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A Message from Rabbi David J. Small

***L'dor Vador*-- from Generation to Generation: For The Emanuel Synagogue in our Centennial Year**

In 1919, just past the Great War, our
ancestors, who had taken root on these shores-
Where people could live, safe, peaceful and free
Work hard, prosper and achieve dignity
And take part in building the American nation—
Founded a modern Jewish Congregation.

A Synagogue destined to do very well:
Its name, "God is with us!—The Emanuel."

A community built to help people thrive, celebrate milestones of being alive
Engage young and old in pursuit of their mission: To instill Torah as a living tradition.

Impart Jewish wisdom, compassion and joy, for every adult, and each girl and boy
Transmit the teachings of the Talmudic Sage in a voice that would speak to a brand new Age.
Elevate spirits, offer solace through sorrow, and inspire hopes for a better tomorrow.

On this great occasion we look back and give thanks
To the past generations, who, each in their ranks,
Stepped up and created this Sacred Community.
We honor their work with a sense of humility.

And to our Creator we offer thanksgiving
For our beautiful heritage and the great gift of living.

Grant us insight and courage, like those who came before
That The Emanuel may flourish-- *L'dor vador!*

A Message from Rabbi Emeritus Gerald B. Zelermyer

THE EMANUEL @ 100

Happy Century, The Emanuel!

No! Come on! Too trite an expression for an institution!

Izzy Dubrow was a *MEZUZAH*-like fixture on a Saturday or a Holiday. Before you could enter for a service, he would grip your hand or provide a smooch. Before you ever got to the mezuzah, you had to get past Izzy.

One day I said, "Izzy, *you* are an institution!"

"What did you say," he flashed. "I belong in an institution?"

The Emanuel is no ordinary institution. It is a history lesson. Its present location on Mohegan has been the address for nearly fifty years. But bricks alone do not tell the story.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, in his Exodus commentary, defines the essence of a sanctuary. He points to a phrase the great *RASHI* stresses toward the close of the Second *TORAH* Book.

As Israelites embarked on their desert trek, they stopped more than forty times in a span of forty years. Yet, RASHI insists, every place they set up camp was called a MASÁ, or journey. Existentially, then, wherever we are, whether we are stationary or in actual motion, is called a journey.

The same applies to The Emanuel's first century. One-sixty Mohegan is today's Headquarters. Yet, its walls are more than an attractive piece of real estate.

> The walls testify for generations of youngsters and oldsters sounding out their *TROPES* at the *TORAH* parchment…
>
> The walls enclose the space where glass has been shattered at countless *CHUPAH* ceremonies…
>
> The walls have overheard newborns named for forbearers or last words to frame poignant memories at the time of loss…
>
> The walls have contained the *SHOFAR* blasts of *TEKIAH GEDOLA* at the end of *YOM KIPPUR* and *OSEH SHALOM* punctuates prayers on a normal day.

The walls are a concert hall for *NUSACH* chant and a theater for the quiet – sometimes raucous drama reenacted in our journey through the Jewish year.

Yes, those walls are the spiritual asset an Emanuel Century celebrates, not merely tabulates.

We love the campsite. We treasure its role in our emotional and spiritual coils.

We are a distinct breed all right. We are called *THE EMANUEL*!

Heske and I, Gideon and Michelle, Salo and Lisa, and our grandkids, Max, Ben, Noa, Joshua, Lila, and Jacob are thrilled to be in the mix.

As an old adage urges: ONWARD AND UPWARD!

RABBI "Z"

Daytona Beach Shores, Florida

A Message from Rabbi Emeritus Philip Lazowski

Life experiences make us wiser, more tolerant, more profound, and more sensitive to the aspects of life that matter most. To us, as Jews, the synagogue is what matters most.

The Jewish people survived the destruction of the Temple because the synagogue had been prepared to take over the entire burden and carry it onward for generations to come.

The synagogue is the greatest practical achievement of the Jewish people in their entire history.

May the Almighty guard our synagogue and may our prayers be answered for hundreds of years to come.

GREETINGS FROM HAZZAN SANFORD COHN

100 years! That's quite a milestone for The Emanuel Synagogue. And to think I have had the *z'chut* (*"*privilege") to lead this congregation in prayer for one-fifth of that time! It doesn't feel like such a long time--until I teach a Bar/Bat Mitzvah student who is the child of a couple at whose wedding I officiated!

I have been a link in the chain of a rich musical heritage at The Emanuel, beginning with Hazzan Paul Discount, a highly regarded cantor and composer of liturgical music, through the incomparable Hazzan Arthur Koret. His successors, Hazzanim Don Gurney and Thom King, maintained Koret's high standards of synagogue music, including organ and choral accompaniment.

During the last two decades, we have seen changes in musical styles and tastes. Whereas once congregants found spiritual satisfaction in listening to a frontal style of liturgy, today we emphasize congregational participation through singing together and encouraging well-trained laity to lead us in prayer.

What will The Emanuel's services sound and look like in another hundred years? I would not even venture a guess. But as long as this congregation continues to attract and retain highly trained *hazzanim* to lead us in prayer, we can look forward to another century of top quality liturgical music.

The ***Arts*** at The Emanuel

We Honor Our Centennial and
Hazzan Sanford Cohn
On His Retirement After 20 Years

A Musical Celebration!
November 17, 2019

With our Cantors Past & Present
And Some Special Friends:

Hazzan Sanford Cohn
Hazzan Gideon Zelermyer
Hazzan Thom King
Hazzan Don Gurney
Hazzan Michael Zoosman
Hazzan Laura Bresnick
Jacob Greenberg
and Featuring Hazzan Joseph Ness
and his Orchestra

Honoring Emanuel's
100th Anniversary with a

Metric Centennial Bike Ride

Sunday, July 14th

We will be biking to current and former sites

associated with Emanuel's 100 years

(starting and ending at Emanuel)

Emanuel Cemetery, Wethersfield

Emanuel, Woodland Street, Hartford

Beth Shalom, Cornwall Street, Hartford

Beth Hillel, Bloomfield

Beth Hillel Cemetery, East Granby

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Centennial Events

Shabbat Services

May 3-4

Community Service Day

May 19

Metric Centennial Bike Ride

July 14

Centennial Celebration

September 15

Cantors Concert

November 17

A Message from President Elysa Graber-Lipperman

One hundred years ago, our founders established a synagogue that would lend a modern interpretation to religious tradition and observance. I believe these forward-looking thinkers would appreciate how we strive to make the synagogue relevant and meaningful to the lives of members of our community today while simultaneously preserving authenticity.

