



THE JEWISH PRESENCE IN FRANCE FROM THE ROMANS TO THE PRESENT DAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6
7:30PM



ISAAC'S MEMORIAL LECTURE WITH PROFESSOR STEVEN J. RUBIN

With the horrifying events of the past month and the ongoing emigration of Jews from France to Israel, this year's Isaac's Memorial Lecture could not be more relevant or important.

We will hear the history of this millennia old Jewish community. The first Jews arrived on the shores of southern France with the Romans in the second century B.C.E. and have been a presence ever since. Their history is replete with expulsions, pogroms, deportations, and ongoing anti-Semitism. Yet their story is also one of endurance, triumph, and accomplishment. In recounting the history of the Jews in France, this lecture will focus on both their difficulties and their hard-fought victories.

The lecture will provide us the context to understand the current status of the French Jewish community, presently numbering more than 500,000, the third largest Jewish population in the world - and what their future might hold.

Steven J. Rubin is Professor Emeritus of international studies and former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Adelphi University, Garden City, New York. He is the author and editor of numerous books and articles on Jewish literature. He has lectured extensively, both here and abroad, on issues related to Jewish history and culture.

Come be informed about this vital issue.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! PURIM! - A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

7:45PM COCKTAILS

8:00PM SERVICE



Violence, greed, jealousy, power, lust, parties, beauty and victory - no, it's not the latest Martin Scorsese film, it's the story of Purim.

Get dolled up in your Red Carpet best or come as your favorite movie character for this year's Purim celebration.

We will pre-party with Purim cocktails at 7:45pm. When the directors - uh, Rabbi and Cantor - yell ACTION! we will enjoy the prayers of our service set to beloved music from Hollywood's greatest films. You can expect plenty of fun and surprises as we celebrate our most over-the-top holiday in over-the-top Hollywood style!

CHANUKAH FAMILY SHABBAT

On one of the darkest nights of the year our sanctuary glowed with the lights from dozens of menorahs as over 100 people lit candles in celebration of Chanukah. A delicious dinner, a lively service, bright lights, favorite songs and our annual Spinagogue game made this a night to remember.

Missed it this year? Enjoy these pictures and mark your calendar for Friday, December 11, 2015.



SAMPLE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
10:00 - 11:30AM

Temple is even better
with friends!

Know any families that are
“shul shopping”?

Our Religious School opens its doors to prospective families interested in sampling our Sunday School and have the chance to meet with Rabbi Goldsmith, Cantor Stone, Marcie Aiuvalasit, Scott Allen and congregants from the Board of Trustees and Membership Committee.

Please give Marcie the names of any families that you know might be interested. Marcie can be reached at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.



HAMENTASHEN: PURIM DELICIOUSNESS

Yes, you could buy them...but why not have some fun and make your own hamentashen!

According to tradition, the three corners of the hamentashen represent the three-cornered hat that Haman wore in the time of Queen Esther. (Who knows why we would want to eat a hat!) The shape was combined with a cookie that was enjoyed in eastern Europe called the Mantashen, which means “poppy seed pocket”. Today hamentashen are filled with everything imaginable from raspberry jam to chocolate to savory fillings like cheese or peanut butter. Enjoy this traditional cookie with the recipe provided and join us as we celebrate Purim on Friday, March 6 at 7:45PM.

Hamentashen Recipe *Makes 3 dozen cookies*

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 5 1/2 to 6 cups flour
- 1-2 small jars baked good filling (apricot, prune, cherry, poppyseed, etc.)



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix together eggs, oil, sugar, and vanilla.
3. Add baking powder and flour.
4. Knead until smooth.
5. Roll out very thin (1/8 inch if you can) on a floured board.
6. Cut out circles with a drinking glass.
7. Put a dollop of filling in the center of each circle.
8. Fold in three sides over the filling to make a triangle with filling showing in the center.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes on a greased cookie sheet.

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BOARD BUZZ: WE ARE SECURE



Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester is our home for community, for spirit, for learning and for service to others. Just like any home, in addition to being welcoming, we also need to be safe and secure. To that end, the staff has partnered with our House Committee and other lay-leaders to bring new measures to the synagogue that will enhance security for staff, congregants and visitors alike. The following is in addition to our recently upgraded alarm and security camera systems.

ENTRY BUZZERS

To gain access to the building during normal business hours, please ring the buzzer located outside the sanctuary entrance or in the vestibule of the main entrance. Someone from the office will "buzz you in". Buzzing will not be necessary during school and worship hours when the doors will be unlocked.



SECURITY OFFICER

We will now have a security officer stationed at the main entrance on Tuesdays and Sundays during school hours. The officer will direct visitors to their intended destination and will help to ensure the safety of everyone in the building.

Our hope is that these new measures will help maintain a sense of security and confidence for our families and guests.

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

RABBI'S MESSAGE

(Adapted from Social Justice
Shabbat Sermon)

*Je suis une personne. Je suis non
seulement juive. Je suis une personne.*

Today we confront violence.
We see a threat to our values.
We face an affront to our
sensibilities. At moments like this we quickly
categorize. Us and Them. East and West. Good and
Evil. Native and Foreign. Jew and Non-Jew.
Moderate and Fanatic. We fall back on these
simplistic categories because we cannot truly process
the brutality of mass-murder – we don't want to
process it. And so, we simplify the ways that we view
"The Other".

This instinct to view the world as black and white is
natural. We seek out our group – our groups – so that
we can circle the psychological/emotional/
ideological/tribal wagons and feel a sense of order
and protection when the world seems chaotic. The
wagons keep out The Other. And that's just the
problem. We need to seek out all people - all others -
who condemn murder, all people who abhor violence.

