

# AROUND THE WORLD 2019 SPRING BENEFIT

**HONORING EMANU-EL PRIZE  
RECIPIENTS BONNIE & HENRY SHYER  
AND JILL BAKER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 7:30PM**

The recipients of this year's Emanu-El Prize each – in their own way – embody the ideals of our congregation.



Bonnie and Henry Shyer contribute to the strength of our congregation and the community at large through their generosity, their service on the temple board and various committees, as well as dedicated work with other charities throughout the community and across the nation.



Jill Baker keeps the flame of community spirit burning bright at Emanu-El. Through her service as Sisterhood President, she has initiated and sustained foundational community building programs such as our weekly Game Night and our annual Sisterhood Boutique. She reminds us all of the deep meaning to be

found in friendship and a sense of togetherness.

Please join us on Saturday, April 6 to celebrate Bonnie, Henry, and Jill, and to toast our wonderful congregation.

## **BLINGO BINGO GAME NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE JARED DUBRO LEGACY FUND**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 7:00PM**

Love Bingo? Play to win amazing prizes from Designs that Donate (jewelry, accessories, and more) while supporting the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund created by the Dubro family to support programs, initiatives, and experiences that bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world.

This event is for adults and teens. Pre-purchase Bingo cards at <https://tinyurl.com/bingocew> (\$18/1 card or \$30/2 cards) At the door Bingo cards are \$20.



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE SHABBAT FEATURING THE ISAAC MEMORIAL LECTURE WITH HOTEL EVEREST FILMMAKER CLAUDIA SOBRAL**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

**6:30PM FILM/7:30PM SERVICE & DISCUSSION**

This evening will begin with an optional screening of filmmaker Claudia Sobral's groundbreaking documentary, *Hotel Everest*. The film features the stories of brave Palestinians and Israelis who seek to overcome decades of conflict by seeing the "others" as human beings.

We will then celebrate the Social Justice work of our congregation and the Reform movement in a service filled with stirring songs and readings. The service will inspire us to recommit to this important work in the coming year.

At the end of the service, Claudia Sobral will speak to us about her film and the impact the work is having on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

For more information, see page 7 or contact Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x21.



Designs that Donate will also have a Pop Up Shop for players who wish to shop at the event.

Weather note: if there is snow or inclement weather causing local school closings, the event will be postponed to the following evening, Thursday, January 24 at 7:00pm.

RSVP to Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x 21. Friends welcome.



**CARING COMMUNITY RIDE PROGRAM, DETAILS ON PG. 9**





## CHANUKAH FAMILY SHABBAT & SPINAGOGUE TOURNAMENT



## YOUNG FAMILIES CHANUKAH CELEBRATION



## YOUNG FAMILIES CONCERT: JOANIE LEEDS & THE NIGHTLIGHTS



## PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN CHANUKAH CLASSES



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**2019 SPRING BENEFIT**  
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### BAR MITZVAH MAZEL TOV!

We would like to honor Luke Miller who is celebrating becoming Bar Mitzvah in February. It is a pleasure and a joy to welcome him as a full member of our congregation!



### CORRECTION:

Jane Meryll is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College with a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Child Development. She attended Boston University, not Boston College, as an Applied Piano major.

## SPARKS OF LIGHT

### MYSTICISM

mys·ti·cism

/'mistə, sizəm/

noun: mysticism

Belief that union with or absorption into the Deity or the absolute, or the spiritual apprehension of knowledge inaccessible to the intellect, may be attained through contemplation and self-surrender.



### KABBALAH

Kab·ba·lah

/kə'bələ, 'kabələ/

noun: Kabbalah

The ancient Jewish tradition of mystical interpretation of the Bible, first transmitted orally and using esoteric methods (including ciphers).

The great Kabbalist, Rabbi Isaac Luria (16th century, Israel), taught that before the world came into existence, God's presence filled all space and time. And, God being God, it was perfect, but also perfectly boring and a bit lonely. And so, God contracted – *tzimtzum* – and created a small space in the midst of God's perfection in which God could create the world. The possibility of all things came not from an initial emanation, or an act upon something, but from withdrawing, from leaving space for the creation and creativity that yields all things.