After recovering from the initial shock of seeing female officers and board members, as well as women on the *bimah* wearing *tallitot*, I imagine that our founders would be extremely pleased to see all of us praying, learning, celebrating, socializing, and eating together. I know that our founders would be *kvelling* while they observed our multi-generational community interacting with each other and our new cherished members.

As you may know, each letter in the Hebrew alphabet has a numerical value. The Hebrew letter having the numerical value of one hundred is *Kof*. *Kof* happens to be the first letter of the Hebrew word *kehillah* which is translated to mean congregation or community. Connecting one hundred and *kehillah* through the letter *Kof* brings to mind the importance of celebrating our incredible community while we celebrate our Centennial.

Todah Rabah to all of the members of our community who make The Emanuel a very special place. Your time, devotion, enthusiasm, and support are sincerely appreciated. Your commitment to our community assures the longevity of The Emanuel for generations to come and connects you directly to the individuals who shared their vision one hundred years ago.

L'Shalom,

Elysa L. Graber-Lipperman
President

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A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA FINK, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY LEARNING

It is a privilege to celebrate The Emanuel Synagogue's 100th Anniversary. When I think about a synagogue thriving for 100 years, I think about a chain that links our past to our future, *L'dor Vador*: from generation to generation. It is an honor to be the one that connects our past to our future.

Each day when I walk into the school wing, I am literally surrounded by our past. We have pictures of every graduating high school class hanging on our walls. These pictures serve as a physical reminder of where we have been and the rich tradition that we hold onto so tightly. One of the amazing things about our Emanuel *kehilah* is that we have families with multiple generations that have learned here. We can see the pride on grandparents' faces when their grandchildren get up to lead a prayer on Shabbat or read Torah for the first time in a family service. That is something that is truly special and unique to us.

Our founders envisioned a chain connecting past generations to future ones. I do not take my role in this chain lightly, for I have a great responsibility to create engaging and meaningful learning opportunities for our children and families because they are the future. I believe with all my heart that by creating positive Jewish experiences our chain will remain intact.

We strive to bring Judaism to life and let the words of the Torah come off the page. We create programs such as "A Haunted Shul" for our students to fight the villains of the Torah just as the ancient Israelites did. We learn Hebrew through movement and build the city of *Shushan* out of Legos.

We create a safe space for our parents and their tweens to have open dialogues with each other at a time when communication is not always at its best.

We bring in amazing early childhood educators who give our youngest learners their first connection to Judaism. We create a matzah factory in the *shul,* and we go to Build-A-Bear Workshop in the mall to make *shema* bears that sing in the child's or parent's voice. We engage our teens in youth groups and JTConnect, and we do *Havdalah* at Hartford Wolfpack games.

We show our kids that living with Jewish values does not only happen in the synagogue building, but in their everyday lives. We encourage our kids to look at what needs to be fixed in the world and create projects to really *l'taken et haolam*- repair the world.

I look at our children and know that we have a great future ahead of us. May we go from strength to strength.

B'Shalom,

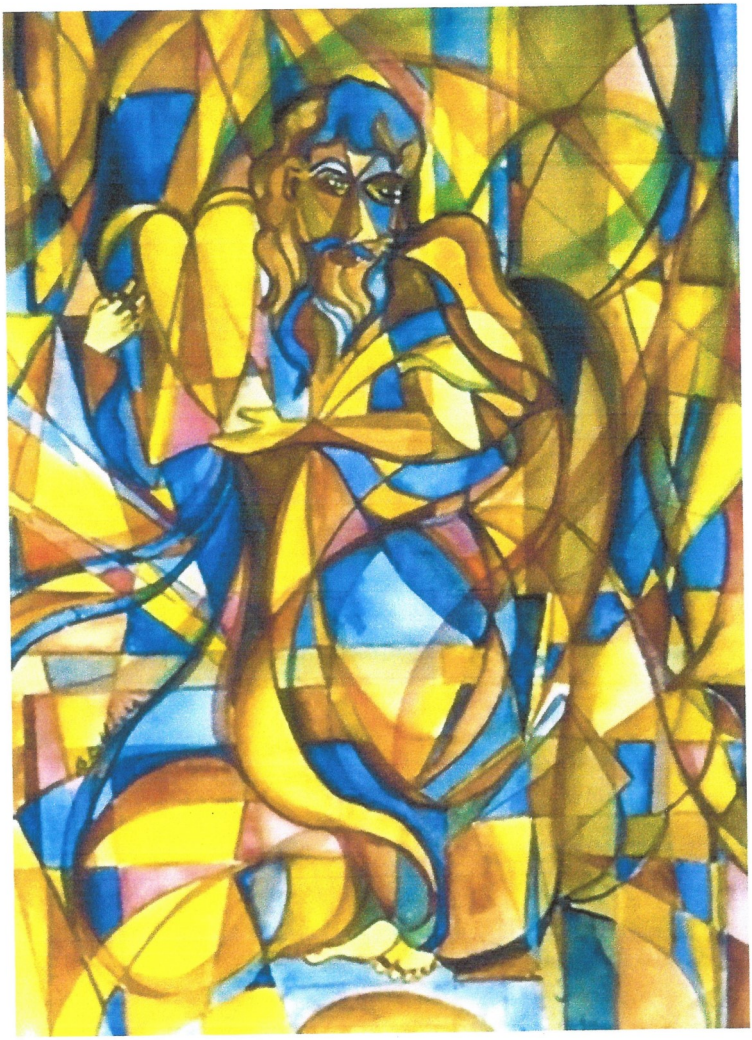
Barbara Fink
Director of Youth and Family Learning

“Grief” by Beth S. Goldberg

As long as we live, they too still live, for
they are now a part of us.
We remember them.

