

# Kol Sholom

## The Voice of Peace



June 2019 Iyar – Sivan 5779

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### From the Temple President's Desk

As some of the congregation is aware, during the last several weeks I have been gathering information regarding walk-through metal detectors similar to those in use throughout Waco. This topic was addressed on a preliminary basis during the May, TRS Board of Trustees meeting. During the June meeting we will discuss options for controlling access to the building with electronic entry systems. On a recent trip to Connecticut, I saw a newspaper headline for the Journal Inquirer, which addressed many of these same concerns. That article is as follows:

#### **Journal Inquirer**

May 15, 2019

Eric Bedner

HARTFORD — A bipartisan group of lawmakers and clergy are seeking \$5 million in the next state bond package to go toward security at Connecticut houses of worship following Sunday's arson at the Diyanet Mosque in New Haven.

The money would go toward various security projects, such as remote door entry systems, cameras, and shatterproof windows.

Seeking the bonded funds would generally follow the same format for school security funding approved by the legislature following the 2012 Sandy Hook shootings. Faith leaders would have to apply to the state for the money, specifying what the funding would be used for prior to approval.

Sen. M. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, and Sen. Derek Slap, D-West Hartford, are leading the effort, and were joined by Jewish, Muslim, and Christian leaders and legislators from both parties and chambers of the General Assembly when announcing their proposal at the Capitol on Tuesday.

Along with Sunday's attack in New Haven, there have been multiple similar incidents throughout the state, including in Hartford, Meriden, West Hartford, and Woodbridge.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, there were 39 anti-Semitic incidents in Connecticut in 2018, including 19 cases of harassment, 19 acts of vandalism, and one assault.

"These attacks strike at the heart of our social fabric, tearing at people's faith in the very places where they should feel secure and at peace," Slap said. "It's rather sad, but I know many houses of worship are now reacting to increased acts of violence in the same way that public schools did after Columbine and Sandy Hook."

While details are still emerging from the recent incident in New Haven, Anwar said no one should feel unsafe or unwelcome in a place of worship.

"Churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples are pillars of our communities where people gather, joining together as one," he said. "In this current environment, where religious groups

may feel threatened, this bonding will create a sense of resiliency and protection. Irrespective of the situation in New Haven, we must show everyone in our community that we are strong, and join together as one people.”

Although it is important for people of all faiths to preach love, they also must build resilience at places of worship, Anwar said.

“I don’t care what party you are,” House Minority Leader Themis Klarides, R-Derby, said. “I don’t care where you live, what gender, what religion, if you worship or you do not, this is something that cannot be tolerated in our state.”

Since the election of President Donald Trump, Khamis Abu-Hasaballah, president of the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center, said members of his community are increasingly being targeted, adding that Trump’s “racist policies, including his so-called Muslim ban, have contributed to tensions.

“Since then, our fears have been realized,” Abu-Hasaballah said. “Our members are being terrorized by these attacks on mosques and houses of worship.”

Michael Bloom, executive director of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, said there is no greater need in the Jewish community now than security for its people and institutions.

Likewise, Rabbi Tuvia Brander from Young Israel of West Hartford said it is not enough for members of his congregation to simply practice their faith. They also must practice active-shooter drills, lock downs, and evacuations.

The houses of worship security bonding plan is expected to be written into the 2019 state bonding bill, the final details of which are still being negotiated.

Although people may disagree, it can be reasonably argued that one of the most troubling and serious issues facing Judaism in America now, may be security. Our efforts in this regard will continue, and your input is welcome. In the interim, armed security will continue at all major Temple functions

Jim Shinder  
President

### **Please consider making a donation to the Temple**

It is a wonderful way to:

- Mark a *simchah* (happy occasion)
- Honor someone’s memory
- Wish someone a speedy recovery
- Express Gratitude

## **Donations**

There was a donation made to the General Fund in memory of Julia Golob.



## End of School Pizza Party

Join us on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> for a “kid friendly” pizza (party hosted by the Temple Sisterhood in honor of the completion 2018-2019 Religious School year. There will be pizza, fruit salad, garden salad, and dessert. Please, make reservations by June 17. Shabbat service led by Cantor O’Desky will follow at 7:00 PM.

### New Members

Please welcome Nathan and Lydia Hays to the Temple family. Nathan is a professor at Baylor working on his Doctorate. Lydia is a Speech Language Pathologist – Geriatrics.



**Gretchen Englander** graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of North Texas in Denton with a straight “A” average and has been accepted into the Master’s program at the University of North Texas.

**Asa Sternberg** graduated in May from Robinson High School and will be attending Texas State University in San Marcos.

**Mar Sternberg** graduated from McLennan Community College.

**Jack Haber** graduated from Midway High School as a National Honor Society Distinguished Scholar with straight “A’s” and will be attending the University of Texas, Austin.



Making sugar cookies on the last day of Religious School.

School will resume on September 4

SAVE  
*the*  
DATE

*for the Bat Mitzvah of*

Ella Grace Hanson

*July 20, 2019 • Waco, Texas*

## Briggs Haber Bar Mitzvah



Thank you to Cantor O'Desky, the Temple Sisterhood and Paul, Rabbi and Susan Lanxner, my parents and brother Jack, family, friends and the Temple Rodef Sholom congregation for making this celebration an event I will never forget. This journey would never had been a reality without you all!

