



**It's Fall!**

That means it's time for the  
**Temple Emanu-El  
Sisterhood Membership  
Kick-Off Event!**

Join us for a buffet dinner  
Thursday, October 23 • 6:00 pm  
Temple Emanu-El Social Hall

The Kick-Off Dinner is  
complimentary to all  
members. Annual dues  
of \$36 paid in advance  
is greatly appreciated.

Temple Emanu-El  
Sisterhood welcomes  
all women of  
Temple Emanu-El and  
all Jewish women of  
Southeastern CT.



**RSVP** by Thursday, October 14th to Barbara Senges at [professeur38@me.com](mailto:professeur38@me.com)  
Please let us know if you prefer a vegan or gluten free option.

## Rabbi's Message - Marc Ekstrand

### Reconnecting in 5786

**Friends,**

This bulletin is likely landing in your mailbox either just before or, more likely, just after Yom Kippur. The New Year, 5786, is here. Over the High Holy Days, some of you have heard my sermons. Yet, due to our publication schedule, even as I write this article, my sermons are not fully written. Regardless, I can say with certainty that in my sermons, I have tried to address the challenges we face as American Jews—confronting the upheaval we see in America and the lingering crisis in Israel.

Here at home, we face a political, social, and economic landscape of extreme polarization. Our homeland, Israel, is becoming ever more isolated on the international stage. It is seemingly impossible not to get caught up in the anxiety of any moment. Every minute of every day brings a new news post, podcast, Substack, YouTube video, or whatever media feed, with the latest attack, tragedy, statement, or decision that leaves our heads spinning, wondering what could possibly be next. The most profound anxiety stems from our lack of any control over any of it.

Yet this seeming lack of control is merely a sensation reinforced by hyperconnectivity, giving us the illusion that the weight of the entire world is on our shoulders all the time.

If I've described you, there is a way out: disconnect. Put your smartphone down, turn the TV off, and close your computer. Then *selectively* reconnect. Reconnect with the things that are closest to you. The most important things in your life—the things over which you can have the most control—are necessarily going to be the things that are very close to you.

Reconnect with your family members, pets, friends, and neighbors. Reconnect with your local community. Find out what is happening in your own town and go check it out. Make a point of saying hello to a new person. Nothing can replace the warmth of meeting a friend, new or old, face-to-face.

Reconnect with your Jewish community. If you are reading this article, Temple Emanu-El is your community. Come to services, take a class, enjoy a program, or volunteer—we can always use your helping hand.

Most importantly, reconnect and ground yourself within your Judaism. Our religious and ethical traditions have withstood the test of time. Our sacred texts are filled with wisdom that is just as applicable in the modern world as in the ancient. Connecting with the Jewish community can provide respite from our chaotic world, but the real power of Judaism lies in our moral and ethical traditions. They provide the lens to make sense of the world and chart a safe course through stormy seas. Kohelet said there is nothing new under the sun, and Ben Bag Bag said of the Torah, "Turn it, turn it, for everything is in it."

Bottom line: ground yourself close to home, recharge yourself with your Judaism, and in time you'll find the weight of our world bearable.

Blessings for health and happiness in this New Year.

L'Shana Tovah,

**Rabbi Marc**



## From the President's Desk — October

Shanah Tovah, friends.

What a joy it was to gather for Rosh Hashanah and welcome the New Year together. Our sanctuary was filled with warmth, haimish spirit, and a true sense of community. Thank you to Rabbi Marc Ekstrand for his thoughtful teaching, to Hazzan Sherry Barnes and the choir for uplifting music, and to our staff—Lisa Marcus

and Roberta Reisner-Winograd—for the many details handled with care. I'm also grateful to our greeters, readers, ushers, shofar blowers, and volunteers who worked tirelessly, and to Rich McCaffrey for coordinating security and Sisterhood for the Rosh Hashanah Oneg. You helped make holiness tangible.

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## From the President's Desk continued from page 2

Now we turn toward **Yom Kippur**, the holiest day of our calendar. These Days of Awe call us to reflection, renewal, and connection. I invite you to join us for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services, where the beauty of our tradition and the strength of our community will uplift us all. Please plan to arrive a bit early for check-in, and thank you for continuing to support our safety protocols that keep our community both secure and welcoming.

