

CHANUKAH HAPPENINGS

Get out of your routines and celebrate the miracles in your life! Chanukah gives us the chance to see the light in the world around us, the things that bring us joy and warmth even in the midst of the winter's cold and darkness. As bright as the candles burn, there is nothing warmer than the feeling of our community coming together to sing and pray, eat and celebrate. Attend one of these wonderful celebrations – or several of them – and ignite a spark of gratitude in your own life.



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP CHANUKAH POT LUCK DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:30PM

The women of the congregation join together for the annual Women's Study Group Chanukah Pot Luck Dinner. Learn with our Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit and Cantor Meredith Stone – we will give thanks, bask in the light, and enjoy a delicious meal together.



CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER & SHABBAT CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30PM DINNER/7:30PM SERVICE

Crispy fried chicken and homemade latkes fill up the tables of our beautiful Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center for our annual Chanukah dinner. Bring your family to celebrate Chanukah with your family and your extended Emanu-El family!



B.Y.O.M. (Bring Your Own Menorah) for our annual Shabbat celebration of Chanukah. We will get in the Chanukah spirit with our band and annual sing-a-long. We will also honor teachers and teaching assistants in recognition of all they do for your children. Bring your menorah to help create a warm glow for all at this fun service. Following the service, we will have our annual "Spinagogue" dreidle spinning competition.



CHANUKAH PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN DROP-OFF PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 9:30 – 11:45AM

The Chanukah celebration continues for your pre-k and kindergarten students at our drop-off religious school program. Students will learn the exciting story of Chanukah through age appropriate games, singing, and Chanukah fun. This wonderful program is our gift to the community as your family begins its Jewish journey. This program is free and open to non-members. Please let your friends know.

I'M A CULTURAL JEW:WINE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

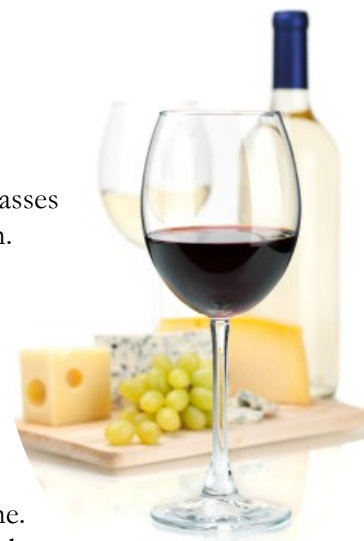
7:30PM

One glass of wine for Shabbat Kiddush. Two glasses at a wedding ceremony. Four glasses at the Passover Seder. Mixing red and white at Tu B'Shvat. Too many glasses at Purim. Used both to enjoy the moment and to make it holy, wine plays a big role in Jewish tradition. In modern times, too, wine has impacted the trajectory of Jewish history.

The very first Zionist-Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel in the 19th century planted vineyards in our ancient homeland. Today, kosher and non-kosher wineries have popped up all over the State of Israel, producing world class wines that put Manischewitz to shame.

On this night, we will celebrate Shabbat with music, good company, and plenty of wine. If you've ever said, "I'm really not religious, I'm more of a cultural Jew" then this Shabbat experience is for you!

RSVP to Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationmanuel.org



SNAPSHOT: YOUTH TIKKUN OLAM



Our youth put Judaism into action through numerous efforts to make our community a better place. We could not be prouder of the ways that they have represented Emanu-El and our Jewish heritage.

GILDA'S CLUB NOOGIEFEST



This year our Youth Group hosted the arts and crafts room at the Gilda's Club Noogiefest. Noogiefest provides fun activities for youngsters and their families dealing with

BREAST CANCER WALK



Our Hineini-Act Now & Youth Group walked in the annual American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk at Manhattanville College in Purchase. We had a terrific time walking together as a community for this

KRISTALLNACHT WALK TO THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE



Hineini students and families joined together in a walk to the Garden of Remembrance in White Plains, and planted daffodils in honor of the 1.5 million children who died in the Holocaust. We raised money for the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center's Survivor Legacy Project.

THANK YOU, BELLA!

With her easy-going manner, Bella Thaler-Pepi has kept our books in order while adding warmth and kindness to our office. Bella will retire this month to spend more time with her husband Dan and to enjoy their home in North Carolina.

We wish Bella well in her retirement and thank her for all she has done to keep Emanu-El moving forward.



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**Please let us know
of any exciting
or important
happenings in
your family!**

BOARD BUZZ: HOST FAMILY PROGRAM



This month the Board would like to share an update on the launch of our Host Family Program.

Board members have reached out to many of the newest members of our Congregation Emanu-El family, making a connection and inviting them to attend services as well as other temple activities. The response has been extremely positive.

We now invite current members of the congregation to participate in this fabulous program and become a host family.

If you are a congregant who would like to take an active role in our Host Family Program please contact Liz Grill at lizgrill@yahoo.com.

Get involved and let's connect people to people.

Host Family Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester Host Family program is to create a warm and welcoming environment for all new families joining our congregation. The Host Family Program seeks to facilitate relationships between new and current congregant families thereby fostering a sense of Jewish community for all at Congregation Emanu-El.

- Current congregants will serve as "hosts" to new families by welcoming them into the Congregation; reaching out through a phone call and offering to help answer questions about the temple.
- Host families will encourage new families to participate in Emanu-El events by inviting them to services, community dinners and programs.
- Host families will also try to serve as a resource to connect new congregants with current members who share similar interests and demographics.

Ultimately, the Host Family Program goal is to connect new families to current members as well as strengthen the bonds among the entire congregation: connecting people to people.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

It was not quite an “epic fail”. Perhaps more of an “epic goof”.

While our Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Richard Address, spoke to dozens of our congregants about the blessings and challenges of being part of the “sandwich” generation, I was reading my iPhone. I was oblivious to the stares of congregants wondering, “How could the rabbi be so rude by ignoring our guest and staring at his phone?!” Had I seen someone else doing the same, I would have been just as incredulous.



When it was pointed out to me a couple of days later by a *very* tactful congregant, I was mortified. But here's the thing: I wasn't emailing, texting, following Twitter or liking anything on Facebook. Instead, I was reading the Talmud text that was the subject of Rabbi Address's lecture. I was following along! Unfortunately, I looked disrespectful and unengaged because I was reading a digital copy of the Talmud on my iPhone rather than following in a book.