**...we can create a wagon train
of tolerance and respect, a trail of
justice and righteousness.**

We cannot keep them on the outside of our circled
wagons, we must let them in no matter their skin
color, meet them no matter their faith. When we find
what we have in common we can create a wagon train
of tolerance and respect, a trail of justice and
righteousness.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the leading
rabbis, theologians, and civil rights activists of the 20th
century, wrote an important essay in 1963 titled, "No
Religion is an Island". It is one of the seminal texts
that guides Jewish efforts at interfaith cooperation
and dialogue. When encountering The Other, Heschel
admits:

"To meet a human being is a major challenge to
mind and heart. I must recall what I normally forget.
A person is not just a specimen of the species called
homo sapiens. He is all of humanity in one, and
whenever one man is hurt we are all injured. The
human is a disclosure of the Divine, and all men are
one in God's care for man. Many things on earth are



precious, some are holy, humanity is holy of holies..."

In other words, every person is unique. We forget that
uniqueness in moments of anxiety like the one we
experience today. Instead of seeking uniqueness, we
ascribe to individuals all of our stereotypes, our fears and
anxieties, our assumptions. We do this most fervently
when we are afraid, when events threaten our worldview.
Yet that is the moment when we must draw The Other
close. Why? Because decent people cannot defeat evil
when alienated from one another by superficial
difference, by differences that blind us to the humanity
that we share, to the hopes and dreams shared by all
people of good conscience. A willingness to reach out to
The Other requires faith, requires humility, requires a
desire to make a difference, to build a better future.
Closing ranks is easy. Reaching out is holy.

The solution to the problem of radical Islam fueled jihad
is not simple. This toxin has poisoned nations on every
continent and affected people of every skin color and
religious background. When western, white liberals are
attacked in Paris we take note. Perhaps it will help awaken
us to the violence Islamic extremists perpetrate against
Christians, Jews, Hindus and fellow Muslims in the
Middle East, in Africa, in the Indian sub-continent, in
Pakistan and Afghanistan – around the world. As Abel's
blood called to God from the ground where Cain spilled
it, so must the blood of all people cry out to us, calling us
to be our brothers' keeper.

As Jews face record levels of anti-Semitism across
Europe, it becomes ever more vital that we reach out, that
we remind the world that a threat to the Jews is, indeed, a
threat to all people. Anti-Israel sentiment, alienated
Muslim populations, and old fashioned, medieval anti-
Semitism create a poison whose only antidote is
engagement and dialogue, breaking down walls and
building up understanding and respect. Perhaps by
reaching out to The Other, we will get a taste of what
Heschel promises at the end of his essay:

"What is urgently needed are ways of helping one another
in the terrible predicament of here and now by the
courage to believe that the word of God endures for ever
as well as here and now; to cooperate in trying to bring
about a resurrection of sensitivity, a revival of conscience;
to keep alive the divine sparks in our souls..."

We can then look at The Other and say: *Vous êtes une
personne. Nous sommes des personnes.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to be "Heschel".



RITUAL CORNER: PURIM CUSTOMS

“Make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending gifts one to another, and gifts to the poor... that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation.”

- Book of Esther 9:22, 28

One of our most joyous holidays is just around the corner: Purim! The name Purim comes from the Hebrew word פּוּר *pur*, which means “lot” and refers to the lots that the evil Haman cast to decide the date on which to destroy the Jews. In the end, the Jews destroyed Haman and his ilk instead and we have celebrated it ever since. The Book of Esther gives us the basic requirements for a Purim celebration:

“feasting and gladness”



Purim is a holiday of unrestrained joy accompanied by parties, drinking, eating, costumes and rabbinic- sanctioned foolishness of every kind.

“sending gifts one to another”



There is a tradition of sending at least two items of ready-to-eat food or drink to our friends. This tradition is called *mishloach manot* or, sometimes, *shelach manos*.

“gifts to the poor”



Purim is an especially auspicious time to give tzedakah, charity, to those in need. There is a custom of giving more to the poor than to our friends from the teaching of Maimonides (12th century) that “there is no greater joy than to cause the poor to rejoice.”

“should be remembered”



We read the story of Purim in the Book of Esther each year to remember the events of our victory over oppression.

ISRAEL IS AT A CROSSROADS, AND YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Much is at stake when it comes to women's rights, freedom of worship and peace in the region.

All Jews around the world can now vote for delegates in the World Zionist Organization's Congress. The Congress sets the priorities and board of governors for the Jewish Agency for Israel, a major force in Israeli society.

Their decisions effect key areas:

Women's Rights & Gender Equality

We strive to create a world in which gender equality is the rule – where men and women can pray, work and live together as equals deserving of the same respect and honor.

Religious Equality

We envision and work for a society in which all denominations are treated fairly and with respect – and all of us are seen as Jews, regardless of our level of observance.

Peace

Lasting peace, security and stability for Israel, the Palestinians and the surrounding Middle East region is possible through a commitment to a two-state solution. Although the road may seem long, we are building the path to that peace every day.

1. Your vote can make a real difference for the future of the Jewish State and Jewish People.

2. Vote now by visiting:
www.reformjews4israel.org.

3. Voting is open until April 15, 2015.



GET YOUR GROGGER ON!

Purim 5775 @ Emanu-El



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Friday, March 6, 7:45PM



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Young Families Purim Celebration

Saturday, March 7, 9:30 - 11:00AM



Celebrate Purim with your children through story, song, snacks, crafts and a brief, joyful Shabbat morning service. In the spirit of the holiday, parents are invited to enjoy mimosas (non-alcoholic option is available, too) while their kids spin groggers to make joyful noise! Admission is free. Please bring a new, unwrapped container of chewable children's multi-vitamins to donate to Afya. For children 6 months - 2nd grade. Open to the community. RSVP to Jane: jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.