Looking ahead, here are a few highlights for this season:

**Sukkot & Simchat Torah.** Soon we'll shake the lulav, gather in the sukkah, and dance with the Torah. If you've never joined us for Simchat Torah, make this your year—you'll leave smiling.

**Religious School is buzzing.** Our students are back, learning, singing, and building friendships. Yasher koach to our teachers, Rabbi Marc, Hazzan Sherry, and Lisa for their creativity and care.

**Oneg returns—with a plan.** We've launched a new Oneg Coordinator role—thank you, Lisa Marcus, for stepping up. Sponsoring or donating to the Oneg Fund is a wonderful way to honor a simcha or a loved one and helps make our Friday nights warm and delicious.

**Strengthening our foundation.** This summer the Board renewed the Congregation Beth-El lease, approved contract renewals for Hazzan Sherry and Office Manager Roberta, and celebrated a \$7,000 security grant from JFEC. Board members also completed additional security training with the Secure Community Network. These steps keep our Temple strong.

**Membership pledges.** Your pledge sustains everything we do—worship, music, youth, social action, holiday celebrations, and the upkeep of our building. If you've already submitted yours, thank you. If not, please do so this month. If you're able to stretch a bit higher, your generosity helps ensure that everyone, regardless of means, has a home here.

This is a season of beginnings. Let's begin by showing up—for Yom Kippur, for Shabbat, for a class, for a volunteer shift, for one another. If you're looking for ways to get involved—greeting, Oneg, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Social Action, monthly Shabbat dinners, music, or behind-the-scenes logistics—I would love to connect you.

May you and your loved ones be inscribed and sealed for good in the Book of Life. I'm grateful to share this journey with you.

With appreciation and hope,

**John Murphy**

President, Temple Emanu-El  
president@tewaterford.org | 860-608-0774

### Quick Ways to Engage This Month

- Join us for **Yom Kippur services**.
- Celebrate **Sukkot & Simchat Torah**—lean into the joy.
- **Sponsor/assist an Oneg** or donate to the Oneg Fund.
- **Volunteer** as a greeter, usher, or with Social Action.
- Submit or update your **membership pledge**



### MITZVAH CORPS

There is a growing need among our membership for rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, etc.

Please contact Karen Bloustine at [bloustinek@gmail.com](mailto:bloustinek@gmail.com) if you can help provide transportation.

**Thank you**

## Notes from Hazzan Sherry Barnes

L'chayim! To life! What a special gift we are given to live on this beautiful planet for as many years as we are allotted. To play in its oceans, hike among its trees, picnic in its open grassy spaces, and marvel at its night sky. Add to it our relationships with our parents, children, and grandchildren, to brighten every moment. Then add in those friends that become part of our family, because we just love them that much.

I have been blessed with many friends and many of them I met here at Emanu-El. Some I have known for a short time and some it feels like a lifetime. Two of my best friends, as many of you know, are Marc and Terri Goldsmith. The three of us went everywhere and called ourselves the Three Musketeers. Lots of laughs, great food, supporting and caring for each other. Terri was a sister to me and left too soon. And as I write this article, Marc is in hospice care and will join his soul mate, Terri, maybe before this Bulletin comes out. I will miss his friendship, humor, singing, musicianship, and his never-ending support.

We ask these questions on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, How many will pass from this world? How many will be born into it? How many will live and how many shall die? Who shall reach the ripeness of old age? I'm glad that Marc made it to the ripeness of old age, that he was a part of our Cabaret, and even sang in the choir from a brief time. I'm glad, and so was he, that many people cooked for him, visited, and chatted with him. In the end I hope he realized that this was just a fraction of the people whose lives he had touched. I hope he understood how much of a difference he made in our lives and the lives of his students.

We don't talk much about death until we are faced with it. Maybe we think that if we don't talk about it that we won't have to think about it, or we will deal with it until later. I used to feel that way, but now I feel talking about it helps us to understand how precious every moment is in our lives, and in the lives of those we love.

Yes, it is sad for us that our loved ones are physically not with us anymore, and we grieve until their memory brings a smile back to our face as we remember the good things about them, and the good times

and laughter we shared. Remembering will forever keep their memory alive in our hearts and minds and that is a beautiful blessing.