These students were physically in the same place, but in every other way they were somewhere else.

Technology is a blessing and a curse. It connects us to one another with efficiency unknown to generations past. With the tap of a touchscreen we can share our lives privately and publicly, keeping everyone up-to-date in any way we choose. Technology also puts the information of the world at our finger tips. Need an answer? Just Google it. Even Wikipedia, the infamous crowd-sourced encyclopedia, plays a vital role for many of us when we need some quick information on a topic. In this season when we celebrate miracles, we cannot help but recognize the technological miracles of our day.

But all of that miraculous technology has a nefarious side as well. After teaching Confirmation class a few weeks ago, I walked down the hallway to find four students sitting in our lobby – staring at their phones. Instead of chatting and laughing with one another, they were plugged into their screens, their faces glowing blue. These students were physically in the same place, but in every other way they were somewhere else. We are not a Luddite tradition. Our heritage has always embraced science seeking to increase our understanding of the world. As a people who have always highly valued learning, we have to believe that any technology that spreads knowledge is a good thing. But we are also a tradition that values both rest and community – things directly threatened by technology.

Our work and obligations are – literally – in our pockets, making it nearly impossible to take a break from them, to find the rest that Judaism codified through the Sabbath thousands of years ago. Community too, is threatened by the technology we carry around every day. Rather than real conversation, we settle for 140 character tweets or show our approval by pressing “like” on someone's Facebook post. Neither is a substitute for real, face-to-face conversation, friendship and community.

This is not a call to throw out our technology. Instead, it is a call to let technology supplement our lives rather than detract from them. Our synagogue can truly be the antidote to technology's darker side. We learn from people and from each other rather than from a wiki-something-or-other. We pray without our phones (our annual teen twitter service aside!). We make a difference in the world by volunteering within the community rather than simply pressing “like” on a Facebook page that promotes a cause. We spend time with our families discussing the stories and values held by all the generations that came before us. The warm glow that we feel in our synagogue is not the glow of an iPhone screen, but the glow of the community, holiness and wisdom that we bring to one another.

May that glow light up our Chanukah celebrations and

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hend'.



RITUAL CORNER: MI SHEBERACH

Each Friday evening at our Sabbath service, we offer a prayer for healing called the *Mi Sheberach*. *Mi Sheberach* means “May the one who blessed...”. It is a phrase used to start many prayers that ask God for particular blessings like health, wellness, peace, or prosperity. The prayer typically begins, “May the one who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah...”. In this case, we then ask for healing of body, healing of mind or healing of spirit. We ask God for these blessings not based on our own merit, but on the merit of our ancestors.

Reform Judaism is not superstitious. We don’t ask God for a magical cure when we face illness. Instead, our prayer asks that those who are sick find the strength they need to heal. We ask that their caregivers find fortitude. We ask for their doctors to be blessed with wisdom and skill. We ask that they feel the warmth and support of family and friends. Mostly, we ask for a sense of wholeness, a sense of connection to our community and to the Divine Mystery that animates the universe.



Seeking these spiritual gifts through the words of the *Mi Sheberach* can bring a sense of transcendence and peace even in the most dire circumstances.

The next time you come to services on a Friday night, please write down the name of anyone in need of healing of body, mind or spirit on the sheet at the entrance to the sanctuary. Then, let these ancient words bring you – and your loved ones – a measure of comfort.

CHANUKAH FAMILY DINNER & SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

DINNER 6:30PM

SERVICE 7:30PM

B.Y.O.M. Bring Your Own Menorah to help light up the sanctuary during this service. Our teachers, teaching assistants and office assistants will be honored.

Dinner: \$15 per child, \$20 per adult,
\$60 family maximum.

RSVP for dinner to Denise at 914-967-4382 x12
or dburke@congregationmanuel.org.



CANTOR'S & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGES

There's "Chanukah in Santa Monica," and Adam Sandler's famous "Chanukah Song".

The dreidle song aside, the most famous of Chanukah songs is undoubtedly "Maoz Tzur - Rock of Ages". In Ashkenazi homes and synagogues, this hymn of thanksgiving is sung after the kindling of the Chanukah lights. The text was composed in the 13th century by Mordechai, whose name as author appears as an acrostic (the first Hebrew letter of the initial five stanzas spell out Mordechai's name).



The theme of "Maoz Tzur" is a familiar one: God's unfailing redemption of the people Israel. After an opening stanza promising thanksgiving to God now and always, the poet recalls four moments of divine intervention in Jewish history in chronological order: Egypt, Babylonia, Persia, and the Greeks of the Chanukah story. Sometime in the 16th century, a somewhat controversial sixth verse was added, a blunt plea for God to intervene again and take revenge against the "wicked kingdom". These days, most of us make it through one Hebrew stanza at best! After all, there are presents to open and latkes to eat.

While today's well known tune is different from the one sung in the Middle Ages, our familiar melody is venerable and centuries old; it originated in Germany and seems to be a sort of mash-up of different German folk songs – bits of a Protestant church hymn here, bits of a melody reminiscent of a very popular 1504 battle-song there. Strains of folksongs from German culture penetrated into the Ghetto, and became fused into this tune that was used for the joyous theme of the victory of the Maccabees over the Greeks. This "borrowing" of melodies, from music heard in popular culture, was (and still is!) common in the music of both the church and synagogue. It is only natural; Jewish music has always absorbed elements of the cultures in which we have found ourselves.

If you are in that sweet spot of seeing your children or grandchildren in their holiday assemblies, you may hear songs from your own childhood like "Chanukah, O Chanukah" along with the latest ecumenical winter songs ("The Reindeer Twist," anyone?!) or even the likes of "Chanukah Bamba". While the quality of these songs varies, our Chanukah music evolves to reflect the culture in which we live. At the same time, "Maoz Tzur - Rock of Ages" persists, withstanding the test of time and living up to its title as a rock of our musical heritage.

Meredith

I have just returned from a four-day conference in New Orleans with 165 of my fellow Executive Directors (EDs) and Temple Administrators, mostly representing congregations in the Reform Movement, and all members of NATA (National Association of Temple Administrators). Thirty-two states were represented in the Big Easy (as New Orleans has long been nicknamed) and there were even attendees from Canada and Australia.