Purim Learning for Little Ones: Kindergarten and Pre-K Drop-Off Program

Sunday, March 8, 9:30 - 11:30AM

Children learn about this fun, fanciful festival with age-appropriate activities, music, snacks and art projects. Drop off your children with our outstanding teachers and pick them up happy and full of Purim treats. All Pre-K students must be potty trained. RSVP to Marcie: maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org. Parents are invited to join their pre-k and k students at 11:00am for the Purim schpiel and carnival.



Religious School Purim Schpiel

Sunday, March 8, 11:00 - 11:30AM

Our religious school students and parents will enjoy a fun (and age-appropriate!) re-telling of the most scandalous tale from our ancient past. We will celebrate with favorite Purim songs and a parade by our youngest students. We are commanded to hear the story of Esther each year and this is a fun, family-friendly way to check that commandment off your annual to-do list.



Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Games! Prizes! Food! Excitement! After the schpiel, enjoy our annual Purim Carnival sponsored and run by our Youth Group. The Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center will overflow with popcorn, bake sale items, face painting, prizes and much more! \$5 for 25 tickets, all proceeds go to tzedakah. All friends, relatives & community members are welcome.

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

OUR STORIES AS PRAYER

As I write this, snow is falling gently outside. I pause to behold this simple act of nature and happy associations bubble up: the unexpected joy of a day off from school, sitting around a cozy fire with friends on family vacations, the joy of skiing, the Norman Rockwell winters I grew up with in New England. "Blessed are You, God, ruler of the universe, who alters the time and changes the seasons!" The prayers of gratitude that come to us spontaneously are given voice in every prayer book and every service, as well.



Yet in services, despite our sincerest intentions, we sometimes find the proscribed words dry and devoid of meaning. We recite the words but cannot always feel a personal connection.

Almost any experience can become an opportunity for reflection and gratitude.

Sometimes it takes a crisis to connect with the words of our prayers. For example, at a special service we held a day or two after 9/11, the prayers for peace and memorial took on a heightened meaning for those who attended. A personal example for me is that ten years ago, after undergoing major colon surgery, I was moved to articulate my feelings of gratitude and relief in one of the morning blessings, which praises God for the intricate workings of the body. Years later I still try to remind myself to be grateful for the normal physical functions that are so easily taken for granted. Our

forebears called this feeling, this intention of the heart, *kavannah*. To pray with *kavannah* is to really be "into it."

They understood, however, that we cannot wait for moments of inspiration to pray, or we may only get around to it sporadically, or never at all. Just as observing Shabbat is commanded, prayer was thought of by the rabbis as a discipline, like practicing music or sports; one has to repeat it on a regular basis to reap the benefits.

Therefore, we have fixed prayers, and fixed prayer times. This is called *keva* which is the flip-side of *kavannah*. Traditional Jews pray not only three times a day but also recite a multitude of blessings from sun up to sun down, the purpose of which is to pause long enough to be grateful for a meal, a sunset, clothes, shelter.

Reform Jews do not pray three times a day nor recite blessings all day long. Yet those who attend services regularly, who learn some Hebrew, are more likely to have a relationship with our prayers than those who don't, they are more likely to develop that sense of *kavannah*. This helps us open up our awareness of the abounding blessings of every day. We then find that almost any experience can become an opportunity for reflection and gratitude. Whether we pray in synagogue, or when see a beautiful sunset, our prayers can be rich with meaning.

Come to "Our Stories as Prayer" workshops (see below) and Sacred Story Shabbats (Friday March 20 and Friday, May 8).

Meredith

OUR STORIES AS PRAYERS WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR STONE

Learn about the themes of some well known prayers and how they connect to your personal reflections, observations and anecdotes. Find out how your daily life experiences can illumine and deepen the meaning of your prayers. Join Cantor Stone for some meaningful writing, talking, sharing and learning.

jBoomer Sessions (for ages 40's & 50's):

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - SESSION 1

6:30PM Light Dinner/7:15PM Workshop

RSVP by February 1 to Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x19.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SESSION 2

6:30PM Light Dinner/7:15PM Workshop

RSVP by February 1 to Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x19.

L'Chaim Session (for age 60 & Up):

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:00PM Lunch and Workshop

RSVP by February 12 to Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x19.





EXPLORING OUR PRAYERS FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
7:30PM

Students from Grade 5 and 6 will be participating in this innovative service by sharing their own interpretations of the prayers in our liturgy.

Followed by a Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae Oneg!



SACRED STORIES SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
7:30PM

The joyful music of our band and the Temple Tones fill this uplifting Shabbat service.

We are inspired by the sacred sparks we see in ordinary and extraordinary stories congregants share with us all.

This service inspires as it connects us to each other and our tradition.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: YOUTH GROUP SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
7:30PM

Neil Ginsberg, our Monday Night Program educator of more than 40 years, will be honored on the occasion of his retirement. Our graduating high school seniors will also be honored and called to the bimah.

If you would like to participate in this Youth Service, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

RABBI JONAH PESNER NAMED NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) has played a central role in our movement's legislative advocacy efforts for the last 50 years – and for the last 40, has been led by Rabbi David Saperstein. This past December, after a nomination from President Obama, Rabbi Saperstein was confirmed as the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom.

