcus** will be replacing Nancy as Co-Chair of Membership and **Amy Greenberg** will be taking on Gail's long-time role as Corresponding Secretary. Welcome and thank you to our new members. To our returning members, **Sue Fornara, Debra Wool, Anne Cohn, Moira Ross, Linda Barnett, Suzanne Crawford, Jennifer Zettler, Susan Rosen and Eileen Shapiro**, thank you for your continuing, dedicated service to Sisterhood.

The Board held our Yearly Planning Meeting at the synagogue on Thursday, August 14. The Board spent several hours planning our activities for the coming year and assembling a monthly Event Calendar for 2025-2026. You will be receiving your **Membership Packet** shortly, together with a flyer for the Membership Kick-Off event and the Sisterhood Mission Statement.

This year we hope to attract more "younger" members by **offering FREE babysitting at the Temple for some of our activities**. Stay tuned for more info!

**The Membership Kick-Off Event** will be held on **Thursday, October 23 at 6:00PM in the Social Hall at Temple Emanu-El**. The evening will include a buffet dinner and the opportunity to get to know more about your "Sisters"! Please RSVP to me by **Monday, October 14 at [professeur38@me.com](mailto:professeur38@me.com) or call 860-608-1187**.

I have reserved **20 tickets for "Chorus Line" at the Goodspeed Opera House in the Side Orchestra for Sunday, October 26 at 2:00PM**. The cost per ticket is \$73.00. If you wish to attend you need to **RSVP at [professeur38@me.com](mailto:professeur38@me.com) no later than Friday, September 19**. **Please send your check for \$73 made out to Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood ATTN: Goodspeed to the Temple Office when I confirm your RSVP**. Remember that we only have 20 tickets reserved.

**Sisterhood Book Club** will have its first gathering at the **Temple at 6:30PM on Thursday, September 30**. We will be reading and discussing **"The Stationary Shop" by Marjan Kamali**. This is a love story which begins with 15 year old Roya falling in love and preparing to marry when she and her love are separated by the coup in 1953 Tehran. Unable to find her lost love, Roya moves to the U.S. to start a new life. Does she ever reconnect with him? You'll need to read to find out. If you are interested in being added to the Book Club list, please email **Suzanne Crawford at [suzm.crawford@outlook.com](mailto:suzm.crawford@outlook.com)**.

**The Movie Club** will be going to see **"Downton Abbey: the Grand Finale" at Mystic Luxury Cinemas on Friday, September 12**. Stay tuned for your email from Eileen Shapiro with the time of the performance.

As always, the **Thursday Walking Club at Hole in the Wall in Niantic at 9:30AM** and the **Friday Walking Club at the Duck Pond in Waterford at 10:00AM** continue. If you would like to be added to the Walking Club email list, please email **Debra Wool at [debrawool@gmail.com](mailto:debrawool@gmail.com)**.

### UPCOMING EVENTS in 2025

- **Sunday, September 7 – Temple Open House - Stop off at the Sisterhood table and bring a prospective "new member" friend. Sisterhood will also be serving a Bagels and Lox**

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breakfast from 9:00 to 10:30 that morning for Mitzvah Day (prior to Open House at 11:00)

- Friday, September 12 – Movie Club at Mystic Luxury Cinema
- Monday, September 22nd – Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg - sponsored by Sisterhood
- Tuesday, September 30 – Book Club at the Temple at 6:30PM
- Sunday, October 5 – Safe Futures Walk at Waterford Duck Pond 9:00AM
- Thursday, October 23 – Membership Kick-Off Dinner at 6:00PM
- Sunday, October 26 – “Chorus Line” at Goodspeed at 2:00PM
- Thursday, October 30 – Movie Club to see “Deliver Me From Nowhere” at Mystic Luxury Cinema
- Tuesday, November 11 – Book Club at the Temple at 6:30PM
- Thursday, November 20 – Rosh Chodesh at 1:00PM
- Thursday, December 4 – Movie Club to see “Wicked: For Good” at Mystic Luxury Cinema
- Sunday, December 7 – Chanukah Fair
- Thursday, December 18 – Rosh Chodesh at 1:00PM

I will continue to email you about “events in the works”. Eileen Shapiro will email you with the times for our monthly **Movie Club and Lunch Club**. Please contact me anytime with your ideas for programs you’d like to have this year.