I am very grateful to the congregation and to the Board for sponsoring my attendance at this important event. Why, one might ask, is it worthwhile to spend time with fellow EDs? There are many reasons why this trip was valuable. The synagogues represented ranged in membership size from 100 to 2500 families. Regardless of size, many have dealt or are dealing with: aging buildings and infrastructure; IT software and hardware problems; not enough new members or volunteers; falling religious school enrollment or student populations that are not increasing fast enough; staff turnover and clergy transitions; donor and fundraising fatigue; too few or too many programs; competition from other synagogues; demographic imbalances; accounting problems; too much or too little Board involvement; lack of a defined vision or purpose; and so many other issues.

It is an invaluable tool for me to be able to seek advice and best practice help from colleagues who have insight into many of the same issues. I networked extensively while there, and know that many of the EDs with whom I bonded, will be available to me when I need help.

I feel extremely blessed that we are in very good shape, relative to many other congregations. We have had the foresight to tackle issues head on, and not to hide our collective heads in the sand when faced with tough questions.

We try hard to work together for the sake of the entire community, recognize that sacrifices may have to be made, willingly assume responsibility when asked to volunteer our time and resources, and all the while, continue to strive to be welcoming and caring.

Recently, I celebrated my one-year anniversary here at Congregation Emanu-El and I am so very thankful to all of you for giving me this opportunity to be your Executive Director.

Todah! Thank you.

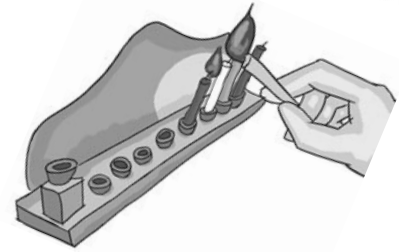
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CHANUKAH BLESSINGS DIRECTIONS

Place the candles in the Menorah from right to left, one for each day of the festival (i.e. on the third night, you should have 3 candles plus the shemesh candle used to light the others).

After reciting the blessings below, light the candles from left to right.



Lighting the Candles

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu
b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, You hallow us with Your Commandments, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצוותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim
laavoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, You showed wonders to our ancestors in days of old and at this season.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים
לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

First Night Only

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Maoz Tzur - Rock of Ages (Sung after lighting the candles)

Maoz tzur y'shuati, l'cha na-ed l'shabei-ach tikon beit t'filati, v'sham
todah n'zabei-ach l'eit tachin matbei-ach, mitzar ham'nabei-ach az
egmor b'shir mizmor chanukat hamizbei-ach

Rock of Ages let our song praise Your saving power.
You amidst the raging foes were our sheltering tower.
Furious they assailed us but Your arm availed us.
And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.

מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבח, תכון בית תפילתי
ושם תודה נזבתי, לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבתי,
אז אגמור בשיר מזמור חנוכת המזבתי.



YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE CUDDLE UP SHABBAT AND PJ LIBRARY STORYTIME

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Bring your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren... any little one who is special in your life.

This event is open to the community and is appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade. Older siblings are welcome.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
7:30PM

"We have learned to fly in the air like birds and swim in the sea like fish; But we have not learned the simple act of living together as brothers and sisters."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Each year at this time we honor the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – and more broadly, the important work of social justice. As Jews working toward a more just society, we know that the vital work of the civil rights movement is not complete, and we are called at this time to renew our commitment to this work. We are cognizant that we must confront our own civil rights challenges today. From protecting voting rights to police-community relations, from ensuring equal treatment for LGBTQ Americans to affirming the rights of the disabled, there is still much work to be done.

This meaningful service will feature social justice themed readings and music.

PIZZA, PASTA & PRAYER KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 2 FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

DINNER 5:30PM

SERVICE 6:30PM

Dinner: \$15 per child, \$20 per adult,
\$60 family maximum.

RSVP for dinner to Denise 914-967-4382 x12 or
dburke@congregationemanuel.org.





CARING COMMUNITY: **BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CARING COMMUNITY**

There are so many ways to become involved at our temple, and the Caring Community is one way to offer your time without worrying that you may over-commit.

Our goal is to offer a meal of comfort in times of loss, recuperation, or in celebration of a new family member. These dinners come from one congregant to another. We maintain an e-mail list of those who might be available when a need arises, and we reach out to those who have volunteered to be on the list. If you are not available, you don't reply; if you are, that is excellent. We have no budget – you would make or purchase whatever you feel comfortable providing.

We may come from many different towns, but we have a special community of which you are an integral part. If you are not already an active participant in the Caring Community, please consider joining our efforts to be there for our fellow members in a meaningful, tangible way.

You can read more about us on the temple website, and we look forward to hearing from you if you would like to become more involved, or if you know of someone who needs our services. We wish you continued light as the days get shorter.

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THANK YOU, HINDA!

The connections that we have with one another are what define our community. Over the past few years, those connections have been made stronger through the work of our Caring Community and its most recent leadership under Hinda Bodinger and Bonnie Shyer. Hinda will be stepping down from her leadership role and will pass the torch to Lorri Goldstein, who will continue this important work, with her co-chair Bonnie Shyer.

Hinda's commitment, her attention to detail, and her passion for helping fellow congregants in times of need have inspired all the members of our congregation.

Hinda, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!

KNITZVAH CORPS THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 18 & JANUARY 22 5:30PM

Our Knitzvah Corps participants meet monthly to knit items like baby clothing and chemo caps to donate to those in need. We enjoy an evening of knitting and schmoozing in our cozy Berger Family Library while performing a lovely mitzvah.

This is a group activity that enables us to experience a true sense of social action.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or
jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.



STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE: MONTHLY MITZVAH EVENTS

DECEMBER: CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AT THE SCHNURMACHER NURSING HOME IN WHITE PLAINS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
6:00PM

Help Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester bring Chanukah cheer to the residents of Schnurmacher Nursing Home in White Plains.

Let's make this celebration a joyous one for our neighbors!

Schnurmacher Nursing Home is located at 12 Tibbits Avenue in White Plains.

JANUARY: NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR SOUP KITCHEN IN GREENWICH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
8:30AM

Help us bring a warm meal to local residents as we partner with Neighbor to Neighbor, a non-profit organization that serves the needs of Greenwich residents. Congregation Emanu-El will be serving at the Neighbor to Neighbor Soup Kitchen in Christ Church.