The RAC has announced that Rabbi Jonah Pesner will succeed Rabbi Saperstein as the next director of the RAC. His deep experience organizing congregations around social justice issues, his leadership in the



successful Massachusetts campaign for health care access (a national model for reform), and his extensive experience in leading, teaching, and speaking at Reform congregations and institutions – all of these make him the natural choice to lead the RAC.

He will continue in his role as Senior Vice President of the URJ, where he will remain in the senior leadership of the organization in addition to his role at the RAC.

Rabbi Pesner will spend the next few weeks transitioning into his new position by meeting with Congressional leadership, key staff in the Obama administration, leaders of other Jewish and religious organizations, and a broad array of coalition partners with whom the RAC works on legislative priorities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



This is a time for new beginnings. It is hard to believe that we are already half-way through our fiscal year, which began back on June 1. One might think, that with the High Holy Days and fall behind us, that our programming would be slowing down, but that is hardly the case.



In March, we have Single Malt Torah: Purim Edition and our ever popular Purim service, with this year's exciting theme of "A Night at the Oscars" where everyone will be encouraged to dress up in either your glamorous red carpet outfits or your favorite movie costumes. Also in March, the Youth Group will host the annual Purim carnival; there will be a new gallery exhibit opening of abstract art, followed a few days later by our Women's Study Group Passover Seder and our inspirational Teen Passover Seder with the German School. There will be a walk with the Rabbi, mah jongg game nights, our Current and Former Board Member dinner, and a Family

Shabbat Service with our band themed "Exploring Our Prayers".

In April, we will come together for Passover services, a special Passover Torah study session, and Yizkor services. We will have the inaugural Samuel L. and Jane L. Friedman Lecture on Peace and Understanding, our annual benefit, Mitzvah Day, and our Youth Group Yom Haatzmaut Service.

The above list is only a small taste of what we have going on—with more details to be found throughout this bulletin, on our website, in our weekly EmanuMail, Jewish Journeys 5775, and special emails.

There is definitely something going on here at Congregation Emanu-El that should strike your fancy, so please join us whenever you can.

We would love to see you and continue building memories together.

CALLING ALL CARS!

DONATE YOUR CAR. ALL VEHICLES WELCOMED,
NO MATTER OF AGE OR CONDITION.

Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester now gratefully accepts cars! We have teamed up with Central Auto Auction, one of the largest auctioneers in the Northeast, to maximize the value of your generous gift. CAA's size, combined with low overhead costs, enables them to provide the highest proceeds for non-profit organizations such as ours.

Easy. Call Scott Allen 914-967-4382 x18 with the basic information (name of owner on the title, year/make/model, color, mileage, VIN number).

Fast. Pick-up arranged at your home or other location of your preference, generally within 2-3 days. Expedited, professional service ensures prompt results for us.

Tax deductible. We provide a certificate of donation to the full extent of proceeds received by us.

For more information, call Scott Allen 914-967-4382 x18.



STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK

KNITZVAH CORPS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

5:30PM

Our Knitzvah Corps meet monthly to knit baby clothing, blankets, 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. All are welcome.

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



and

JOIN THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE AS WE HOST THE **DOROT WESTCHESTER PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY**

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

10:00AM OR 11:30AM ORIENTATION

FOLLOWED BY A HOME VISIT

Take part in this wonderful holiday outreach program! Volunteers will spend time at the temple packing a bag full of Passover goodies, and will head out in late morning for a nice hour-long social visit with their assigned senior citizen, Passover goodies in tow.

Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to participate—a great family activity for parents and children to do together. Adult supervision required for children under 18.



**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT WWW.DOROTUSA.ORG
OR BY CONTACTING EMILY COHEN AT EMILYDCOHEN@GMAIL.COM.**

**ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION
OPENS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23.**

STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR TO COME TOGETHER AND PERFORM MITZVOT
IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Watch the mail for this year's Mitzvah Day project choices. We hope you will join us!

Coordinated by the Social Action Committee.



VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED FOR ESL PROGRAM AT DON BOSCO CENTER

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

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 Emily Cohen:
914-381-1260 or email
emilydcohen@gmail.com.



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

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

These musical extravaganzas 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



MIL'S TRILLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
4:30PM

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

TICKETS: Advance Purchase: \$12/per person. At the door: \$15/per person.

YOUNG FAMILIES PURIM CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
9:30AM

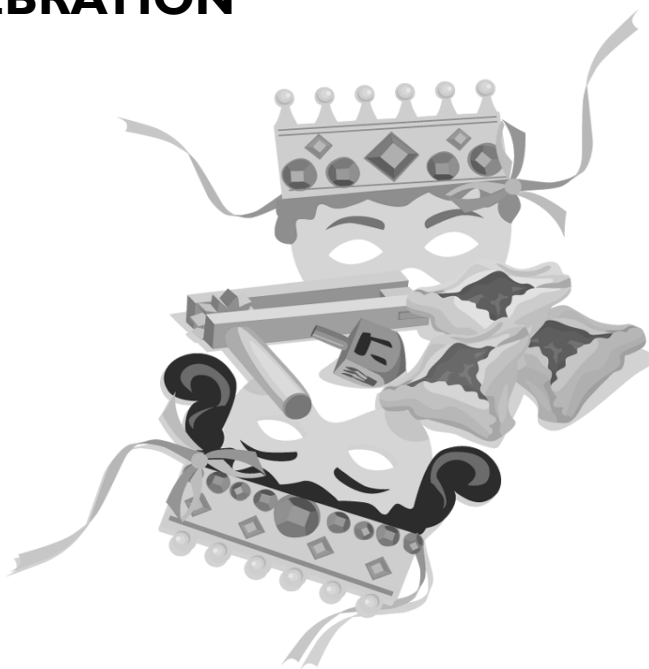
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For children 6 months - 2nd grade. Siblings welcome.
Open to the community.