Rabbi Luria taught that into this space, God emitted a stream of Divine light – pure blessing – a link between this new creation and its infinite source: God. According to the story, this light poured into primordial vessels. Unable to contain God's pure light, the vessels shattered, scattering sparks of God's light throughout the space of creation. The shards from the vessels themselves became the stuff of creation, the matter which constitutes rocks and pickup trucks, babies and horseshoe crabs. Luria taught that each bit of matter has attached to it one spark of the Divine light which God poured into the space of creation. It is those sparks which sustain matter, which sustain all creation.

Some mystics teach that the first human, Adam, could have repaired the vessels and restored the Divine light to its intended place thereby bringing back a perfect communion between the created and the Creator. But instead, Adam ate the apple, the first

act of sin which caused more separation from God rather than union with God. Thus history began.

Each person, each situation, every triumph and every tragedy, all of human experience contains those sparks of holiness.

And so, the project of collecting the sparks and repairing the world is left to us. Each human being has within the potential to “eat apples,” to sin, and thus separate the created further from the Creator. And each human being has within the potential to uncover and collect the sparks of Divine light that fill every nook and cranny of our world. Each person, each situation, every triumph and every tragedy, all of human experience contains those sparks of holiness. It is important to note that holiness adheres to difficulties and hardships as well as joys and successes. This does not mean that we seek out suffering, but rather that holiness can be found even in the midst of suffering. When we name and collect and foster those holy sparks, we engage in what the kabbalists call *tikkun olam*, repair of the world. This original conception of *tikkun olam* did not require that we solve world hunger to repair the world. Rather, in its original form, *tikkun olam* teaches that every holy, good act uncovers Divine sparks and not only repairs the world – the created – but also brings healing and union with God – the Creator.

Jewish mysticism as embodied in the Kabbalah is not for everyone. Reading it as allegory and metaphor helps those rationalist skeptics among us. But no matter how literally we take these stories, they offer a profound hope that no matter the state of our world, no matter how broken we may feel, there are always sparks of holiness to which we can cling, sparks that can bring light, sparks that can help us to find a pathway to healing and to God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard'.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

## THE TABLE

The young saleswoman in the tony downtown furniture showroom was taking too long at the cash register. She had called the manager over and they were conferring quietly behind the sales desk. To our dismay, the purchase of our dream dining table and chairs had hit a snag.



Let us bless our daughters at our tables  
– no matter what color the leaf – in  
both the beauty and empowerment of  
our tradition.

My husband and I are not terribly decisive to begin with. So replacing our sadly “distressed” table and chairs was already a bit daunting. After a thorough search, we were excited to have finally settled upon a refreshingly contemporary combination that would expand to accommodate many happy dinners and holiday meals.

Now, the matching blond oak leaf we chose was no longer available. The other color options would not work in our warm mid-century living room. As I told the manager, the wrong color would look *ungepatchkied*. We had no choice but to sit tight for a few days while the saleswoman contacted the manufacturer in Denmark.

When we were subsequently told, unsurprisingly, that the company would not produce a single item – even one little blond wood table leaf – I summoned my powers of persuasion. I implored the manager to give it the “old college try”. I explained in my kindest voice that it was not reasonable to offer a pedestal without the matching leaf, and that we would even pay extra for one. The leaf must be attainable! It was

just a question of convincing the manager that we were worth the effort it would take to track one down. Somewhere in the world...a lone blond oak leaf turned up. Now we could have our table, and eat on it, too!

Advocating for oneself is a critical life skill I’ve tried to impart to my daughters, Mirit and Lila. When I was growing up, I saw my mother easily defeated, lacking the voice to speak up when confronted with obstacles. Like many housewives of her era, she was expected to be “ladylike” and basically deferential.

Traditional Judaism, in its effort to maintain social order and strengthen the family and community, places many restrictions on women. Even so, Judaism also has a long lineage of assertive women who know how to make things happen and don’t easily take “no” for an answer. From Lilith and other lesser known figures buried in the bible, to Gloria Steinem, Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Mrs. Maisel, the list of empowered Jewish women goes on and on.

On Shabbat and holidays, Judaism gives us a poignant ritual for blessing our children, with a specific blessing for boys, and another for girls, which reads, “May you be like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah”.

While these are strong and wise women, we can also model for our daughters the courage of Esther, the leadership of Deborah, the confidence of Miriam, the boldness of Yael, and the bravery of Judith.

Let us bless our daughters at our tables – no matter what color the leaf – in both the beauty and empowerment of our tradition.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meredith".