From life, to death, and then back again to life. We continue on our path changed by those who have touched our lives. At Yizkor on Simchat Torah, the last prayer of the Yizkor section in our Mishkan T'filah for Festivals, ends, "So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them." In the end, memories are all we have left, so in 5786, make sure to make wonderful memories with those you love.

### Sherry

***A big thank you to everyone who helped elevate our High Holy Days this year.***



### Hebrew classes will resume in November.

- 12:00, Tuesday, November 4, Beginning Hebrew
- 10:00, Wednesday, November 5, Trope Class
- 11:00, Wednesday, November 5, Intermediate Prayerbook Hebrew
- 11:00, Thursday, November 5, Translating the Torah

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

Going into the new year, I would like you to think of our students and how you can impact them in a positive way in 5786.

For our youngest learners, they would love arts and crafts donations. Playing is the way they learn at this age. Let's make this special for them.

For our middle-aged learners, donations of Hebrew flashcards as well as bingo and other games can be very beneficial in their learning. If you don't know what to get, I can point you in the right direction.

For our B'Nai Mitzvot class, the donation of a siddur could ease the burden on our Temple, and it is a gift that will keep on giving. You can't go wrong with a classic.

Finally, for our Kadima students, a donation to the Barbara Kallan & Marc Goldsmith Fund would be very meaningful and super helpful—beyond measure. These students have put in the time and paid their dues. They have earned some special field trips and spiritual excursions. Your donations can help fund Faculty Assistants and important trips, such as their trip to Washington DC.

Many thanks to all of you who continue to donate, especially to the education fund. You allow our school to continue to offer exceptional programming year after year. We couldn't do any of it without you.

Shalom,

**Miss Lisa**

## Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund Update

At the June 2024 Annual Meeting, I spoke to you about the Endowment Committee's goal to grow our Endowment to a million dollars. We truly believed and still strongly believe that this is an achievable goal! Having a million dollars or more (even better) in the Endowment would enable the Endowment Committee to better support the mission and vision of Temple Emanu-El with yearly funding requests.

The Endowment committee has encouraged you to consider donating your Yearly IRA Minimum Distribution to the Fund. We also urged you that when making your monthly charitable donations to the Temple to contribute even small amounts to the Endowment Fund which is one of the Restricted Funds.

**Many of you have heeded our call!** Thanks to your generosity and commitment to our goal and the future of the synagogue, your donations have increased the Fund by **\$10,000**. Since June 2024 with our continued sound invested policies, the Fund has grown by an additional **\$85,000**. **We are presently only \$150,000 away from our goal of one million dollars!**

This year, the Endowment Committee will also be talking to you about Legacy Giving. Recently, one of our



Temple members asked me to sit down with him to give him a thorough look at the Endowment's investment and financial health. His reason for making this request was an imminent visit to his Brokerage Firm. After meeting with me and being shown that the Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund is a sound invest-

ment for Legacy Giving, he has generously submitted to his broker a Beneficiary Designation Form. This will result in a check going out directly to the Endowment Fund upon his death.

Again, many thanks to those of you who have already given so generously. Please visit the Temple website for instructions on how to donate your required Minimum IRA Distribution to the Endowment.

**Barbara Senges**

Endowment Committee Chairperson

## Religious Practices Committee Happenings

Wishing everyone L'Shannah Tovah, u'metuka – a good and sweet year. We began the High Holiday Season with a meaningful Community Selichot service hosted by Temple Emanu-El. Todah Rabbah to Barbara Lufglass for covering at the last minute for Hazzan Sherry.

Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherry are preparing for Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur services, with parts being assigned and participants notified soon; please see the Bulletin for service schedules.

After the High Holidays, we will celebrate Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and Shemini Atzeret—details are in Religious Practices notices.

On October 19 and 26, Temple Emanu-El will host lectures about Death and Dying, covering topics like Chevra Kadisha, funeral homes, cemeteries, hospice, estate wills, and ethical wills.

We are also planning a Shabbaton/Artist in Residence weekend on November 14, featuring Sue Horowitz and Julie Silver, two prominent voices in contemporary Jewish music. See the accompanying notice for more details.