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YOUTH AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

KOL BO: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Over the course of the year, our community has explored the stories of Jewish communities in Israel and the diaspora. The term *diaspora* means “to scatter about or disperse”. After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 C.E., the Jewish diaspora moved to all corners of the world, building vibrant communities and refusing to relinquish their collective Jewish identities. Jews are known to reside in 135 countries, 97 of these have large well-organized communities.



Where will you travel to on this journey that looks at our global Jewish heritage and contemporary Jewish life?

Congregation Emanu-El hosts many programs that teach and connect us to Jews all around the world.

- The Religious School Family Education morning had families traveling and learning about Jewish communities around the world.
- Our L’Chaim group learned about the impact of the Jews in the Catskills at our kick off program on the “Borscht Belt, a contemporary history of the Catskills” with Marisa Scheinfeld.
- We journey in our Sunday Film Series to Belgium (*Rashevski’s Tango*), Argentina (*Anita*) and to the Ukraine (*No Place on Earth*).
- Rabbi Daniel Wolk took us on a trip of our historic past in the January “Travels in Jerusalem” series.

- We will learn about the Jewish presence in France from the Romans to the present day at the Isaac’s Memorial Lecture with Professor J. Steven Rubin on February 6.
- On our temple’s February Mission to Cuba, we will connect with Cubans of Jewish heritage that have lived on the island for centuries. Cuban Jews trace their ancestry to Marranos who fled the Spanish Inquisition in the 1490’s.
- At our Engaging Seders Program on March 8, we will learn about asking The Four Questions of the Passover Seder in 300 languages.
- The Inaugural Samuel L. and Jane L. Friedman Lecture on April 10 will focus on “Israel and Peace and Understanding: The Realities of a Decades Long Search for Peace” with Aaron David Miller.

Our exploration of K’lal Yisrael strengthens our Jewish identity by learning from the past to the present, *l’dor v’dor*—from generation to generation. Where will you travel to on this journey that looks at our global Jewish heritage and contemporary Jewish life? I hope to see you and share the “trip” as we have so many opportunities to deepen our understanding and bring to life our Jewish story and history.

Shalom,

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.





SUNDAY FILM SERIES

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.



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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

LET'S PLAY: **MAH JONGG**

MONDAYS, 2/2 & 3/9

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
jdubro@congregationmanuel.org
or 914-967-4382 x21.



WALK WITH THE RABBI

2/6, 4/6, 5/4, 5/18

9:00AM

What better way is there 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 Lot, 94 Dearborn Avenue, Rye.



NEXT STEP

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!

MIX & MINGLE



GALLERY OPENING: DORINE LERNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
12:00PM



Born into an immigrant Italian family, Dorine Lerner's early artistic drive was to draw and paint. In the ensuing years, she painted extensively while raising her family, with particular emphasis on one- and three-dimensional acrylic Color Field paintings, later progressing to the Stain Soak method. Fate and the demands of an eager clientele intervened and she established her own atelier de couture and became a featured designer for Henri Bendel in New York City.

Upon retiring to Bucks County, PA, Dorine returned to painting and attended the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts. Her current projects are by commission and encompass diverse styles including: Representational, Abstract, and Pastiche. Her works feature the interplay among gesture, body, space and surface. Compelling curves, delicacy of line, and a sculptural kinship pay homage to her lifelong devotion to design and aesthetics.



Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

A portion of the proceeds from the exhibits will be donated to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester's Social Action Committee.

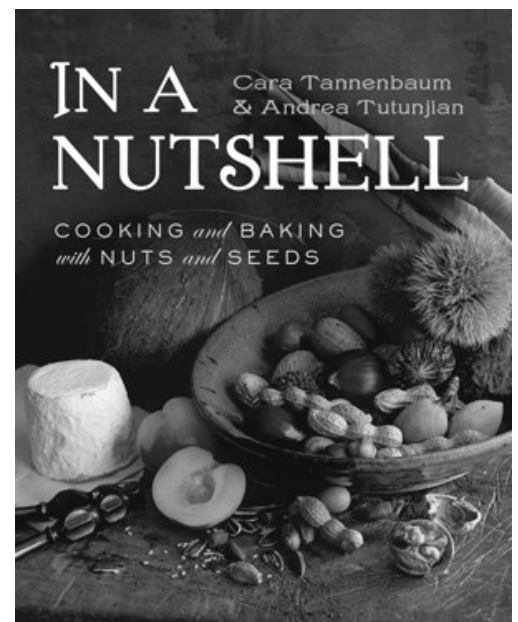
JBOOMER: COOKING CLASS WITH MASTER CHEF CARA TANNENBAUM

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
7:00PM

This cooking class will feature recipes cooked straight from the pages of Cara Tannenbaum's cook book *In a Nutshell: Cooking and Baking with Nuts and Seeds*.

Cara is a chef instructor at the Institute of Culinary Education and the chef/owner of a boutique catering service.

Space is limited. RSVP to Jane Dubro at jdubro@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21. Cost \$50 per person.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

BEING AN ADVOCATE

To advocate. The dictionary defines advocate as “to speak or write in favor of – support or urge by argument.” I think that I have been advocating since I monopolized our family dinner table conversations “advocating” against the Vietnam War and in favor of a multitude of other causes. As your Religious Educator, one of my most important jobs is to create a safe space where our students ages 4 to 18 can feel passionate about their Jewish traditions and values and become confident advocates for their own beliefs.