Please join us for this worthwhile activity.

Christ Church is located at 254 East Putnam Avenue in Greenwich.

Contact Social Action Chair Leslie Mook at mook1@optonline.net or 914-441-7561 if you are interested in volunteering or have questions about these events.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE: **THANK YOU!**

We collected 35 coats for children and teens supported by the Children's Hope Chest during the fall Coats for Hope drive.

Thank you for your generosity!



DOROT WESTCHESTER VISITING OPPORTUNITY

There are lonely seniors waiting in the following towns for a friendly visitor: Briarcliff - Eastchester
Mt. Vernon - New Rochelle - Rye - Valhalla
Tarrytown - White Plains - Yonkers

Can you visit them?

Volunteers are matched with seniors for weekly home visits for a minimum of a year. Matches are made by a DOROT social worker based on mutual interests, availability, and location. DOROT social workers maintain a supportive presence for the duration of your relationship.

To sign up contact Jeff Rindler, Associate Executive Director of DOROT:
917-441-3711 or email jrindler@dorotusa.org.

STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK



THANK YOU, ANN!

One of the pillars of our congregation are the community outreach programs facilitated by the Social Action Committee.

In 2002, volunteers founded an English as a Second Language Program (ESL) for day laborers at the Don Bosco Center in Port Chester. Over the years, most recently under the leadership of Doreen Kushel and Ann Spindel, the program has grown and improved, and now serves anyone in Port Chester in need of English language skills.

Ann is stepping down from her leadership role, and we sincerely thank her for her vision, commitment, and hard work.

The program will continue thanks to the dedication of many volunteers. Will you be one? (See below.)



For more information or to volunteer, email:

Doreen Kushel at dkushel@icloud.com or Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED FOR ESL PROGRAM AT DON BOSCO CENTER IN PORT CHESTER

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS,
AND WEDNESDAYS
9:30 - 11:00AM

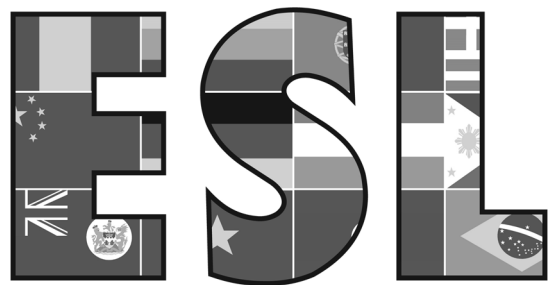
Volunteers are needed to teach English as a Second Language to a very eager-to-learn immigrant community. No knowledge of Spanish or any other foreign language is necessary and you do not need a teaching background!

You may volunteer for one, two or all three mornings. Come one morning to observe other volunteers and see what a rewarding experience it is for both tutors and students.

Classes are held at the Don Bosco Community Center, 22 Don Bosco Place, Port Chester, NY (near Costco).

For more information or to volunteer, email:

Doreen Kushel at dkushel@icloud.com or Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



OUR SOCIAL WORKER IS HERE FOR YOU

Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester is continuing to work with Partners in Caring (PIC), a UJA-Federation funded program that provides a social worker to meet the needs of congregants, members and staff at synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and day schools around the county.

Our congregation has been assigned a dedicated social worker who can work with you on such issues as caregiving, bereavement, separation and divorce, bullying and cyber etiquette, concerns of young families, the sandwich generation, preparing for the college environment, and programs for seniors. Individuals may access up to three sessions with the PIC social worker free of charge. If further service is required, a referral will be offered.

The social worker that will be working with our congregation is Ellen Weisberg, M.Ed, LMSW. Ellen is available to our congregation to provide a myriad of services that include facilitating groups, information and referral and short-term counseling free of charge. All meetings are kept strictly confidential.

Ellen received her Masters Degree in Social Work from Simmons College School of Social Work in Boston, MA. She has spent over 20 years in the field. Ellen is the coordinator of the UJA Federation of New York's Project SEED, a collaborative program between WJCS and The Jewish Education Project. Project SEED helps synagogue-based early childhood centers address children's challenging classroom behaviors and provides support, education and counseling to parents. Ellen also coordinates UJA-Federation of New York's White Plains Seniors program that serves Jewish senior adults in the greater White Plains area by expanding and enhancing existing synagogue programming.

Ellen can be reached at Westchester Jewish Community Services at 914-761-0600, ext.146 or eweisberg@wjcs.com.

This program is generously funded by UJA Federation of New York.



UNITED WAY'S FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL 2-1-1 HELPLINE



Need help? Speak to real people and get real answers.

United Way's 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, multilingual information and referral helpline open 365 days a year, 9am-7pm.

Their knowledgeable call specialists are there to listen, to care, and most of all, to give you the information you need on: food, housing and shelters, abuse prevention, government services, senior services, physical and mental health, child care, job assistance and more.

To speak to someone dial 2-1-1 from any phone or visit www.uwwp.org/get-help.

WESTCHESTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want access to over 500 active volunteer opportunities in the Westchester and Putnam area?

Visit Volunteer New York at www.volunteernewyork.org and search for the non-profits that you want to work with and who need volunteers today.

There are positions available for every age and skill set addressing issues such as: youth education, hunger, homelessness, senior services, health and wellness, caring for animals, environmental preservation, disaster recovery, and the arts.

To speak to a placement specialist call 914-948-4452.



B.Y.O.K. (BRING YOUR OWN KIDS) 2014 -15 CONCERT SERIES

THE BEST CHILDREN'S MUSICIANS COME TO EMANU-EL!

This musical extravaganza for families with kids in 2nd grade and younger will get you and your kids dancing through the witching hour. We will dine on pizza after the music.



JOANIE LEEDS AND THE NIGHTLIGHTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
4:30PM

B.Y.O.K CONCERT TICKETS:

Advance Purchase:

\$12/per person

At the door:

\$15/per person

Please RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationemanuel.org
or call 914-967-4382 x21.



ALASTAIR MOOCK

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
4:30PM

YOUTH AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

KOL BO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Are you looking to explore your connection to Judaism and Jewish life? Our temple is dedicated to lifelong Jewish learning (*Torat Chayim*), and living in sacred covenant (*brit*) with the people (*am*) and God (*Elohim*) of Israel.