In memory of our beloved husband,
father, and grandfather
Benjamin Goldberg

Abraham I. Segal,
Judith Sandra Lee and Irwin Duftler



“Moses” by Beth S. Goldberg

The Torah is truth and the purpose of knowing it is to live by it. (Maimonides)

Beth S. Goldberg
Murray, Ilene, Gerald, Jeffrey, Ashley, Dustin, Rachel, Joshua, Tovah & Hanna

The History of The Emanuel Synagogue (1919-2019)

Edited by Dr. Hilda Slivka

Compiled from histories written by
Dr. R. Leonard Kemler *z"l* and Dr. Leon Chameides
and archives from The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford

HISTORY - PART I of V

In 1919, six men, Louis H. Katz, Louis Y. Gaberman, Max Blumenthal, David T. Weinerman, Barney Rapaport and Herman P. Kopplemann, met in Hartford to discuss their vision: the formation of a new synagogue. It was to be the first Conservative synagogue in Connecticut. Their objective was to establish a Jewish congregation prepared to accept a modern interpretation of age-old ethics and observances; to blend conventional traditions of the past with a modern approach, appealing to younger people. The synagogue would provide prayer both in Hebrew and English, sermons in English, congregational singing and a social hour in line with the modern tendencies of American Jewry. Sabbath services would be on Friday night, not necessarily at sunset. The founders named it Congregation B'Nai Israel, but soon the name was changed due to an already existing congregation of the same name in New Britain. Within the year, the name became The Emanuel Synagogue.

A Remarkable First Few Years

This galvanized group quickly established a congregation that worshipped at the now long-gone Pleasant Street Talmud Torah. Rabbi Leon Spitz, a chaplain on leave from the United States Army, was recruited by the Jewish Welfare Board to assist. By Rosh Hashanah of 1919, this new-found congregation acquired its first real home, the former North Methodist Episcopal Church on Windsor Avenue (now Main St.) in Hartford for $30,000. The renovated and enlarged building, dedicated on March 7, 1920, could accommodate 700 worshippers.

In succession, Rabbi Abraham Nowak (1920-1922), was hired as the first fulltime spiritual leader. Cantor Weisfield engaged for only one year, performed the duties of cantor, religious school teacher, and choir director. A large tract of land was purchased in Wethersfield to serve as a cemetery. Sisterhood was organized with Miss Annie Fisher, a remarkable woman who was a distinguished and highly recognized and honored Hartford educator, as its first president in 1919. Annie Fisher, who has a Hartford school bearing her name, organized and prepared teachers for the religious school. The Sisterhood became an active, participatory group in synagogue matters and financially supported the Hebrew School. A Brotherhood, whose activities were a bit less active in the early days, was established two years later with Louis H. Katz as chairman. In 1921, the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut passed House Bill 1050 incorporating The Emanuel Synagogue as an official religious congregation. In three years, The Emanuel had become a full-fledged flourishing congregation! In 1927, morning and evening minyan services began and have been sustained uninterrupted since.

The Emanuel Synagogue, Woodland Street

A Milestone Occasion
to honor
The Emanuel Synagogue
at 100

We feel gratitude for the generations of family, clergy, lay leaders and congregants who built a strong foundation from which we thrive into the future.

The Kemler Family
The Kaufman Family

Thanks to
The Emanuel Synagogue
for years of memories.

Mazel Tov for thriving 100 years!

Saul & Joanne Pasternack

We are happy to call The Emanuel our second home for the past 30 years, and look forward to sharing many more joyous occasions with our Emanuel family.

Happy 100th …
You don't look a day over 75!

Paul, Sharone, Jacob, Izzy, and Joey Kornman
Irene Frisch

Congratulations to The Emanuel Synagogue
On the Centennial!

Hazak Hazak V'Nithazek

חזק חזק ונתחזק

"Be strong! Be strong! And let us strengthen one another!"

Ben and Joan Engel
Miriam Engel
Albert, Amanda and Olivia Eleanor Engel

The Emanuel has been our spiritual home for over 40 years and through Chavurah Aleph has graced us with the friendship of wonderful friends.

It was the home for our dear departed parents, Dorothy and Jerry Samuels.

Mazal Tov on the first 100!

Beth and Cary Lakenbach

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Marcia and Michael Krinsky

It has been our great joy to celebrate our simchas with our Emanuel family and to have been part of Emanuel's first hundred years!

May we go from strength to strength!

The Graber-Lipperman Family

Peter, Elysa, Amelia, Jacob, and Nathan

Mazel Tov on 100 years of joyful community!

We feel blessed to have been part of the congregation for almost 40 years.

May The Emanuel be endowed with a vibrant future.

The Kleinmans
Joel and Naomi
Aaron & Elena, Leah & Rachel

With love and gratitude for our Emanuel community, we extend a hearty *Mazel Tov* in this centennial year.

Saul & Anne Shemkovitz and Family

Best Wishes Cantor Cohn and many thanks for your beautiful music, guidance, and friendship.

Lisa, John, Molly, and Jenna Behan

We salute and offer a heartfelt *Yashir Koach* to the thousands of lay leaders and volunteers over the past 100 years who have spent countless hours and energy to promote the vibrancy of The Emanuel Synagogue.