Briggs





# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>6:30 PM</b> Pre-Oneg hosted by Suzan Shinder <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Ellan Burke	8
9 Shavuot  <b>11:00 AM</b> Annual Congregational Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 <b>6:30 PM</b> Pre-Oneg hosted by Charlotte Labens <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by David Jortner	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>6:00 PM</b> End of School Pizza Party <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>6:30 PM</b> Pre-Oneg hosted by Sue Shipp <b>7:00 PM</b> Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky	29
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## Yahrzeits

### June 1 – June 7

Hannah Sanger	Jane Cohen	Harry Spark	Albert Lewis
Alvin Shwarts	Rose Todd	Israel Spark	Morton Robert Hecht
Julius Marx	Abe Schwartz	Harry Wood, Jr.	Berna Goodman

### June 8 – June 14

Rebecca Dannenbaum	Maurice Kroll	Jennie Spark	Hilde Levy
Harry Levine	Goldie Lubin	Richard Kleiman	Ezra Naman
Helen Schechter			

### June 15 – June 21

Laizer Levy	Rubye Gollob	Rose Greenberg	Jack Kestner
Celia Neman	Elsie Anderson	Emanuel Margolin	Sam Kestenbaum
Nell Zaitchik	David Lutzer	Marjorie Hirsch	Lt. Asher Englander

### June 22 – June 28

Julius Genecov	Simon Florsheim	LieselHirsch	Harry Schwarz
Mina Friedlander	Ellen Rosenfeld	Weldon Bounds	Ethel Goodman
Nathan Genecov	Dorothy Brodsky	Nathan Levy	Rudolph Archenhold

### June 29 – July 5

Morris Wood	Dorothy Genecov	Joseph Livingston	Sam Levy
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## Simchas

### Birthday

#### June 8

Martin Schwartz

#### June 9

Sue Shipp

#### June 17

Sheila Dobin

#### June 19

Cheri Gardner

#### June 28

Isaac Gardner

### Anniversary

#### June 12

Bob & Barbara Kirstein

#### June 25

Steve & Lauren Wessinger

#### June 27

Ed & Doris Katten



# Congregational Meeting



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 9, at 11:00 AM. This will be a brunch with bagels, cream cheese, pastries, etc. We would like a head count by Wednesday, June 5.

Come and let your voice be heard as we discuss Temple matters and elect the 2019-2020 Board of Trustees.

Current Slate:

Jim Shinder, President  
Cindy Wood, Vice President  
Ellan Burke, Treasurer  
Sue Shipp, Secretary  
Abby Sobel, Trustee  
Mike Levine, Trustee  
Matt Andersson, Trustee

The Temple would like to thank those leaving the Board for their service and continued support:  
Dan Bounds, Frank Levy, Keith Hanson

# THE 2019-2020 ONEG LIST

Kabbalat Shabbat is a space in time for holiness, rest, and joy. The women who create our Onegs help create that space for us. Our Oneg list for 2019-20 is our first step to that joy. There are more than 50 Shabbats on the list, so some people will be asked more than once. If you have a question, ask in the office for the article *"Is Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat (or a Pre-Neg) at Temple Rodef Sholom New to You?"* If you have a pre-neg this summer, you will find directions in that office article. If you are on a date that will not work for you, please call another woman on the list, and trade with her! If you do not cook, something from the local grocer is a great solution! If you still have a question, or if you are not on the list and you are willing to help, please call Suzan at 881-2131. Remember, it is not about eating, it is about JOY! You are not alone. If someone calls you to trade, please say "yes!" Make it work! We all have to say "yes" for this to work! Say "yes" to joy!

7-5-19 Abby Garrett  
7-12-19 Elysse Englander  
7-19-19 Mendy Hanson  
7-26-19 Lydia Hays  
8-2-19 Nora Householder  
8-9-19 Cindy Wood  
8-16-19 Barbara Kirstein  
8-23-19 Patty Knighten  
8-30-19 Eleanor Levy  
9-6-19 Betty Bauer  
9-13-19 Shana Bauer  
9-20-19 Jane Bounds  
9-27-19 Alice Todd  
10-4-19 Elysse Englander  
10-11-19 Sara Englander  
10-18-19 Ricki Florsheim  
10-25-19 Cheri Gardner

11-1-19 Abby Sobel  
11-8-19 Ellan Burke  
11-15-19 Sue Hanson  
11-22-19 Nan Haber  
11-29-19 Alice Todd  
12-6-19 Tracie Hermann  
12-13-19 Yvonne Miller  
12-20-19 Nora Householder  
12-27-19 Suzan Shinder  
1-3-20 Dr. Karen Humphrey  
1-10-20 Dr. Maura Jortner  
1-17-20 Martha Bauer  
1-24-20 Patty Knighten  
1-31-20 Charlotte Labens  
2-7-20 Suzan Shinder  
2-14-20 Gretchen Wiekowski  
2-21-20 Gayle Marcuis

2-28-20 Ashley McKeown  
3-6-20 Eleanor Levy  
3-13-20 Rachel Martinez  
3-20-20 Yvonne Miller  
3-27-20 Pat Segal  
4-3-20 Meg Looney  
4-10-20 Sue Shipp  
4-17-20 Dr. Alla Aksel  
4-24-20 Jane Bounds  
5-1-20 Barbara Kirstein  
5-8-20 Ellan Burke  
5-15-20 Lauren Wessinger  
5-22-20 Cindy Wood  
5-29-20 Lydia Hays



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