L'Shalom,

**Sam Winograd**

### Religious Practices Committee Notices:

**Erev Sukkot services with fall harvest refreshments** - Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.;

**Family Sukkot Pizza and Salad Dinner** - Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Take the opportunity to eat in the Sukkah and participate in waving the etrog and lulav.

Please R.S.V.P. if you plan to have Pizza, so we know how much to order. [office@tewaterford.org](mailto:office@tewaterford.org)

**Erev Simchat Torah Service** - Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Temple Emanu-El will host a community service welcoming new learners from participating congregations, followed by hakafa (dancing with the Torah). A Fall harvest oneg will be served.

**Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret Community Service with Yizkor** - Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**Death and Dying Lecture Series: Part 1** - Sunday, October 19, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Jewish Traditions: Chevra Kadisha, Funeral Homes, and Cemeteries.

**Part 2** - Sunday, October 25, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Hospice, Estate Disposition Wills (including legacy giving), and Ethical Wills

**Shabbaton/Artist in Residence program** - with Sue Horowitz and Juli Silver; Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15. **Erev Shabbat Service led by Sue Horowitz and Juli Silver** - Friday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. **Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Marc and Hazzan Sherri** - Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m. with kiddush luncheon following.

**Community Evening Social and Concert hosted by Temple Emanu-El** - Saturday Evening November 15. **Pre-show wine and cheese social hour** - at 5:30 p.m., followed by **concert at 6:30 p.m.** RSVPs are needed for location details. Details to follow in separate mailing.





## Sisterhood -- Barbara Senges, President

**Ladies,**

A very large thank you to **Amy Greenberg** for **organizing**, and to all of you who helped with the breakfast for the **Open House** on September 7. Another large thank you to **Jennifer Zettler** and **Sue Fornara** for organizing the Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg and to all of you who brought goodies and helped with set-up and clean-up. Thank you to all of you ladies who have sent in your Sisterhood dues for 2025-2026. As of this writing (September 14), forty-nine of you are now renewed members of Sisterhood! We also have forty RSVP's for the **Kick-Off Dinner on Thursday, October 23 at 6:00PM at the Temple**. You still have until **Monday, October 14 to RSVP to me and to send in your registration and dues**. As long as you RSVP by the 14th, you can also pay your \$36 in dues the evening of the dinner. Paying your dues in advance, however, is greatly appreciated. **See Kick-Off Flyer in this issue!**

### OCTOBER 2025

- **Sunday, October 5 9:00AM – Safe Futures Walk at Waterford Duck Pond**
- **Thursday, October 23 – Membership Kick-Off Dinner at Temple at 6:00PM**
- **Sunday, October 26 – “Chorus Line” at Goodspeed at 2:00PM**
- **Thursday, October 30 – Movie Club (“Deliver Me From Nowhere” at Mystic Luxury Cinema)**

### November 2025

- **Sunday, November 2 at 2:00PM – Showing of the PBS Documentary, “Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disability Act followed by a Question/Answer period with filmmaker/producer Hilary Klotz-Steinman**
- **Tuesday, November 11 at 1:00PM – Book Club “The Girl From the Train” by Irma Joubert, Location to be Determined.** Six-year-old Gretl Schmidt is on a train bound for Auschwitz. Jakób Kowalski is planting a bomb on the tracks. As World War II draws to a close, Jakób fights with the Polish resistance against the crushing forces of Germany and Russia.

They mean to destroy a German troop transport, but Gretl's unscheduled train reaches the bomb first. Gretl is the only survivor.

- **Thursday, November 20 – Rosh Chodesh at 1:00PM at synagogue**

### DECEMBER 2025

- **Thursday, December 4 – Movie Club\*\* (“Wicked: For Good” at Mystic Luxury Cinema)**
- **Saturday, December 6 at 2:30PM at Temple – Set-up for Chanukah Fair.**
- **Sunday, December 7 at 9:30 at Temple – Chanukah Fair. Contact Anne Cohn at [annecohn@gmail.com](mailto:annecohn@gmail.com) if you are available to help out on Saturday and/or Sunday.**
- **Tuesday, December 16 at 11:00AM – Tour of Florence Griswold House and Museum, Christmas Tree Art, Lunch out at 2:00PM**
- **Thursday, December 18 – Rosh Chodesh at 1:00PM at synagogue**

Please note that there are two new events added since my September Bulletin article. Thank you to **Susan Rosen** for organizing the **Sunday, November 2** event (see above) and thank you to **Anne Cohn** for arranging the **Tuesday, December 16** event (see above). More info to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Kick-Off on October 23!