Lawrence H. Rustin	1967-1969
David R. Harris	1977-1979
Joseph H. Bacher	1979-1981
Raymond S. Weinstein	1985-1987
E. Mark Siegal	1987-1989
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Ira Henowitz	2013-2015
Dr. Sheila Silverman	2015-2017
Elysa Graber-Lipperman	2017-2019

"Worship is a way for seeing the world in the light of God."
~Abraham Joshua Heschel

Happy 100th birthday Emanuel Synagogue! Your light has shown for 100 years. May it last for many more centennial celebrations.

Tammi Kraushaar

Congratulations on 100 years of Serving Jewish Families.

Cora and Michael Altschuler

Congratulations to
The Emanuel Synagogue
on 100 Years!

With Love,
The Kaizer Family

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Mazel tov to our
Emanuel family on this
special milestone

Hal and Judy Mooney
Steven Mooney
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Avital & Benjamin

In time of need
and time of joy
Emanuel
is always there
for us.

Jack and Mimi
Bassok

Congratulations
and Good Wishes
to **The Emanuel**
Synagogue
on Celebrating
the Centennial.

Warmly,
Joyce E. Merkin

100 Years Strong

Growing our family at the Emanuel Synagogue has been a priceless experience.

Dr. Sheila Silverman, Shira & Talia Feldman

Congratulations to

The Emanuel Synagogue

on 100 Years!

Our Spiritual Home for 36 Years.

Francene and Jeremy Weingast

Congratulations to
The Emanuel
on 100 years.

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Yasher Koach on 100 years!

May we have at least 100 more!

Proud to be a part of this Kehillah!

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HISTORY - PART II of V

The Woodland Street Synagogue

In 1922, Rabbi Morris Silverman became The Emanuel Synagogue Rabbi. Exponential growth followed, requiring the need for more space. In 1926, a functioning Hartford farm on the east side of Woodland Street was purchased for $78,750 as the site for the second Emanuel home. A portion of this property was sold which allowed the remaining parcel to be used to build an inclusive new synagogue. Building plans included areas for services, religious school classes, social congregating areas, and a kitchen. On November 5, 1927, the new Emanuel Synagogue was dedicated at 645 Woodland Street, in Hartford. It was then described as one of the finest religious structures in New England. Because a single central structure for Hartford's Jewish activities did not exist, The Emanuel became the meeting place for multiple Jewish organizations - providing a home for religious, cultural and social functions.

Rabbi Silverman's Impact

During his 38-year tenure, Rabbi Morris Silverman developed innovative ideas and programs including a Junior Congregation, Bar Mitzvah Club, a Bat Mitzvah Club, athletic programs, an inter-faith, interracial Boy Scout Troop, and The Emanuel Literary Club. Religious and social events centered around the thriving Emanuel. There was an active Young People's League which performed yearly follies, the renowned Sisterhood's Annual Ball and numerous college weekend programming. The Emanuel had become a community institution whose High Holiday services required three locations, including Hartford's Weaver High School, to accommodate all its worshippers.

The first publication of the weekly newsletter was in 1928. The first *Bat Mitzvah* was encouraged by Rabbi Silverman in 1930.

As a strong force in Hartford fostering racial and religious tolerance, Rabbi Silverman broke down religious barriers that insulated people from their brothers and sisters in other religious communities and gained statewide respect for his actions on civil rights. He had Christian laymen address organizations in the congregation and the Rabbi served on the State Interracial Commission. In addition, Rabbi Silverman achieved national and international recognition when he compiled and edited numerous liturgical books still in wide use today.

The Depression Years

The synagogue remained a stable center for Jewish life during the 1930s, when money was scarce. The Rabbi and the congregation were able to persevere as most members continued to educate their children and provide the financial support for maintaining rituals. Friday evening services were a well-recognized event drawing an average of 800 people. Rabbi Silverman published the new "Sabbath and Festival Prayer Book" during this time. The rabbi's wife Althea Silverman, produced programs, scripted pageants, wrote children's books and wrote a book and play, "The Jewish Home Beautiful" which is performed in different formats to this day. Max Schwartz occupied the pulpit only for *Selichot* and High Holiday services, and Rabbi Silverman doubled as rabbi/cantor during all other services.

The Post War Years

The post war years introduced free membership for service men, and a Mr. and Mrs. Club for young married couples. High Holiday services required services to take place in the Sanctuary, the Vestry and at Weaver High School in Hartford. In 1949, 3,000 adults and 500 children had to be accommodated for services. In 1948, the first ritual director Mr. Joseph Buechler, was hired. There have been many since then. Today, Mr. Moshe Pinchover is the Ritual Director. He oversees all ritual procedures and artifacts and helps train members for Torah and *Haftorah* readings.

In memory of Rabbi Hans and Mrs. Alma Bodenheimer

By
Their Family

In loving memory of
A. I. "Butch" and Ann Savin
with thanks
for all they did to help
The Emanuel Synagogue
reach its
Centennial Celebration

Blanche and Steven
Goldenberg

We thank our ancestors who possessed the vision to build **The Emanuel Synagogue**.

We send *Mazel uv'racha* to current congregants, staff, and loved ones.

We look forward to our future, including adventures and challenges yet to be defined.

Andrea & Steven Goldenberg,
Kira & Rachel, and Jeremy

Mazel Tov to

The Emanuel!

1919-2019

With Love,

The Wolfberg Family

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to

THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE

CLERGY and CONGREGATION

For making

The Emanuel

Our Spiritual Home

HILDA SLIVKA RALPH ROSENBERG

JAKE and JULIA

A Prayer for The Emanuel Synagogue At 100 Years Old

As we ask You to bless us, O Lord,
Help us, we pray, to be a blessing to all whose lives touch ours.
As we ask You to be gracious to us, O Lord,
Help us we pray, to be gracious in word and deed.
As we ask You to grant us peace, O Lord,
Help us, we pray, to bring peace and harmony into our lives
And into the lives of all Your Children.

Barry, Lisa, Melanie & David Feigenbaum

Mazel Tov to The Emanuel Synagogue on 100 years!
Looking forward to the next 100!
Wishing Cantor Cohn nothing but the best in this next chapter!