We are offering a series of programs for the congregation's jBoomer and L'Chaim groups that will be facilitated by our talented and inspiring clergy and religious educator. All are welcome.

jBoomer Music & Prayer Workshop with Cantor Meredith Stone

Monday, December 15 from 7:30 - 9:00PM

Learn some of the melodies and the meanings of our prayers. This program is for those who want to participate more fully in our services. The class will help us understand what the prayers mean and explore how they might be understood by a contemporary worshipper.

Travels in Jerusalem Series: History & Stories of Jerusalem through the Ages with Rabbi Dan S. Wolk **4 Part Series: Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 12:00 - 1:30PM**

Rabbi Wolk is known for his wonderful storytelling, so we are honored that he will launch his new series at our L'Chaim lunch on January 8. Rabbi Wolk will bring to life the history of Jerusalem in a compelling narrative.

Sacred Aging Series with Marcie Aiuvalasit **Thursdays, February 5 and April 9, Time TBD**

As a community, we were motivated and stirred by our Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbi Richard Address. Marcie Aiuvalasit continues this important discussion about sacred aging, what it means to live "the third-third of life" with dignity, meaning, connection, fun and holiness.

Life is a journey and each of us is on our own unique path. As we travel through our different phases of life, we are constantly seeking meaning, to connect with others, and to deepen our own sense of purpose. I hope that you will explore the connections between Judaism and your life through our special learning series.

Jane

HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT EMANU-EL

Know a loved one who has recently gotten engaged? Planning for a graduation? Does this year mark a special anniversary, birthday, or a new addition to the family?

With the Berger Family Library, newly renovated Kaye Family Room, and the Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center, we have beautiful and unique rooms to host an intimate party or grand affair.

Let Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester be a part of your special day!

For more information, contact Event Manager Christina Rosenfeld at 914-967-4382 x25 or crosenfeld@congregationemanuel.org for more information.



SISTERHOOD UPDATE

Our second Holiday Boutique was a huge success!

We would like to thank our boutique volunteers: Ginny Weisman, Jackie Wyman, Dina Cohen, Loren Canell, Patricia Bottomley, Amy Bittleman, Joy Klebanoff, Donna Ostrau, Peggy LoCastro, Bonnie Stein, Jill Sheppard, Leslie Mook, Emily Cohen, and Susan Amkraut.

We would also like to thank to Scott Allen, Bella Thayer-Pepi, Enrique Torres, and the custodial staff for all of their support.

Sincerely,

Jill Baker & Jessica Drangel
Sisterhood Co-Chairs



jBOOMER EVENT: LEARN THE PRAYERS! MUSIC & PRAYER WITH CANTOR STONE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:30 - 9:00PM

Learn some of the melodies
and meanings of our prayers.

RSVP to Jane Dubro:
914-967-4382 x 21 or
jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.



LET'S PLAY: MAH JONGG

MONDAY, JANUARY 12
7:00 - 9:00PM
ALL AGES WELCOME

Drop in for a game of Mah Jongg!

Bring your foursome or come alone
and join a pick-up game.

Refreshments served
and friends are welcome!



RSVP to Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x21
or jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.

NEXT STEP

1/11, 2/8, 3/15, 5/17
SUNDAYS @ 11:00AM

A group of men in their 60's and 70's meeting
to talk about anything but sports, politics and
the market!

Next Step started with a concern about the
transition from work to retired life and has
developed into conversations about personal
issues in our lives. The group is facilitated by
congregant Paul Spindel (retired executive).

Join us!



WALK WITH THE RABBI

1/5, 2/6, 4/6, 5/4, 5/18
9:00AM

What better way to discuss a Torah portion than
walking at Playland with our community of energetic,
congregants and our fearless walker, Rabbi Goldsmith?
Meet at the Oakland Beach Parking Lot, 94 Dearborn
Avenue, Rye.



CONGREGATION EMANU-EL ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT



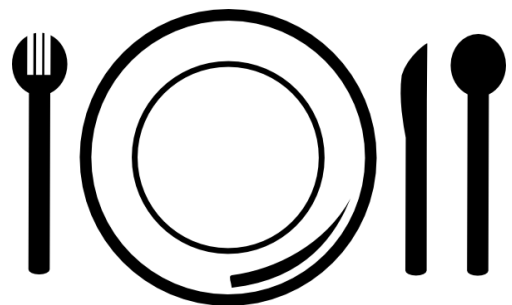
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO TOASTING
THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS YEAR'S
EMANU-EL PRIZE:
EMILY COHEN & DICK HECHT**

**THE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED
AT OUR ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT
ON APRIL 11, 2015**
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
**CURRENT & FORMER
BOARD MEMBER DINNER**

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
6:00PM

Our current and former board members come together to celebrate our congregation and hear updates about the temple.





A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WESTCHESTER'S

SUNDAY FILM SERIES

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

The series showcases films that explore the Jewish experience. This diverse selection of films includes dramatic features, riveting documentaries, and entertaining comedies.

ANITA **FEBRUARY 8** **4:00PM**

This is a heart-warming film about Anita, a young woman with Down Syndrome, who must learn to survive in Buenos Aires after being separated from her mother following the 1994 AMIA terrorist bombing.

Directed by Marcos Carnevale.



NO PLACE ON EARTH **APRIL 12** **7:00PM**

Filmmaker Janet Tobias traces the harrowing tale of 38 Ukrainian Jews who survived the Holocaust by fleeing into caves for 18 months.

Directed by Janet Tobias.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

K'LAL YISRAEL: CONNECTING WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD

You have all heard or used the expression, "It's a small Jewish world" and as diverse as our Jewish community is, we do have so much in common. On Sunday, November 23, our Religious School families "traveled" to Israel, Yemen, Ethiopia, China, Russia, and Italy to share a Jewish experience where they discovered exciting differences and close connections with different Jewish cultures.



What always brings Jewish people together? FOOD OF COURSE! Well, our families tasted Biscotti di Roma from Pitigliano, Italy, rugalach from Russia, and Yemenite treats. They made a special Yemenite basket to hold their goodies and then prepared food for a Thanksgiving dinner at HOPE House in Port Chester, NY.