...they were engaged, enthusiastic and perceptive about all the activities and sessions in which they participated.

Each year, I take our MNP Grade 9 and 10 students to Washington, DC to participate in a L'Taken Political Action Seminar sponsored by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. What a true joy it is for me to see our amazing teens fulfilling their roles as advocates for Social Justice, becoming passionate about important issues and advocating for their positions to legislative assistants in Congresswoman Lowey's and Senator Schumer's offices.

This year was especially meaningful because the twelve students that went on the weekend were so excited to participate.

From the moment that we arrived at our hotel and raced down to Kabbalat Shabbat services, where we worshipped with Reform Jewish teens from fifteen different states, to our leaving a meeting on Monday with Congresswoman Lowey, they were engaged, enthusiastic and perceptive about all the activities and sessions in which they participated.

On Sunday night, the students worked hard in small groups preparing the speeches that they would give the next day, advocating for passage of ENDA (the Employment Non-Discrimination Act) stem cell research, economic justice and legislation to counter climate change. Their speeches were laden with facts, personal stories, connections to our Jewish values and passionate “asks”, letting their elected officials know what they wanted them to do to make our world a better place in which to live.

Maddie Gaynor, Ella Sternberg, Alex Kaplan, Ben Stein, Brian Siegel, Rebecca Daniels, Ari Daniels, Shoshi Daniels, Karen Bender, Lila Rutishauser, Sarah Birnbaum, Rose Baranowski and our Rabbinic Intern, Chase Foster – thank you for participating in this special weekend, and for accomplishing so much.

Mara

B'NEI MITZVAH — MAZEL TOV!

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



MICHAEL KAMIN

JUSTIN MARKS

ZOE MILLER



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN DROP-OFF PROGRAMS



Introduce your kindergarten & pre-school aged children to their Jewish heritage with Congregation Emanu-El's Sunday morning drop-off programs

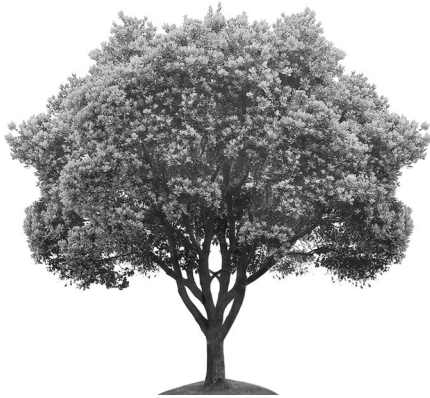
Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Each class focuses on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling, and arts and crafts.

Classes meet eight times during the school year on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:45AM. Congregant and non-congregant children are welcome! Bring a friend!

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemmanuel.org.

Tu B'Shevat Pre-K & K Drop-Off Program

Sunday, February 8, 9:30 - 11:45AM



Purim Pre-K & K Drop-Off Program

Sunday, March 8, 9:30 - 11:30AM



Passover Pre-K & K Drop-Off Program

Sunday, March 22, 9:30 - 11:45AM



Israel Independence Day/ Yom Ha'atzmaut Pre-K & K Drop-Off Program

Sunday, April 12, 9:30 - 11:45AM



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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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.



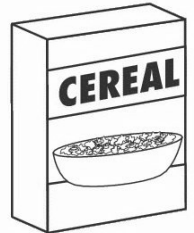
FAMILIES FEEDING FAMILIES CEREAL FOOD DRIVE

ENDS 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.



CELEBRATE PURIM!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

PRE-K AND K DROP-OFF PURIM CLASS & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM CELEBRATIONS

9:30 - 11:30AM

PURIM SCHPIEL FOR STUDENTS AND CONGREGANTS

11:00AM

Come for singing, a megillah
reading, groggers and the
world-famous Marcie-Stomp.

All parents and congregants
are welcome to attend.



PURIM CARNIVAL

11:30AM

Games! Prizes! Food! Excitement! After the Schpiel,
enjoy our annual Purim Carnival sponsored and run by
our Youth Group.

\$5 for 25 tickets, all proceeds go to tzedakah.

All friends, relatives, congregants and community members
are welcome.

ANNUAL GRADE 6 FIELD TRIP:

THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE IN BATTERY PARK

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:30AM - 1:00PM

Our Grade 6 students will visit The Museum
of Jewish Heritage and learn how ritual items
exemplify Jewish communities in Europe
prior to the Holocaust. Students will use this
knowledge for the Grade 6 Artifact Museum.



MADRICHIM:TEACHING ASSISTANTS



This year, Chase Foster, our Rabbinic Intern, has been working with our *madrachim* to improve their training and help their classroom involvement.

Madrachim are students in grades 8 - 12 who serve as Teaching Assistants in our Religious School classrooms on Sundays and Tuesdays.

They help in a wide variety of roles in the classroom, including: directing small groups, working individually with students, acting as mentors and role models, and leading various classroom activities.

We believe that working in the classrooms will inspire our teens to positively grow their Jewish knowledge and commitment.

We interviewed our Madrichim, and this is what they had to say about their experiences:

What have you learned?

"How to work with children." - Jessica

"The responsibility of having a job." - Becca

"Being able to organize and lead a group." - Matt

"Leadership skills that I use regularly." - Karen

What is your favorite part of being a teaching assistant?

"Learning about the students." - Matt

"Relearning Jewish stories." - Karen

"Being with the students." - Ariel

"Helping children." - Becca

What is your favorite Jewish holiday and why?