Barbara, Jonathan, Hannah, and Mason Fink

In gratitude for all the ways The Emanuel family enriches our lives!

Sincerely,
Frederick Spaeth & Eliana Tsukroff

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THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE: 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

It is hard to think about the Jewish community of Greater Hartford without recognizing the wonderful and vital role The Emanuel Synagogue has played in building and growing our vibrant community.

The Emanuel Synagogue, the first Conservative synagogue in Connecticut, was formed six years after Solomon Schechter established United Synagogue of America. What a proud moment it must have been for those early congregants who participated in the evolution of such a major event in Jewish history.

As a young boy growing up in a Conservative synagogue in New York, I became intimately connected to the Silverman Prayer Book. It wasn't until I arrived here in Connecticut that I learned about its author, Rabbi Silverman, one of the early spiritual leaders of the Emanuel. What honor and pride he must have brought to the congregation recognizing the incredible impact he had guiding the spiritual journey of so many American Jews.

He was not the first nor the last super star associated with The Emanuel. The Federation is so very grateful for the many ways the members of the Emanuel community, along with their highly respected clergy and talented and thoughtful lay leaders have enhanced Jewish life in Greater Hartford. We are especially thankful for the present Chairman of the Federation Board, Cary Lakenbach, who is a proud member of this warm, welcoming, and caring congregation.

May The Emanuel go from strength to strength and continue for another 100 years in sustaining Jewish life here in our community.

Howard Sovronsky
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Cary Lakenbach
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USCJ Seek meaning together

March 5, 2019

Ms. Elysa Graber-Lipperman
Rabbi David Small
The Emanuel Synagogue
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Dear Ms. Graber-Lipperman and Rabbi Small,

It gives us great pleasure to send you warm greetings and wishes of Mazel Tov on behalf of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) on the occasion of your centennial anniversary.

For 100 years, The Emanuel Synagogue has served as a kehilla kedosha, a sacred community, and the entire Hartford Area Jewish community has benefited by your presence.

Your congregation is blessed to have had Rabbi and Cantors, lay leaders, and professional staff, who have committed their sacred time to lifelong learning, to caring for others, to performing acts of social justice, to participatory prayer and to inculcating a love of Israel and the Jewish people in your community.

USCJ is the network of Conservative synagogues ensuring there are thriving centers of Jewish practice across North America. We envision and pursue an authentic and dynamic Judaism that inspires today's and tomorrow's generation of Jews to seek meaning, find connection, and experience wholeness (shleymut) in a world that is complex and ever evolving. The Emanuel Synagogue embodies these values. Your community has adapted over the past 100 years and you have applied the values and essential ideas of the *Torah* in ways that are most meaningful for each generation.

We take great pride in our partnership with The Emanuel Synagogue and look forward to many years of continued collaboration. Together, we demonstrate what an authentic and dynamic Judaism looks like, inspire people to be a part of it, and advance its critical role in the world.

We wish you B'hatzl'cha as you embark on your next chapter. May The Emanuel Synagogue continue to go from strength to strength.

Leslie Lichter
COO

Ned Gladstein
President

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HISTORY - PART III of V

Mohegan Drive, here we come.

An increasing migration of Jews occurred—moving from Hartford to the suburbs– in the post-war years. In 1952, several of The Emanuel's members left to establish a new Conservative synagogue, Beth El Temple in West Hartford. Families did not want to travel far for the several days of religious school and more space was needed. It was ultimately decided a new education facility would be built, instead of adding onto the Woodland Street structure. In 1956, a parcel of 10.5 acres of land was acquired in West Hartford. In 1959, The Emanuel funded and built a new religious school and auditorium, at 160 Mohegan Drive in West Hartford, for its 700 students. Prior to this, religious classes had been held at four different locations. The new structure finally brought all the religious students under one roof. The school building was dedicated to Rabbi Silverman. Enrollment necessitated a full-time education director. Mr. Alexander Kaminetsky was enlisted for this role in 1950, followed by Mr. Alfred Weisel in 1952, who was instrumental in the growth and development of The Emanuel religious school. The school also enlisted principals, the first being Mr. Jacob Dubitsky, followed by Mr. Jechiel Lieberman and then Mr. Jacob Stein (1947-1965). Rabbi Hans Bodenheimer was also a member of the school faculty.

More recent education directors included Mark Levy in 1987, who used puppetry to relate to the student body. Judye Fox served as Director of Education from 1994- 2015. As a family educator, Mrs. Fox was responsible for award-winning religious school programming centering around family education, programs for adult education as well as pioneering Jewish education for children with special learning needs. Our current Director of Youth and Family Learning, Barbara Fink, provides rich, meaningful, hands-on ways for our children, teens, and families to engage with Jewish learning, prayer, and *kehilah*.

Emanuel's Home Today

The new religious school on Mohegan Drive also contained a large auditorium. The school and auditorium were utilized for High Holiday services beginning in 1959. Services continued to be held in both the Woodland Street and the Mohegan Drive locations for several years. Not without emotional difficulty, it was decided to vacate the Woodland Street location. After many memorable years, the last service on Woodland Street was held in 1967. The stage in the school auditorium became a permanent *bima*, and the Emanuel Synagogue moved to its third and current home on Mohegan Drive. Eventually, a sanctuary and chapel were added to the school to complete the building now occupied by the congregation.

The sanctuary was dedicated in May 1972. At The Emanuel's 75th anniversary, the chapel and sanctuary underwent renovation that included incorporating the original beautiful stained-glass windows from the Woodland Street building. The sanctuary, Silverman Auditorium, and Koret Hall were once again refashioned in 2012-2014. Adding new prayer books and *Machzorim* were also part of this successful Capital Campaign.

מזל טוב

On 100 wonderful years of service to our community.
May you go from strength to strength!