Jewish people are known as the "people of the book" and our most treasured text, our Torah, is kept in an ark, lit by an eternal light in our holy sanctuary. Our families reconstructed the temple used by the Jewish community in Kaipheng, China, complete with an inner courtyard containing a sanctuary with its ark and eternal light. This community thrived from the 12th century to the mid-19th century when assimilation caused its demise. Yemenite Jews date their origins to the fall of the last temple, maintaining rituals and traditions taken directly from the Torah. After living in Yemen for almost 2,000 years, they were airlifted to Israel during "Operation Magic Carpet" in 1949.

What else unites Jewish people from all over the world – our ancient language, Hebrew. Families began their travels in our sanctuary worshipping together with Cantor Stone and rabbinic intern Chase Foster. We recited the same prayers, in the same language that families in Pitigliano, Jerusalem, Yemen, Ethiopia or Kaipheng would use in their services today or hundreds, even thousands of years ago.

And finally, Jews connect through the values and ethics contained in our Torah and taught by our Prophets and leaders of all of our communities. We live the words that tell us to love our neighbor as ourselves and treat others the way that we would like to be treated.

At the end of a morning of learning together, our families created care packages for Israeli soldiers, cooked for the residents of HOPE House, helped make blankets for Ebola clinics in Africa, and put together packages of books for the children at Blythedale Children's Hospital.

We live in different climates, wear different clothes, sing different songs and dance to different rhythms. But we share a past and a tradition. The words of our Torah that tell us how God told Abraham to leave his home and go to a land where our descendants "will be as numerous as the stars in the sky".

On November 23, our families spent the morning learning together, experiencing the uniqueness of the communities of Abraham's descendants and discovering what connects us all.

Mara

B'NEI MITZVAH — MAZEL TOV!

We would like to honor the following students who are celebrating their B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies in December and January:

CAROLINE ANTONACCI

JOSHUA CHERNICK

ZACHARY CHERNICK

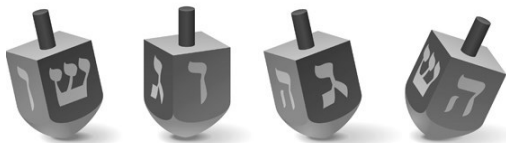
DREW KAYE

MATTHEW PARISER

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

PRE-K & K PROGRAM: CHANUKAH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
9:30 - 11:45AM



PRE-K & K PROGRAM: TU B'SHEVAT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
9:30 - 11:45AM



Congregant and non-congregant children are welcome at our drop-off Pre-K and K Programs! Bring a friend! RSVP to Marcie 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org

Introduce your kindergarten & pre-school aged children to their Jewish heritage with Congregation Emanu-El

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Each class focuses on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling, and arts and crafts.

Classes meet eight times during the school year on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:45AM.



2014 - 15 SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CLASSES

DECEMBER 21
CHANUKAH

FEBRUARY 8
TU B'SHEVAT

MARCH 8
PURIM

MARCH 22
PASSOVER

APRIL 12
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE
DAY/YOM HA'ATZMAUT

For more information about this program or to enroll your child, please contact Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit at maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

Congregant and non-congregant children are welcome!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

FAMILIES FEEDING FAMILIES FAVORITE CEREAL FOOD DRIVE

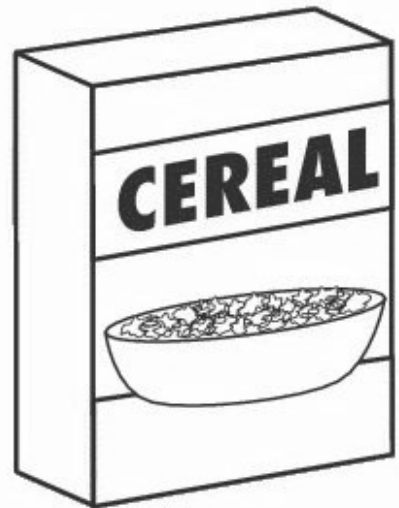
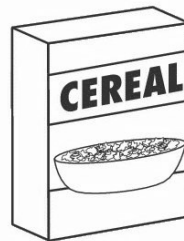


SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Please bring in a shopping bag filled with your favorite cereal to your Sunday or Tuesday classroom.

The religious school class that collects the most cereal wins an ice cream party!

Cereal will be donated to Hope Community Services Food Pantry.



HOW TO FEED A PICKY EATER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
9:30AM

Tips, ideas and resources to make mealtime more enjoyable for the whole family.

Does your daughter secretly hide her broccoli in her dinner napkin and then try to throw it in the trash?
Does your son feed his carrots to the family dog?

If you need help combating your child's picky eating, please join Registered Dietitian, Daria Ventura, for a discussion on how to expand your picky eater's taste buds.

Daria Ventura, MS, RD, CDN has a Master's of Science Degree in Clinical Nutrition from New York University.

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationmanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21.



ATTENTION: GRADE 5 PARENTS! PROPHETS FOR PRESIDENT



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY

Your 5th grader needs you to help elect a prophet president!

Jeremiah, Amos, Isaiah and Micah are hoping to win the race - the pollsters are predicting a close election.



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2014-2015



Sunday, January 11 - Sunday, February 8
Families Feeding Families Food Drive



Monday, January 19 10:00AM - 12:00PM
MLK Day at Afya with JTeen



Monday, January 26
5:00 - 6:30PM
Miles Forma Disabilities Awareness Event



Sunday, February 8
1:00 - 3:00PM
UJA Interfaith Community Service Event



Sunday, March 8
10:45AM
Purim Carnival



Sunday, March 22
10:00AM
DOROT Passover Package Delivery



Monday, March 23
7:15 - 8:45PM
Teen Seder with German International School



Monday, April 13
6:30 - 8:45PM
Afya



Sunday, April 19
TBA
Mitzvah Day J-Teen
National Day of Service Event



Friday, April 24
7:30PM
Youth Group Shabbat Service



Sunday, May 3
7:30 - 11:00AM
Midnight Run Brunch Run



Sunday, May 10
9:30 - 11:45AM
Car Wash and Blue Bake Sale for
Pediatric Cancer



Sunday, May 17
11:00AM - 2:00PM
School's Out Carnival & BBQ

Community Service Certificates are given to all volunteers at Step-Up and Give Back Programs.
Please email jdubro@congregationemanuel.org for more information or call 914-967-4382 x21.

MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP CO-PRESIDENT: MIDNIGHT RUN

This fall, I went on my second Midnight Run.