Meredith Stone, Cantor



## CHOOSING CHOSENNESS

Worrying that because of their similarities, he too might be destined for the same evil darkness as the villain, Voldemort, Harry Potter's beloved mentor, Dumbledore, assures him, "It is our choices that show who we truly are, far more than our abilities." We are defined by our choices. This is the central theme of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series. We choose love over anger, courage over ignorance, friendship over solitude, what is right over what is easy.



So, too, is choice a defining theme of the story of the Jewish people. In parshat Yitro, we learn that if the ancient Israelites choose to faithfully obey God and keep God's covenant, the Israelites will be God's "treasured possession among all the peoples" (Exodus 19:5). God's treasured possession, God's *am s'gullah*, God's chosen people. At this moment of receiving the Torah at Sinai, of entering into a sacred covenant, we are taught that chosenness itself is a choice. If we choose Torah, if we choose God, if we choose covenantal community, then we will be chosen, treasured, holy. And it is this communal commitment of accepting Torah at Sinai that defines the character of the Jewish people. We choose Torah, God, commandedness, covenant, community.

If the character of the Jewish people is defined by choosing chosenness, then it is this chosenness - our

holy acts and the light that we bring forth - that defines who we are. In Exodus 20:23, God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites, "Do not ascend My alter by steps, that your nakedness may not be exposed to it." The medieval commentator Rashi understands that the ancient Israelites would have worn tunics, thus if they were eager to reach the alter, running up those entry steps two at a time, they ran the risk of their tunics flaring and well, let us just say our ancient ancestors were very likely "true Scotsmen".

It is our choices that show who we truly are, far more than our abilities.

However, Rashi goes on to make a more profound point: God is not truly concerned with potential wardrobe malfunctions but rather with the way that we all interact with the objects that enable us to do God's work on earth. Our attention to these mere things, these tools, these stepping stones, reflects the choices that we make about how we treat our fellow humans. The heart of this commandment is that our purpose as chosen people is to choose to create covenantal relationships that are worthy of being chosen by God.

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Jade Ross, Assistant Rabbi

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## RITUAL CORNER: BE AN ORGAN DONOR! - PIKUACH

Saving a life is the highest principle in Jewish law and tradition. The ancient rabbis taught that we may transgress nearly any law in order to save a life. We find the Biblical rationale for this principle in Leviticus 18:5, "You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD." In other words, we ought to "live" by the laws of the Torah, not die because of them. The Talmud (Yoma 84b) elaborates that we should not hesitate to break the Sabbath in order to save a life or even to treat a sick person. The Talmud (Sanhedrin 74a) lists a few exceptions to this principle, things that tradition teaches Jews must not do even if their lives are in danger: idolatry, blasphemy, incest, adultery, and murder (self-defense and war are not considered murder).

One very practical modern day application of this principle is organ donation. It may seem that organ donation would be considered a violation of the commandment to honor the body of a deceased person. Not so! All Jewish authorities agree that the value of saving a life through organ donation supersedes any other concerns. And so, all Jews ought to register as organ donors.



For more information on Jewish law and organ donation, please see <https://bit.ly/2rz8x12>

To become an organ donor visit <https://donatelife.ny.gov/>

# JANE DUBRO'S MESSAGE

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## WE LOVE ISRAEL

Our annual Social Justice Shabbat will take place on Friday, January 18, the weekend of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The evening will feature the Isaacs Memorial lecture with guest speaker and filmmaker Claudia Sobral.



Claudia Sobral directed the documentary *Hotel Everest*, which tells of a very special meeting place where Israelis and Palestinians gather to gain an understanding of each other and create dialogue. The film follows three activists, one Israeli, one Palestinian, and one American, all of whom attempt to overcome what seems like an insurmountable obstacle to coexistence and peace. Yet the three try to see and understand the humanity in “the other” and create connections that promote empathy, understanding and a hope for peace.

Claudia will share her experiences making this film and will speak about her interest in the stories of individuals who live with conflict and are willing to connect with the humanity of the “other”.

During the service, we will also commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King’s often forgotten fight against anti-Semitism and for a safe and secure Israel. Dr. King

took issue with and challenged the mischaracterization of Zionism as racism. “Israel’s right to exist as a state is incontestable,” Dr. King wrote.