Joyce, Myron, David & Jeff Sturm

With gratitude to *Adonai* for the success of our first century, may **The Emanuel** family continue to build a future that fulfills our many blessings.

Suzanne Connell (Executive Director 1998-2010)
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The Glazier / Leopold Family congratulates The Emanuel Synagogue on the milestone of celebrating the first 100 years and our thanks to Hazzan Cohn as we wish only the best in his future endeavors.

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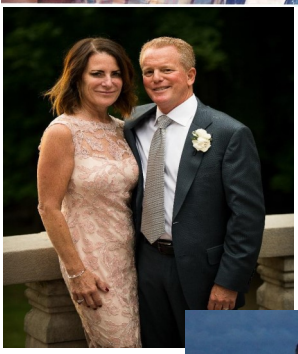

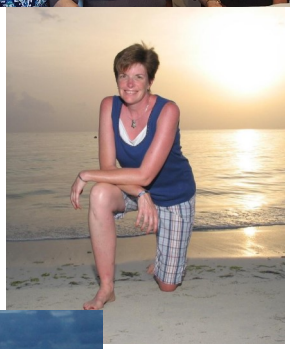

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To our beloved
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Thank you for being there for all of the simchas, sad times, and events throughout our family's life!

All our love,
Sharon, Andy, Rachel,
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HISTORY - PART IV of V

The Rabbinic Legacy of The Emanuel

Rabbi Simon Noveck (1961-1968) followed Rabbi Silverman as the religious leader. He was known for placing great emphasis on adult education. During his tenure he took part in lectures in conjunction with other educators to teach Jewish history. Rabbi Howard Singer (1969-1982) was a rabbi of renowned teaching. He encouraged congregational participation during his lectures and sermons. He authored novels and acclaimed articles concerning modern Jewish life. His Friday evening lectures were popular and well-attended.

In 1983, Rabbi Gerald Zelermyer (1983-2002) became the spiritual leader of The Emanuel Synagogue. Before he could settle into his new position, the chapel was tragically destroyed by an arsonist in August 1983. The beautiful chapel, with its stained-glass windows, and needle-pointed ark doors, was gutted. Torah scrolls were charred beyond recognition. With smoke still curling from the smoldering synagogue, Rabbi Zelermyer led morning services on the lawn at 160 Mohegan Drive. He eloquently expressed a need for optimism, faith, strength and the ability to forgive. In a ceremony, written for the moving occasion by Rabbi Zelermyer, seven charred Torah scrolls were buried in front of The Emanuel building beneath a sculpture depicting a Torah adorned with Emanuel's name.

Rabbi Zelermyer's tenure established a new program for family education and musical Friday evening services infused with *ruach*. He was well-known for his inspirational sermons.

Our current Rabbi, David J. Small, came to The Emanuel in 2002. An excellent teacher, he has emphasized five core values: Life-long Learning (*Talmud Torah*), Caring (*Chesed*), Social Justice (*Tikun Olam*), Participatory Prayer (*T'filah*), and Love of Israel and the Jewish People (*Ahavat Yisrael*). His many strengths include sensitive pastoral care and sincere interest in each congregant and the community at large. His devotion to societal needs and his demonstrative kindness toward all people is profound and an inspiration to everyone.

The Emanuel has two Rabbis Emeriti. Rabbi Zelermyer, whose legacy of education has had a lasting impact on The Emanuel *mishpacha,* became Rabbi Emeritus upon his retirement from The Emanuel. Rabbi Philip Lazowski, a prolific author, who served Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield for 31 years, is a much beloved and honored presence during services and life cycle events. He took over rabbinic responsibilities during Rabbi Small's sabbatical.

The Music of The Emanuel

Music has been an important entity since The Emanuel's inception. Organ playing was supported by Rabbi Silverman and approved by the congregation in 1923. Miss Annie Pratt, who was an organist at her church, quickly mastered Jewish melodies and played for religious services. The next organist, Mr. Joseph Teller, was hired in 1951. The first cantor was Cantor Paul Discount (1922-1931) and much of The Emanuel liturgical music was his compositions. Cantor Discount was an accomplished musician who mastered both the piano and the organ.

In 1948, a young choir member with a magnificent voice was asked to lead the High Holiday services. This was Cantor Arthur Koret's cantorial debut for The Emanuel. His musical leadership continued until his retirement 42 later years in 1986. He was renowned throughout the country, and he was known as a "cantor's cantor."

Respect and recognition by his colleagues earned his election as the President of the Cantors Assembly of America. He recorded albums of liturgical music. He also taught at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford.

Hazzan Don Gurney (1987-1994) was selected to succeed Cantor Koret. Cantor Gurney reflected a change in Jewish liturgical tastes. Young people no longer appreciated the dramatic, slow, contemplative, big voice of traditional *hazzanut* and preferred melodic music with a beat in which the congregation could take part.

Cantor Thom King was at The Emanuel from 1995-1997 and came to us by way of his operatic training at nearby Hartt School of Music. His mentor was his teacher, Cantor Koret. Cantor King is quoted as saying Cantor Koret "had an impact on my life -- as a teacher, as a friend, as an artist."

When Cantor King left, The Emanuel was delighted to have one of its own, Gideon Zelermyer, enhance High Holiday services, and some *B'nai Mitzvah* services, with his melodious voice. Rabbi Emil Hager *z"l* also performed cantorial duties during this time.

Our current cantor, Hazzan Sanford Cohn, came to The Emanuel in 1999. His enthusiasm for music inspired a junior choir, as well as an adult choir. He entertains the congregation with his concerts, and he is known to engagingly sing liturgical songs to the tune of popular music. Our services are enriched with his inspirational and meaningful leadership on Shabbat, festivals, and High Holidays. Hazzan Cohn has brought choir performances to assisted living and skilled nursing care facilities, and public venues, benefitting the greater Hartford community. Hundreds of students and adults have been patiently taught by Hazzan Cohn to read Torah and *Megillot*, to chant *Haftarot,* and to lead services and prayers.