I was nervous, since it was a Sunday night and I thought that I could have been spending my time on class work, but also enthralled with what could happen. On my last Midnight Run, I was in middle school, and could not comprehend the impact of our charitable actions.

The bus took off, and as I read some articles on my phone, I started to attempt to visualize what my experience would be like. I thought of what kinds of people I would meet on the street in New York City. Granted, though I do go to school in the Bronx and spend ample time in the city, I did not know

what it would be like to stand on the street and offer clothes and food to people. As I offered people food, I realized that each person had a story – a woman offered a prayer for me, and a man spoke of his long-lost children.

What I learned from my experience is that doing these small charitable acts helps me connect with people and teaches me to be more considerate of other people's circumstances.

Robert A. Hefter

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

MONDAYS, DECEMBER 15

& JANUARY 5

6:45 - 7:15PM

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationmanuel.org
or 914-967-4382 x21.



MLK AFYA WITH JTEEN - MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF!



MONDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00AM

(AT AFYA WAREHOUSE)

Join teens from all over Westchester for a morning of service sorting medical supplies at the Afya Foundation Warehouse. This is a wonderful hands-on service project, and friends are welcome.

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationmanuel.org
or 914-967-4382 x21. Parental consent forms must be signed in order to participate.

Community service certificates are available for all volunteers.

The Afya Foundation Warehouse is located at
140 Saw Mill River Road in Yonkers.

WIESENTHAL ON BROADWAY

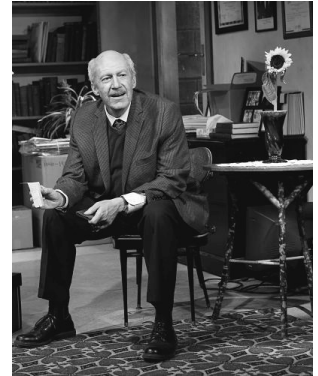


SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

6:15PM

Filled with hope, humanity and humor, Wiesenthal is the riveting, true story of Simon Wiesenthal, an ordinary man who did extraordinary things.

Nicknamed the "Jewish James Bond," he devoted his life to bringing more than 1,100 Nazi war criminals to justice.



His unbelievable dedication and tenacity over decades is honored in this play, which gives equal weight to his wisdom and wit during his long, purposeful life.

Starring and written by Tom Dugan.

Following the performance, we will have a 20-30 minute talk backstage with writer/performer Tom Dugan.

Tickets for students and chaperones are being underwritten by The Shoah Foundation.

Cost \$18/person for transportation. Limited space - make your reservation now.

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationmanuel.org
or 914-967-4382 x21.

Our bus will depart from the temple. Please do not enter the building when you are dropped off, just board the bus in the parking lot.

MILES FORMA: DISABILITIES AWARENESS EVENT



MONDAY, JANUARY 26

5:00PM

Miles Forma will join our MNP and Hineini students to view "Miles' Bar Mitzvah," a segment featured on ABC's Nightline television. Miles has cerebral palsy and decided that he wanted to go to religious school, learn Hebrew, and become a bar mitzvah using the technology developed at the Artificial Language Lab.

"Miles' Bar Mitvah" tells the story of how Miles and his family worked together with their Jewish community to accomplish Miles' goal.

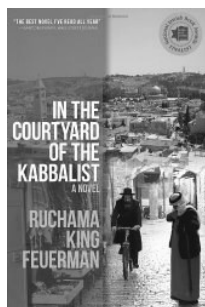
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TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

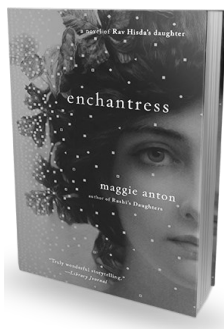
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
10:30AM

In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist
by Rachama King Feuerman



THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
10:30AM

Enchantress
by Maggie Anton



SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
8:00PM

Men of the congregation gather in Rabbi Goldsmith's study for some Torah learning and refreshments.

Explore the wisdom of our tradition, enjoy some fine scotch.

Meet and spend time with other men in the congregation.



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP CHANUKAH POTLUCK DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
6:30PM

RSVP to Marcie or Denise at 914-967-4382 x15 or x12, and let us know what you would like to bring to share with the group.



TORAH STUDY

Saturday morning. A time of rest. A time of study. A time for conversation. A time to discuss the Torah with Rabbi Howard Goldsmith and other congregants. Our sessions include a brief worship service with an opportunity to recite Kaddish and celebrate the Sabbath. No need to sign up - just drop by!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
VAYECHI
9:00 - 10:15AM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
BO
9:00 - 10:15AM

BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

SUNDAYS

10:30 - 11:30AM

Want to learn Hebrew? We will put the emphasis on prayer reading skills to enhance your worship experience.

To sign up, contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org



THE WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP ANNUAL SHABBAT RETREAT

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30 - SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 31

Learn, bond, and enjoy the beauty of a rustic New England inn. We return this year to the Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield, MA.

For more information, contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or Meredith at 914-967-4382 x19. Please RSVP to Marcie by January 3.

Room rates:

\$280/person double occupancy (includes 3 meals)
and \$340/person single occupancy (includes 3 meals)

Curious about the Race Brook Lodge?

Visit them online at www.rblodge.com.



L'CHAIM EVENT: SACRED AGING DISCUSSION

FEBRUARY 5 & APRIL 9
7:00 - 9:00PM

Jewish
Sacred
Aging



Rabbi Richard Address started the conversation during our November Scholar-in-Residence weekend and now our Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit will continue the discussion about what it means to live the third-third of our lives with dignity, meaning, connection, fun and holiness.

Watch EmanuMail for more information.

RSVP to Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x 21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

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MEMORIAL PLAQUE BOARD

We would like to remind you of the Memorial Plaque Board in the entrance to the Sanctuary. The Board of Trustees encourages congregants to remember deceased family members and others in this perpetual memorial.

The cost of a plaque is \$350. Please call Scott Allen at 914-967-4382 x18 if you are interested.

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Elaine & Jim Glover in honor of Jim's Bar Mitzvah
Peter Schweitzer in memory of Gertrude Schweitzer

All donations processed after November 19 will appear in the next bulletin.

Please contact Abbie Levitt at 914-967-4382 x11 if you have any questions about the donation listings.

CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2014

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 6:45PM - 7:15PM Youth Group Meeting 7:15PM - 8:45PM Monday Night Program 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation 7:30PM jBoomer Event: Music and Prayer Have A Heart Toy Drive Ends	16 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School 6:30PM Women's Study Group Chanukah Dinner	17 6:00PM December Mitzvah Event at Schnurmacher Nursing Home	18 10:30AM Temple Book Club 5:30PM Knitzvah Corps 7:30PM Intro to Judaism: Minor Holidays	19 6:30PM Chanukah Shabbat Dinner 7:30PM Family Shabbat Service: Chanukah	20
21 9:30AM - 11:45AM Pre-K & K Chanukah Program 9:30AM - 11:45AM Religious School 9:30AM How To Feed A Picky Eater	22 No Confirmation No Monday Night Program	23 No Hebrew School	24	25 Temple Office Closed	26 6:30PM Lay Led Shabbat Service	27
28 No Religious School	29	30 No Hebrew School	31 Temple Office Closed			

CALENDAR: JANUARY 2015

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				1 Temple Office Closed for New Year's Day	2 6:30PM Lay Led Shabbat Service	3 9:00AM Torah Study (Vayechi)
4 No Religious School	5 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 6:45PM - 7:15PM Youth Group Meeting 7:15PM - 8:45PM Monday Night Program 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation	6 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School	7	8 12:00PM Travels in Jerusalem with Rabbi Wolk 7:30PM Intro to Judaism: Kashrut 8:00PM Single Malt Torah	9 5:30PM Young Families Committee Cuddle Up Shabbat & PJ Library 7:30M I'm A Cultural Jew: Wine	10 Caroline Antonacci Bat Mitzvah Joshua & Zachary Chernick B'nei Mitzvah
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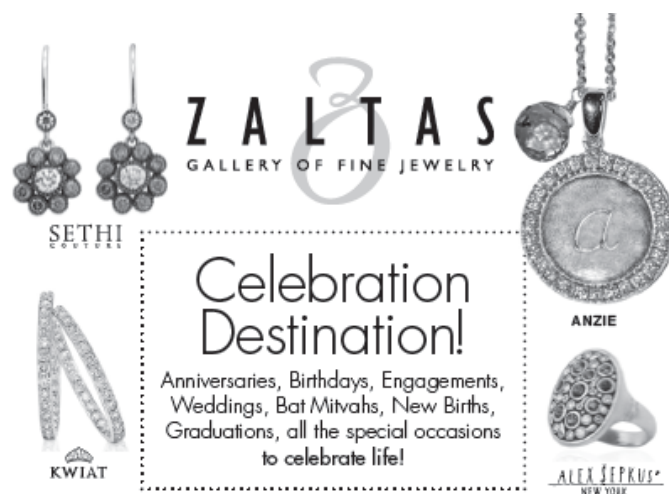


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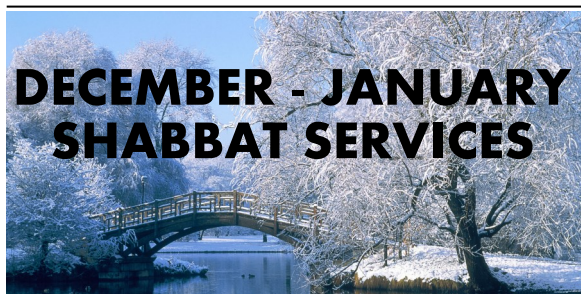
On Sunday, November 23, our morning was filled with worship, learning, a performing mitzvah. We learned about Yemen, Israel, China, and Italy. We made blankets for Ebola victims; baked for the HOPE House Thanksgiving meal; assembled book packages for kids at Blythdale Children's Hospital; and put together IDF soldier care packages.



TURNING INTENTION INTO ACTION: CREATING A CONGREGATION THAT IS WELCOMING TO THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

On Monday, November 24, our students in grades 7 - 12 participated in a special Monday Night Program with Mosaic of Westchester. Mosaic's vision is the full integration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Jews into Westchester Jewish life. We addressed being an ally to the LGBTQ community and how to respond to





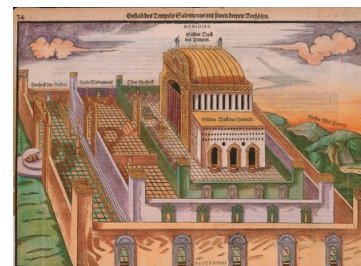
TRAVELS IN JERUSALEM WITH RABBI WOLK

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29
12:00 - 1:30PM

History & Stories of Jerusalem through the Ages

Explore the history of Jerusalem through anecdotes, including the present day conflict in the "City of Peace".

It all began with God throwing a rock and Jerusalem became the center of the earth. Envision this rocky beginning.



Meet a modern harp player who believes he is King David. Scandell! Adultery in the holy city.

Visit with Jesus after he is taken down from the cross. Where did he disappear? Listen to the real story - in his words.

Watch Roman legions set up siege engines to destroy Jerusalem - and prevent the building of the Hilton hotel.

Beware of warrior knights. The crusaders are coming! View their graffiti that still exists.

Why are two Airdales buried in memory of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland? What was his affliction?

Do you like climbing walls? We will meet at the Western Wall. Time to put a note in the crack and eat a lunch of capers. Why capers?

Modern times. Join Theodor Herzl in Jerusalem in pursuit of Kaiser Wilhelm.

Join me for lunch at the Golden Chicken restaurant when the divided city is reunited in 1967.

And more! A journey through time. Pack for a desert climate.

\$10/person/per session includes lunch. RSVP to Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x 21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

Come to all or as many of these discussions as you are able.

- December 19 **Family Shabbat Service:**
Chanukah
6:30 Shabbat Dinner
7:30 Service 🎵 📺
- December 26 **Lay Led Shabbat Service**
6:30 Service
- January 2 **Lay Led Shabbat Service**
6:30 Service
- January 9 **I'm A Cultural Jew: Wine**
7:30 Service 🎵 📺
- January 16 **Social Justice Shabbat**
7:30 Service 🎵
- January 23 **Family Shabbat Service:**
Pizza Truck Shabbat
6:30 Shabbat Dinner
7:30 Service 🎵 📺
- January 30 **Lay Led Shabbat Service**
6:30 Service