**Barbara**

## Hello from the Gift Shop!

We are open every first Sunday of each month, or you can email me anytime at

[judaicashop@tewaterford.org](mailto:judaicashop@tewaterford.org) and I am happy to set up a time to meet you at the synagogue. Come see lots of fun, new merchandise! Only cash and checks accepted.

**Anne**

### **High Holiday Policy**

- 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 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.

### **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.

Please arrive early to receive your name tags prior to entering the building.

**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

**Yoga-Inspired Movement & Reflection** for Yom Kippur, 2:00 P.M.

Yom Kippur **Afternoon**, 5:00 PM, **Nielah, Family Service, Havdalah**

Break-the-fast begins at about 6:15 P.M.

### ***Yoga-Inspired Movement & Reflection for Yom Kippur***

Join us on Yom Kippur at 2:00 for an hour of gentle, yoga-inspired movement, simple breathing practices, and a guided relaxation designed to support the spiritual and physical journey of Yom Kippur. This session, led Merrill Mazzella, will explore how mindful awareness of the body and breath can enrich the day's themes of reflection, renewal, and connection. No prior yoga experience is needed, and movements will be accessible for all. As we pause on this holy day, this session between the morning and afternoon services offers a quiet way to restore energy, reconnect inward, and prepare ourselves for the prayers and reflections still to come.





## October Birthdays

Marla Renee Barnett  
Jacob Bendick  
Marcia Brensilver  
Charlie Brody  
Jean Brown  
Anne Cohn  
Norman Cooper  
Karen Dinsfriend  
Jeffrey M. Engel  
Adam Engelman  
Andrew Feldman  
Andrew Feldman  
Jo-el Fernandez  
Kenneth Fischburg  
Kimberly Fischburg  
Chris Fornara

Arthur Fox  
Aleah Fox-Caulin  
Samuel Gipstein  
Kenneth Green  
Kenneth Green  
Morgan Hicks  
Jennifer Kaplan  
David Raymond Kaplan  
Rachel Kayla Kaplan  
Rick Kaye  
Aaron Kessel  
Mitchell Krasney  
Gregory Kronisch  
Marla Loew  
Barbara Luftglass-Morea  
Steve Mann

Jo Michaelson  
Mike Reinhard  
Roberta Reisner-Winograd  
Moir Ross  
Hillary Ryan  
Jack Ryan  
Evan Seeman  
Sara Seeman  
Jennifer Segal  
Anna Seidner  
Sophia Selke  
Barbara Senges  
Danny Sitko  
Thomas Smith

Martin Trehub  
Scott Wolfe



## October Yahrzeits

### Oct. Anniv.

Beth Linden and  
Kevin Constantine  
Susan and Chris Fornara  
Amy and Kenneth Green  
Clayton and Elyse Hicks  
Jason and Michele Kessel  
Louis and Anne Kronisch  
Benjamin and  
Courtney Miller  
Amy and Dan Orce  
Carl and Susan Rosen  
Mark and Alexandra  
Rosenthal  
Neil and Hillary Ryan  
Bradley and Rachel  
Sherman  
Robin Margolis Silsby and  
John Patrick Silsby  
Andrew and Samantha  
Venooker  
Adam Kaufman and  
Rebecca Woodward



### October Yahrzeits

#### October 3

Neal Buckstein  
Irvin Christenson  
Abraham Fisher  
Norman Hirsch  
Donald Martin Kelmar  
Bill Kosseff  
Miriam Emily Lamchick  
Jack Millstein  
Barbara Segal  
Dr. Leonard Silverman

#### October 10

Betty Bendick  
David Bialer  
Eleanor Comforti  
Wolf Davidson  
William Dibner  
Joel Dinsfriend  
David Edgar  
Stanley Gordon  
Esther Green  
Harry Linden  
Phillip McCaffrey  
Luke Moreo