I look forward to seeing you at all our Fall events!

**Barbara**

### ***Hello from the Gift Shop***

We have lots of things happening as we wrap up summer. At the Temple Emanu-El Open House on September 7 I will be selling a lot of deeply discounted items. So come to the Open House and browse the sale items.

In addition, I have ordered some new items. Are you invited to a wedding this fall? I've ordered beautiful challah boards, kiddush cups and candle sticks.

Remember no tax when you purchase from us. Also, the price is a lot lower than retail. You can also special-order gorgeous jewelry, talit and many other items.

Email me anytime at

[judaicashop@tewaterford.org](mailto:judaicashop@tewaterford.org) and I am happy to meet you at the synagogue.

The Open House sounds like a fun event – looking forward to seeing you there.

## ***Social Action Committee***



Looking forward to Mitzvah Day and Open House on September 7 Stop at our table to learn more about what we do and sign up to help.

We will be collecting canned food and other items needed by the Gemma Moran food distribution center.

Questions-Karen Bloustine — [bloustinek@gmail.com](mailto:bloustinek@gmail.com)



## Condolences to . . .



**Karen and Aaron Rosenberg and family**

on the passing of Karen's sister,

**Loretta Frank**

on July 2, 2025

## Mazal Tov to . . .

The entire Morea family. **Barbara Luftglass-Morea and Greg Morea welcomed their first grandchild, Grant Wesley Morea**, on July 23. Grant is the son of **Joseph and Alicia Morea**, and the nephew of **Rebecca Morea**.



The **Lazarus and Hunderman families**. It is with great joy to announce that **Ben and Gabrielle (Hunderman) Lazarus** were married on July 25, 2025 in Michigan!

Ben is the son of **Martin and Joanna Lazarus** and Gabrielle is the daughter of **Chad and Marianne Hunderman**.

## Membership Renewal Packets

Membership Renewal Packets have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact the office, 860-443-3005 or [office@tewaterford.org](mailto:office@tewaterford.org).

As the Temple Fiscal Year started July 1, 2024, we ask that you please return the packets as soon as possible.