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as we remember them"

Judy Silver,

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May our synagogue go from

strength to strength.

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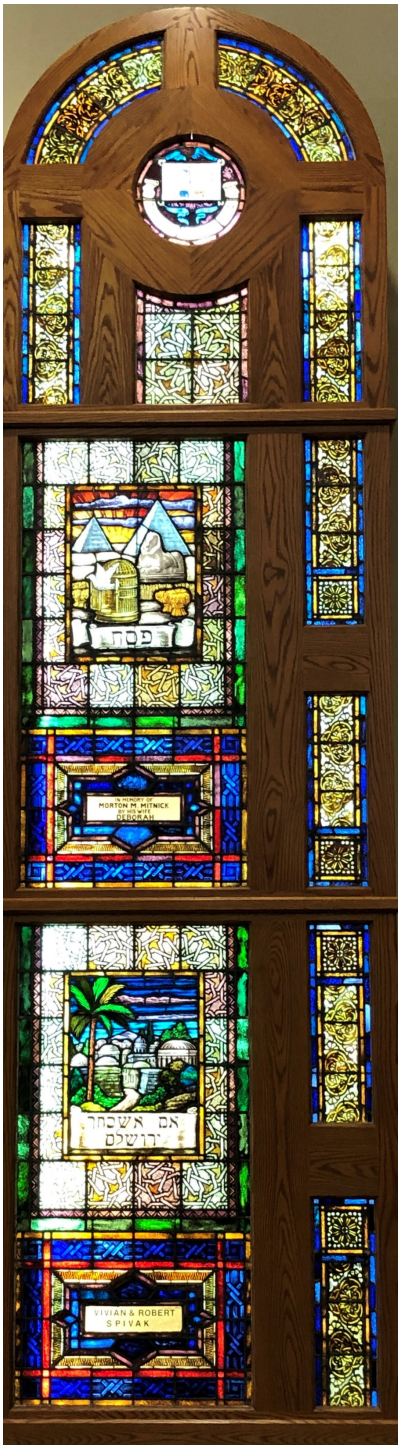

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The Emanuel has been special in our life

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Proud to be a member of The Emanuel

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Good luck to the next 100 years

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With gratitude for this amazing community

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Our family - 5 generations - wishing The Emanuel community a hearty mazel tov

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Congrats to founding member families including the Schwolsky Family

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100! May we all live that long

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Proud to be 4th generation members!

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In honor of the Emanuel Synagogue's 100 years

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In loving memory of Irv Krantz

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May you continue to grow from strength to strength

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From strength to strength

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Mazel tov! May we continue from strength to strength

Beatrice Mitlak
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Mazel tov!

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Best wishes & here's to The Emanuel's 2nd century -
L'chaim! Mazel tov

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Wishing for another 100 years, or more!

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Mazel tov on retirement to Cantor Cohn

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Best of luck to Cantor Cohn!

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Congratulations to The Emanuel for its vibrance and success

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Mazel tov - 100 years

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In loving memory of my lifetime sweetheart Iris C. Rosenberg

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Mazel tov on the synagogue's 100th anniversary!

Dr. Robert & Sandra Rudnicki
Mazel tov to 100 years of The Emanuel and to Cantor Cohn

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Happy Bat/Bar Mitzvah memories. Happy Centennial!

Eileen & Mark Seiger
Mazel tov!

Edna & David Shamash and Family
Mazel tov on your 100th birthday

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Mazel tov

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Mazel tov and many more years

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Best wishes for continued success

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Mazel tov

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Happy 100th Emanuel - Best wishes to Cantor Cohn

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Congratulations to all of us

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Congratulations to The Emanuel Family

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Congratulations…Here's to another 100 years!!

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Some voices sing with clarity

Some voices teach with confidence

Some voices encourage with caring

Few voices can do it all…

I wish all the very best that retirement can offer

to a special friend

Cantor Sandy Cohn

from Judy Silver

L'Dor va Dor

Janice and Sydney Elkin

With so much love and appreciation for our Emanuel family-100 years strong

Randie & Eliot Fierberg
Ruthie, Joseph & Emma

The Emanuel Synagogue

Our wonderful Jewish home for
so many years

May it be so for many people
for at least another 100 years

Drs. Regina and Donald Miller

This was a favorite teaching of Rabbi Tarfon:

"You are not obliged to finish the task,
Neither are you free to neglect it."

Pirkei Avot 2:21

The Emanuel has been an important part of the lives of the Ratner, Ziplow, and Mendelson families for over 90 years.

We congratulate the synagogue on this amazing journey and wish it equal success over the next 100 years.

Peggy, Alan, Jason and Jen Mendelson

Congratulations on 100 great years!

Looking forward to many more!

The Amblo/ Glucksman Family

In Honor and Memory of

Paul and Libby Wolfberg

Paul Wolfberg, Past President,
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Libby Wolfberg, Past Beth Hillel
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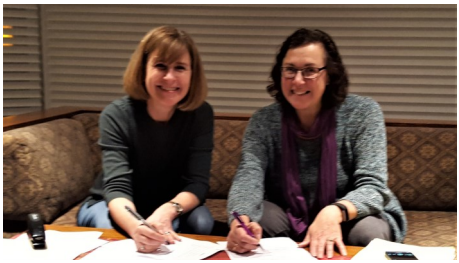

In 2018, Beth Hillel Synagogue, a vibrant Conservative congregation in Bloomfield since 1952, merged with The Emanuel Synagogue. The merger between the two congregations was a natural fit -- both shared long and meaningful legacies, a passion for upholding Jewish traditions, a love of community, and devotion to service. Additionally, the communities shared many members and a Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Philip Lazowski.

For The Record:

Some Emanuel recollections need a separate shining spotlight. The following are notable points in The Emanuel historical narrative.