Adele Panikoff  
Francis Perry  
Frances Pinkenfeld  
Michael Ronay  
Sarah Ann Salowitz  
Alvin Sher  
Russell Smith  
Laurene Stewart  
Eleanor Torrest  
Margaret Yeomens Warren  
Samuel Werner

#### October 17

Anna Beck  
Jason Becker  
Maurice Blinderman  
Eugene Frank  
Aryeh Friedman  
Sarah Friedma  
Julia Gejdenson  
Morris Irwin  
Sarah Belva Lewis  
Kate Liebling  
Matthew Perry  
Louis Ratner  
Sarah Resnick  
Alexander Rosen  
Simon Rosenthal

Joel Sandy Shapiro  
Ely Sherman  
Max Yavener L  
Robert Marvin Zechman

#### October 24

Paul Cantor  
Ann Goldblatt Krysta  
Evan Scott Goldman  
Samuel Goodman  
Meyer Goodman  
Seymour Hendel  
Hilbert Hendel  
Betty Jean Linden  
Sybil M. Nassau  
Yale Orenstein  
Rosella Rappoport  
Ludwig Rubinsky  
Jon Scheiber  
Francis W. Wiesniewski



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## Condolences to . .



**Leslie and Harvey Orenstein and family**  
on the passing of Leslie's mother, **Irma Flitt**

**Emily Aungst and Jennifer Shill and family**  
on the passing of **Paula Garnica**

**Susan Condry and family** on the passing of her mother,  
**Harriet Eisenstein Rosenthal**

## October Yahrzeits *continued from page 9*

### October 31

Monica Andres  
Barbara Basch  
Judy Dancer

Jean Mary Furman Krupa  
Putala  
David Glazer  
Eric Jacob Hartman  
Judy Lupkay

Elizabeth Mettler  
Samuel Pinkenfeld  
Lynne Rosenthal  
J. Julius Schnable  
Max Seeman

Arthur Steckler  
Beatrice Stein  
Norman Sutel  
Leona Tower  
Shirley Yavener  
Janet Zeldis



### MENU

**Classic Tossed Salad**

**Herb and Lemon Roasted  
Chicken**

**(Vegan Option: Stuffed  
Roasted Portabello  
Mushroom)**

**Garlic Herb Oven Roasted  
Vegetables**

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

## October Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, October 17 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 Monday, Oct. 13

\* Please feel free to bring a dessert to share

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_

# Vegan Option: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## October Service & Event Schedule

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
		2:00 PM	Yoga Inspired – Movement and Reflection for Yom Kippur
		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	1:00 – 4:00 PM	Drop-In-Mah Jongg
		5:30 PM	Pizza in Sukkah, shake the Lulav & Etrog, short service
			Please R.S.V.P. to office@tewaterford by Oct. 5
Fri.	Oct. 10	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
Sun.	Oct. 12	9:30 AM	Religious School
Mon.	Oct. 13		Deadline to R.S.V.P. for Shabbat Dinner
		6:30 PM	Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration
Tues.	Oct. 14	10:00 AM	Shemini Atzeret including Yizkor
Fri.	Oct. 17	6:00 PM	Shabbat Service
		6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
Sun.	Oct. 19	9:30 AM	Religious School
		12:30 PM	Death and Dying Program
Wed.	Oct. 22	1:00 – 4:00 PM	Drop-In-Mah Jongg
		4:30 PM	Religious School
Wed.	Oct. 23	6:00 PM	Sisterhood Kick-Off Dinner
Fri.	Oct. 24	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Shabbat Morning Service
			<b>Rebecca Tsai Bat Mitzvah</b>
Sun.	Oct. 26	9:30 AM	Religious School
		12:30 PM	Death and Dying Program
Wed.	Oct. 29	4:30 PM	Religious School
Fri.	Oct. 31	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
November 14 – Nov. 15 Artist in Residence Program including concert – Sue Horowitz and Judy Silver			

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

### Aaron and Pearl Parker Religious School Fund

David and Keli Levine

### Alter Fund

David and Keli Levine

### Building Fund

David and Keli Levine

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# Todah Rabah!

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