**Thank you.**

## September Service & Event Schedule

|        |          |   |  |
|--------|----------|---|--|
| Fri.   | Sept. 5  | Deadline to R.S.V.P. to Sam Winograd, Religious Practices Chair, if you would like to participate by having a High Holiday Honor on either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. |  |
| Fri.   | Sept. 5  | 6:30 PM   | Kabbalat Shabbat   |
| Sun.   | Sept. 7  | 9:00 – 10:15 AM   | Bagel, Lox & Fruit Breakfast   |
|        |          | 9:00 – 11:00 AM   | Mitzvah Projects-Entire Congregation is encouraged to participate                                    |
|        |          | 9:30 – 11:00 AM   | Back to School Orientation/First Day of School (Attendance required)                                 |
|        |          | 9:30 AM   | Parents Meeting  |
|        |          | 11:00 – 1:00 PM   | Open House Celebration – Live music, Food Trucks, visit committee tables                             |
| Wed.   | Sept. 10 | 4:30 PM   | Religious School   |
| Fri.   | Sept. 12 |   | Sisterhood Movie Club at Mystic Luxury Cinema  |
|        |          | 6:30 PM   | Kabbalat Shabbat   |
| Sat.   | Sept. 13 | 6:30 PM   | Selichot Social Gathering  |
|        |          | 7:00 PM   | Tikkun Leil Selichot service/program   |
| Sun.   | Sept. 14 | 9:30 AM   | Religious School   |
|        |          | 1:00 – 1:30 PM  | Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery #3 & #4 visitation w/Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Hazzan Sherry Barnes |
| Mon.   | Sept. 15 | Deadline to R.S.V.P. for Shabbat Dinner on Fri. Sept. 19  |  |
|        |          | 12:00 PM  | 55 plus Lunch, please R.S.V.P. to Dona Casey or the Jewish Federation                                |
| Wed.   | Sept. 17 | 4:30 PM   | Religious School   |
| Fri.   | Sept. 19 | 6:00 PM   | Shabbat Service  |
|        |          | 6:30 PM   | Shabbat Dinner   |
| Sun.   | Sept. 21 | 9:30 AM   | Religious School   |
|        |          |   | Kadima – Anne Frank Exhibit  |
| Mon.   | Sept. 22 | 8:00 PM   | Erev Rosh Hashanah Service   |
|        |          | 10:00 AM  | Rosh Hashanah Morning Service  |
|        |          | 4:30 PM   | Family Rosh Hashanah and Tashlich at the Hole-in-the-Wall 4 Baptist Lane in Niantic                  |
| Fri.   | Sept. 26 | 6:30 PM   | Shabbat Shuvah   |
| Sun.   | Sept. 28 | 9:30 AM   | Religious School   |
| Tues.  | Sept. 30 | 6:30 PM   | Sisterhood Book Club   |
| Wed.   | Oct. 1   | 8:00 PM   | Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service  |
| Thurs. | Oct. 2   | 10:00 AM  | Yom Kippur Morning Service   |
|        |          | 12:30 PM  | Yom Kippur Afternoon and Yizkor Service  |
|        |          | 5:00 PM   | Yom Kippur Nielah, Family Service, Havdalah  |
|        |          | 6:15 PM   | Break-the-fast   |
| Fri.   | Oct. 3   | 6:30 PM   | Shabbat Shuvah   |
| Sun.   | Oct. 5   | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Help Build the Sukkah</b>   |
|        |          | 9:30 AM   | Religious School   |
| Mon.   | Oct. 6   | 6:30 PM   | Erev Sukkot Service, Shake the Lulav & Etrog, and festive oneg                                       |
| Wed.   | Oct. 8   | 5:30 PM   | Dine in Sukkah, shake the Lulav & Etrog, short service   |
| Fri.   | Oct. 10  | 6:30 PM   | Kabbalat Shabbat   |
| Sun.   | Oct. 12  | 9:30 AM   | Religious School   |
| Mon.   | Oct. 13  | 6:30 PM   | Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration   |
| Tues.  | Oct. 14  | 10:00 AM  | Shemini Atzeret including Yizkor   |

## September Birthdays

Lauren Adams  
Jay Alpert  
Sherry Barnes  
Michael Barnett  
Matthew Blum  
Eli Blumer  
Mitchel Corah  
Emily Crawford  
Scott Daniels  
Golda Siegel Doyle  
David Engelman  
Liam Feldman  
Sandra Fisher  
Bruce Flax  
Sarah Folstein  
Nicole Geer  
Leonard Goldstein

Jay Hans  
Susan Hausmann  
Matthew Hausmann  
Elyse Hicks  
Sarah Julia Kaplan  
Deborah Kupfer  
Brian Lazarus  
Cynthia Lesser  
Paul Luner  
MicKayla Marcus  
Ellyn Marinho  
Bayla McCaffrey  
Geraldine Mihalko  
Rebecca Morea  
Jennifer Rock  
Mark Rosenthal  
Peninah Rosenthal

Phil Schneider  
Sarah Selke  
Samuel Selke  
Jocelyn Small  
Lee Snyderman  
Sophia Travis  
Philip Trostler

Jane Weinberg  
Zoe Weiner  
Zoe Weiss-Newall  
Yitzchak Winograd  
Sherry Wolfe  
Peter Zelken

## September Yahrzeits

Rose Dibner  
Jack Fischburg  
Judy Fishbone  
Pearl Glasgow  
Harold Goteib  
Isadore Gottleib  
Evelyn Graber  
Dorothy Green  
Theodore "Teddy" Irwin  
Roz Leader  
Bernice Moeller  
Robert Schor  
Samuel Shapiro  
Tibe Smith  
Sylvia Stoner  
Herbert Swiedler  
Arlene Wessel