"Shabbat because it happens every week" - Jessica

"Chanukah because I get to see family" - Ariel

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:45 - 7:15PM



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

2015 YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR



Saturday, February 7, Time TBA
Ice Skating at Playland



Saturday, March 7, 8:00PM
Movie Night



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 School



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



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



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 Bake Sale for Pediatric Cancer



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

YOUTH

HINEINI DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY



SUNDAY, MARCH 22

10:00AM - 12:30PM

Help deliver a Passover holiday package to a local homebound senior.

If you are interested in signing up or would like more details, contact Jane at jdubro@congregationmanuel.org. or 914-967-4382 x21.



MNP/YOUTH GROUP PASSOVER SEDER WITH GERMAN SCHOOL



MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:15PM

Our Youth Group and Monday Night Program students will host a model Passover Seder in partnership with the German School New York and the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (HHREC).

This special event is an opportunity for us to build relationships with the German community and share an evening of our rich Jewish heritage.

MARK YOUR CALENDER: YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT SERVICE



FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:30PM

Neil Ginsberg, our Monday Night Program educator of more than 40 years, will be honored on the occasion of his retirement. Our graduating high school seniors will also be honored and called to the bimah.

If you would like to participate in this Youth Service, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.





NEW BOOKS IN THE BERGER LIBRARY

We have added a number of wonderful books to our adult and children's libraries over the past several months. We hope you have some time to browse and borrow from our growing collection of literature the next time you are at the temple. Our newest additions are listed below:

<u>Title, Author</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Moses' Ark-Stories from the Bible by Alice Bach & J. Cheryl Exum	BIBLE
With a Mighty Hand – The Story in the Torah by Amy Ehrlich	BIBLE
The Wailing Wall by Leonard Fisher	ISRAEL
Text Messages – A Torah Commentary for Teens by Rabbi J. Salkin	JUDIASM
ABC Hanukkah Hunt by Tilda Balsley	HOLIDAYS-HANU
Barnyard Purim by Kelly Terwilliger	HOLIDAYS-PURIM
The Chanukkah Guest by Eric Kimmel	HOLIDAYS-HANU
Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen by Joan Nathan	HOLIDAYS GENERAL
Curious George, Happy Hanukkah by Emily Meyer	HOLIDAYS-HANU
Hanukkah in Alaska by Barbara Brown	HOLIDAYS-HANU
Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric Kimmel	HOLIDAYS-HANU
I'm Sorry, Grover: A Rosh Hashanah Tale by Tilda Balsley	HOLIDAYS-HHDAYS
Jodie's Hanukkah Dig by Anna Levine	HOLIDAYS-HANU
Just Enough is Plenty – A Hanukkah Tale by Barbara Goldin	HOLIDAYS-HANU
The Miracle of Potato Latkes by Malka Penn	HOLIDAYS-HANU
The Vanishing Grounds – A Sukkot Mystery by Susan Axe-Bronk	HOLIDAYS
The Very Crowded Sukkah by Leslie Kimmelman	HOLIDAYS
A Watermelon in the Sukkah by Sylvia Rouss	HOLIDAYS
Brave Girl – Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1910 by Michelle Markel	PICTURE BOOKS
Chik, Chak Shabbat by Mara Rockliff	PICTURE BOOKS
Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea by Tony Johnston	PICTURE BOOKS
Journey on a Cloud – A Book Inspired by Marc Chagall by Veronique Massenot	PICTURE BOOKS
Today is the Birthday of the World by Linda Heller	PICTURE BOOKS
Zayde Comes to Live by Sheri Sinykin	PICTURE BOOKS
The Blessing Cup by Patricia Polacco	LEGEND & FOLKTALES
Naomi's Song by Selma Kritzner Silverberg	J FICTION
Strawberry Hill by Mary Ann Hoberman	J FICTION



FORBIDDEN TORAH SERIES WITH RABBINIC INTERN CHASE FOSTER

FRIDAYS, MARCH 6, 13, 20
12:00PM

Based on a passage in the Talmud that proscribes portions of the Torah that are not to be translated or even read in public, join our Rabbinic Intern Chase Foster, to explore parts of the Torah that are deceitful or salacious, known or unknown, confounding or eye-opening.

RSVP for any or all sessions to Chase
at 914-967-4382 x31 or
cfoster@congregationemanuel.org.

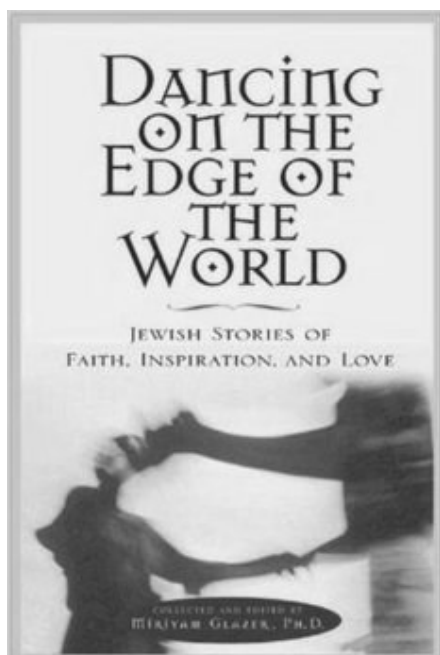
TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
10:30AM

Dancing on the Edge of the World

A collection of short stories compiled and edited by Miriam Glazer.

Guest facilitator Rabbi Goldsmith.



KNOW ANY FAMILIES THAT ARE SHUL SHOPPING?

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
10:00 - 11:30AM

Our Religious School opens its doors to all prospective families interested in learning more about our Sunday School program. At our annual Sample Our Sunday School event, families will have a chance to visit our classrooms, get a taste of our program, and meet with Rabbi Goldsmith, Cantor Stone, Marcie Aiuvalasit, Scott Allen and congregants from the Board of Trustees and Membership Committee.