- Some nationally known members of The Emanuel congregation not mentioned earlier include Sophie Tucker, the famous singer/ comedian/actress, who became a member in 1933, and is buried in The Emanuel cemetery. Later, in 1959, Governor and Mrs. Abraham Ribicoff became members of The Emanuel.
- The school's history included a champion basketball team! In 1953, The Emanuel Basketball Team won the Championship of the Synagogue Basketball League. This was the first of many subsequent championships for the team.
- A monumental advancement occurred in 1962, when The Emanuel became the first Conservative congregation in the nation to alter its constitution allowing women to serve as members of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees and its presidents are unarguably the epitome of devotion to all Jewish principles. Their endeavors allowed the congregation to flourish and provide for Jews and their community for the last 100 years.
- The third arm of The Emanuel (other arms include Sisterhood and Brotherhood), the Minyonaires, began in 1980, under the leadership of Ritual Director Harold Mondshein *z"l* as a kosher "breakfast club" to ensure that daily prayer and ritual services continued.

- The acclaimed Emanuel religious school has won multiple Solomon Schechter Awards for Family Education, as well as the Innovative Family Education Program Award. In 2004, the school was the recipient of a three-year grant from The Legacy Heritage Innovation Project. In 2012, The Early Childhood Center opened. It is a dedicated space for families with very young children to interact for Jewish activities and learning.
- The Emanuel congregant Gloria Bein *z"l* graced our Shabbat service by chanting *Haftorah* more than 200 times. She was an inspirational fixture for the community as she organized display cases, sent good wishes, and hand-wrote notes to many. She was also the ultimate archivist of The Emanuel history.
- As a Jewish congregation, *Tikun Olam* is stressed and practiced by providing food, clothing and monetary contributions to those in need. Whether it was the many past funds and clothing drives for Jews in Russia and later Europe after WWII, or supplying our service-men, or helping newly arrived immigrants, our history provides countless efforts of donations and involvement. Our current *B'Yadeynu* Social Action Committee continues this tradition.

The Emanuel's 100 Year Journey

From being the first Conservative synagogue in CT, to being the first Conservative synagogue in the nation to allow women to serve on its board of trustees, to having many distinguished rabbis, cantors, and educators, The Emanuel has always been a beacon for Conservative Judaism. It has provided a vibrant Jewish history of modern interpretations for religious observances and traditions as an egalitarian institution.

The Emanuel Synagogue includes multi-generational families who have carried on the traditions of its founders and newer congregants who have introduced a vibrancy that provides for continuation of an inspirational community.

As we look forward to the years ahead, our congregation welcomes and includes all in our community wanting to practice religious traditions, to continue Jewish learning, to practice *Tikun Olam*, and to perpetuate a love of Israel.

We look forward to The Emanuel's next 100 years and beyond. *L'Dor Va'dor*.

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The Brotherhood, Sisterhood,
and Minyonaires
would like to wish

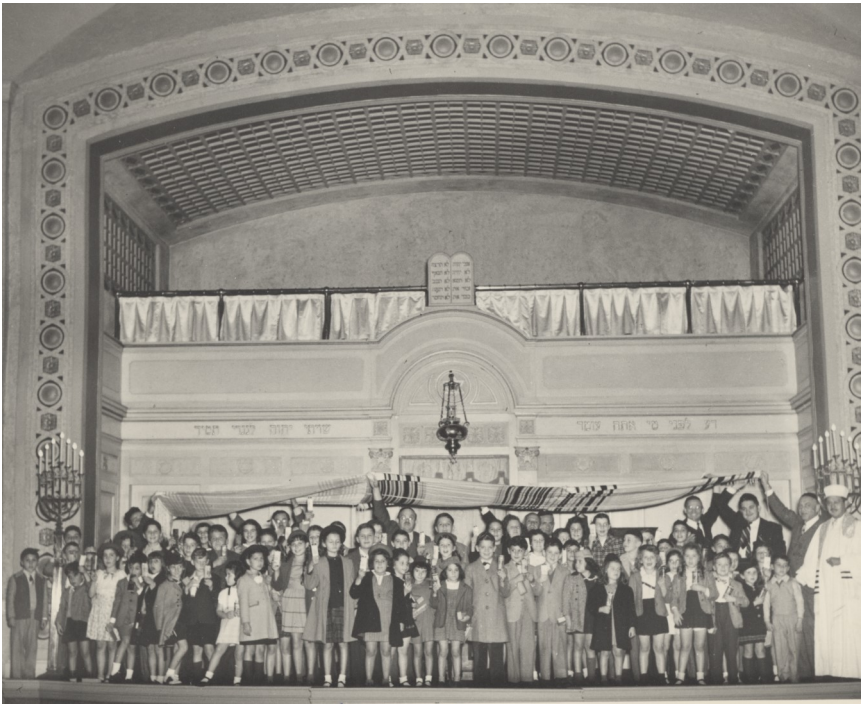
The Emanuel Synagogue

Mazal Tov on 100 years of providing us with a home filled with learning, community, and spiritual guidance.

May you continue to go from strength to strength for another 100 years.

In Tribute to the Vision of our Founders

Eleanor Neiditz Caplan



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It is amazing what a strong, encouraging community we have here at The Emanuel--the underlying reason for its 100 year existence. We are proud to be part of this dynamic group.

Shalom,

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The Emanuel Synagogue Family
for 100 years of spiritual leadership
in the community.

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parents and grandparents.

Rabbi Philip and Ruth Lazowski

for their exemplary service and
dedication to the Greater Hartford
Jewish Community for over 6 decades.

With love and appreciation,

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Celebrating 100 years of The Emanuel

and

Congratulations to Cantor Sandy Cohn

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Kaitlin and Jason

Kimberly and Troy Harbour
Emma, Zoe and Skyler

May we all go from
strength to strength.

We are third generation members of The Emanuel Synagogue and very proud of it. May our synagogue go from strength to strength!

Arlene & Daniel Neiditz