Michael Manson  
Isidor Meckler  
Claude Moynihan  
Richard Namenson  
Mildred Pincus  
Dorothy Rosen  
Esther Stein  
Samuel Steinman  
Abraham Sutel  
Alvin Swatzburg  
Sindey Vail  
Dr. Norman Zeldis

### Sept. Anniv.

Sean and Anne Bendick  
Andrew Feinstein and  
Elizabeth Bochain  
Lori and Mitchel Corah  
Ian and Suzanne  
Crawford  
Barry and Cecile Feldman  
Gerry and Hali Keeler  
Paul and Anne Luner  
Richard and Erica  
McCaffrey  
Zachary and Madison  
Meisner  
Shoshanna Weiss and  
Mark Newall  
John and Jamie  
Stavropoulos  
Sheldon and Amy  
Stricker  
Martin and Margaret  
Trehub  
Scott and Jennifer  
Zettler

### September Yahrzeits

#### September 5

Leah Betten  
Jeffrey Chaet  
Harry Chevan  
Michael Crystal  
Sarah Davidson  
Wilkomer  
David Fearer  
Michael E. Friedman  
Lanny Glasgow  
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George Lupkay  
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Jeffrey Greenberg  
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Edward Ilson  
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Rosenberg

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---in memory of Joseph Abrams on his yahrzeit

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*September  
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**Friday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

A brief but meaningful service in the sanctuary

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- Our services are open to all. If you are not a member of our congregation, we encourage you to consider joining. Just contact the Temple office. If you are not ready to join us yet, please consider making a suggested donation of \$150 on our website. Your support is a mitzvah. We exist only with your support.
- Families with younger children are encouraged to attend Family Programs on Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur. Our family program and closing service (Ne'ilah) will be followed by a Break-the-Fast.
- Families with students in the religious school 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are especially encouraged to attend all services and family programs. Younger students are welcome at all services considering their ability to respect the worship of the community.

### **Selichot**

**Saturday, September 13** Refreshments – 6:30 PM, Tikkun Leil Selichot Service, Program – 7:00 PM - Join us at Temple Emanu-El for this moving service during which we will change our regular, colorful Torah mantles to white, High Holiday mantles.

### **Cemetery Visit**

Rabbi Marc Ekstrand and Hazzan Sherry Barnes will be at the Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery #3 & #4 on Middle Rd. in Preston on Sunday, September 14, from 1:00 P.M to 1:30 P.M.

### **Feeding the Hungry During Tishri**

On Yom Kippur we read prophetic words of Isaiah that remind us of the Divine imperative that food and water be available for all in our community. The harvest festival of Sukkot reminds us that many of us have abundant resources to share. Let us thank God for our abundance by sharing with those in need. The Gemma E. Moran United Way Food Center is in need of our help. Upon arriving at all services, please place your food donations in the bins in the foyer. The mitzvah will leave you with a good taste.

### **High Holiday Honors**

**Volunteers needed, if you would like to have a High Holiday Honor (reading) in either one of the Rosh Hashanah Services or Yom Kippur Services, please R.S.V.P. to Religious Practices Chair, Sam Winograd at [swinograd@comcast.net](mailto:swinograd@comcast.net) by Friday, September 5.**

**Monday, September 22 Erev** Rosh Hashanah Service, 8:00 PM

**Tuesday, September 23** Rosh Hashanah **Morning** Service, 10:00 AM

**Family Rosh Hashanah and Tashlich** where we symbolically cast our sins upon the water – 4:30 P.M. In previous years we created a more environmentally sound Tashlich practice. You are still welcome to bring breadcrumbs. However, we will provide small stones polished by the sea. We will gather in spirit using the stones and the sea to orient us toward hope and action in the coming year. Our time will conclude with a community Shofar call – you are encouraged to bring your Shofar. Meet at Hole in the Wall, 4 Baptist Lane in Niantic.

**Friday, September 26** Shabbat Shuvah, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 1** Erev Yom Kippur/**Kol Nidre** Service, 8:00 PM

**Thursday, October 2** Yom Kippur **Morning** Service, 10:00 AM  
Yom Kippur **Afternoon and Yizkor**, 12:30 PM  
Yom Kippur **Afternoon**, 5:00 PM, **Nielah, Family Service, Havdalah**  
Break-the-fast beginning about 6:15 P.M.