Please give Marcie the names of any families that you know might be interested. Marcie can be reached at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL AUTHOR LUNCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
12:00PM



Guest Author Maggie Anton, author of the Rashi's Daughters Trilogy, Rav Hisda's Daughter, and The Enchantress will join us for this year's author's lunch.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15
or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 - 10:30AM Our Path: Jewish Ethics Discussion with Rabbi Goldsmith 9:30AM - 11:45AM Religious School & Tu B'Shevat Celebration	2 6:30PM WJCS: From Where Does My Help Come From? Confronting Mental Illness 7:00PM Let's Play: Mah Jongg 7:15PM - 8:45PM Monday Night Program 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation	3 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School	4	5 7:00PM Sacred Aging	6 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 7:30PM Isaac's Memorial Lecture	7 9:00AM Torah Study (Yitro) Youth Group Ice Skating Event at Playland Time TBA Michael Kamin Bar Mitzvah
8 Families Feeding Families Food Drive Ends 9:30AM - 11:45AM Religious School & Grade 5 Family Education Morning 9:30AM - 11:45AM Pre-K & K Program: Tu B'Shevat 11:00AM Next Step 4:00PM Sunday Film Series (in honor of Jewish Disabilities Month): Anita	9 6:30PM Our Stories As Prayers with Cantor Stone (jBoomer Session 1) 6:45PM - 7:15PM Youth Group Meeting 7:15PM - 8:45PM Monday Night Program 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation	10 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Temple Board Meeting	11	12	13 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat Service	14
15 No Religious School	16 No Confirmation No Monday Night Program	17 No Hebrew School	18	19	20 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat Service	21
22 No Religious School	23 12:00PM Our Stories As Prayers with Cantor Stone (L'Chaim Session) 6:30PM Our Stories As Prayers with Cantor Stone (jBoomer Session 2) 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation No Monday Night Program - Mitzvah Month	24 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School	25	26	27 8:00PM Shabbat Service	28 7:00PM Pizmon Acapella Concert at JCCH

CALENDAR: MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30AM Mi Ani Trip to the Jewish Heritage Museum 9:30AM - 11:45AM Religious School 10:45AM Chai Mitzvah	2 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation No Monday Night Program - Mitzvah Month	3 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School	4	5 8:00PM Single Malt Torah: Purim Edition	6 12:00PM Adult Education with Rabbinic Intern Chase Foster 6:00PM Current/Former Board Member Dinner 7:45PM Pre-Purim Cocktails 8:00PM Purim Shabbat Service	7 9:30AM Young Families Committee: Purim Event Zoe Miller Bat Mitzvah 8:00PM Youth Group Movie Night
8 9:30AM Engaging Seders Program 9:30AM - 11:45AM Religious School & Purim Celebrations 9:30AM - 11:30AM Pre-K & K Program: Purim 11:00AM Purim Shpiel Megillah Reading 11:30AM Purim Carnival 12:00PM Gallery Opening: Dorine Lerner	9 7:00PM Let's Play: Mah Jongg 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation No Monday Night Program - Mitzvah Month	10 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Temple Board Meeting	11	12 5:30PM Knitzvah Corps	13 12:00PM Adult Education with Rabbinic Intern 7:30PM Family Service: Exploring Our Prayers	14 9:00AM Torah Study (Vayakhel-Pekudei) Justin Marks Bar Mitzvah
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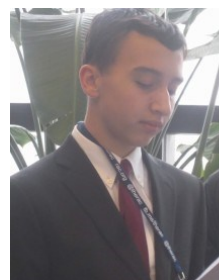
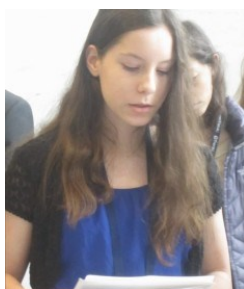
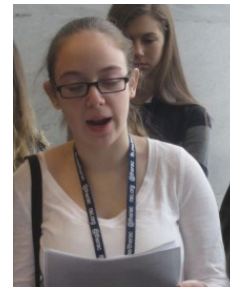
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Our grade 9 and 10 students visited Washington, DC to lobby for issues that they are passionate about to legislative assistants in Congresswoman Lowey's and Senator Schumer's offices.

Our students focused on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, stem cell research, economic justice and legislation to counter climate change.

See page 16 for more details about this year's trip in our Religious Educator's message.



FEBRUARY - MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

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| February 6 | Isaac's Memorial
Lecture with
Professor Steven J. Rubin
7:30 Service |
| February 13 | Early Shabbat Service
6:00 Pre-neg
6:30 Service |
| February 20 | Early Shabbat Service
6:00 Pre-neg
6:30 Service |
| February 27 | Shabbat Service
8:00 Service |
| March 6 | Purim Shabbat
7:45 Pre-Purim Cocktails
8:00 Service 🎵 🖥️ |
| March 13 | Exploring Our Prayers
Family Service
7:30 Service 🎵 🖥️ |
| March 20 | Sacred Stories Shabbat
7:30 Service 🎵 🖥️ |
| March 27 | Shabbat Service
8:00 Service |



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CURRENT & FORMER BOARD MEMBER DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
6:15PM

Our current and former board members come
together to celebrate our congregation and
hear updates about the temple. The dinner is
followed by our Night at the Oscars Purim Shabbat service

If you have ever served as a member of the board and would like
to attend the dinner, please RSVP to Abbie at 914-967-4382 x11
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