### **Sukkah Building Party**

For Sukkot the Board of Trustees and Brotherhood will need volunteers to put up and take down the Sukkah. **Help build the Sukkah on Sunday, October 5, at 9:00 A.M.** Our Sukkah is very large, so we need a lot of material for the roof (Schach, in Hebrew). Please bring materials for the Sukkah any time after Yom Kippur. Materials can be piled next to the permanent Sukkah framing that is on the east side of our parking lot. Things like ornamental grasses or cornstalks are ideal for the roof (schach).

### **Sukkot Service**

**Monday, October 6** - 6:30 PM - Erev Sukkot service, shake the Lulav and Etrog, followed by a festive oneg.

**Wednesday, October 8** - 5:30 PM – short service, dine in the Sukkah, shake the Lulav and Etrog,

### **Erev Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah & Consecration**

Come sing and dance in this joyous celebration of Torah, the beating heart of the Jewish people, **Monday, October 13** at 6:30 PM; we will have Consecration for the newest students in our Religious School and dance with our Torahs.

**Festival Morning Service -Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor, Tuesday, October 14** at 10:00 A.M.

### **Summer activities at Emanu-El**



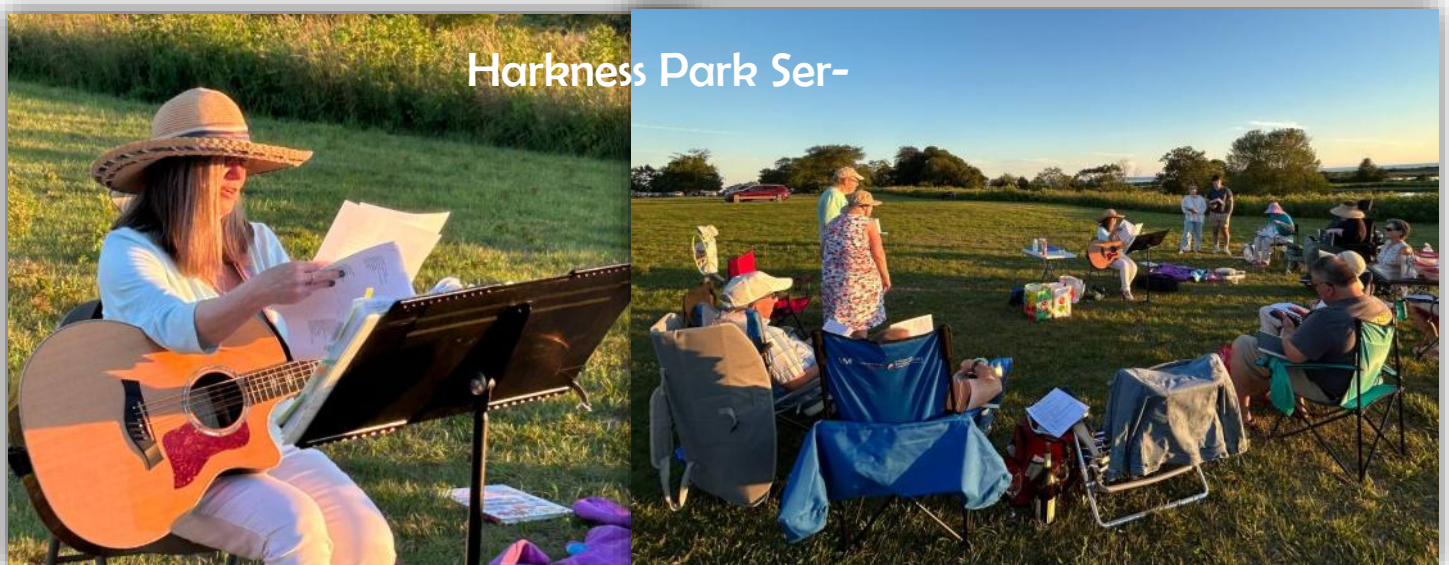
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