At his Rabbinical Assembly speech on March 25, 1968, Dr. King said, “peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all our might to protect its right to exist, its territorial integrity. I see Israel as one of the great outposts of democracy in the world, and a marvelous example of what can be done, how desert land can be transformed into an oasis of brotherhood and democracy. Peace for Israel means security and that security must be a reality.”

The evening will begin at 6:30pm with the screening of *Hotel Everest*. The service and featured program will begin at 7:30pm.

I look forward to strengthening our connection to and understanding of Israel with all of you.



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director

## REFLECT & ELEVATE

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### LEARNING SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 7:30PM

Is your new year’s resolution to keep learning? Then this service is for you! Each of our clergy will teach about one aspect of our Shabbat evening worship. God, music, prayer, Hebrew, poetry – everything is on the table. Come and learn while we welcome the Sabbath in the warmth of community.

### FAMILY SERVICE: 5TH AND 6TH GRADE EXPLORING OUR PRAYERS SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 7:30PM

Come learn from our 5th and 6th grade students as they ask the questions and lead us in exploring our prayers.

### FAMILY SERVICE: HONORING HINEINI STUDENTS AND PARENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7:30PM

For our seventh graders in Hineini, it is a year of community service and car pools, b’nei mitzvah ceremonies and boot camp, lots of studying and late night parties. On this evening we will celebrate the dedication and commitment of BOTH our students AND their parents who together fill this formative year with meaning, joy, and blessings.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR: PURIM SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 7:30PM

An evening like no other!

# STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

## KIDS' KLOSET DIAPER & UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

JANUARY 1 - 31

Kids' Kloset is seeking donations of new underwear (toddler to adult sizes) and packages of diapers. Collection bins will be in the lobby throughout January.

WJCS Kids' Kloset is a volunteer-driven program that provides Westchester County children and families in need with donated clothing and related items free of charge. Since Kids' Kloset was opened in 2011, it has provided over 7,000 local children with clothing and diapers (diapers are not covered by food stamps).

# Thank You



Congregants donated 50 fantastic gifts and \$350 worth of gift cards to the Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) gift drive!

## 2019 SOCIAL ACTION CALENDAR

We are committed to tikkun olam, the repair of our world. Help make our community a better place! Whether it's donating your time or providing items to those in need, there are so many ways to get involved. Interested in participating in any of these great efforts? Contact Social Action committee chair Hedy Cardozo at [hedoza@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.com).

### KIDS' KLOSET DIAPER AND UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

JANUARY

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CEREAL DRIVE

FEBRUARY

### COLLECTION FOR AFYA

MARCH

### MITZVAH SHABBAT COLLECTION

APRIL

### DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 10:00AM

### BRUNCH RUN

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 7:30AM

### MITZVAH SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 5:30PM

### GENTLY USED BACKPACK COLLECTION

JUNE

## ONGOING SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

### DOROT WESTCHESTER

DOROT's programs provide isolated seniors with friendly volunteer visitors, intergenerational connections and holiday celebrations, all making a difference in the lives of older adults. These programs include ongoing and occasional opportunities for volunteers of all ages, providing companionship and lifelong connections across generations. For more information contact congregant and DOROT Westchester committee chair Emily Cohen at [emilydcohen@gmail.com](mailto:emilydcohen@gmail.com).

### ESL PROGRAM AT DON BOSCO CENTER

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, 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 any foreign language is necessary, nor is a teaching background! You may volunteer any or all three mornings. Classes are held at the Don Bosco Community Center, 22 Don Bosco Place in Port Chester. For more information or to volunteer, contact congregant Jaime Morris at [jaime-morris@hotmail.com](mailto:jaime-morris@hotmail.com).

### HOPE HOUSE

Adults recovering from behavioral health conditions find the support and resources they need to pursue their goals and dreams at HOPE House. Located in downtown Port Chester, HOPE House is open Monday - Saturday and offers a wide range of activities focusing on recovery and wellness. For over 20 years, congregants have participated in holidays, Mitzvah Day activities, and special events with HOPE House members and staff.

To learn more about HOPE House and how you can get involved, contact congregant Emily Cohen at [emilydcohen@gmail.com](mailto:emilydcohen@gmail.com).



# MIX & MINGLE/SEEK & DISCOVER

## TORAH STUDY

Saturday morning. A time of rest. A time of study. A time for conversation. A time to discuss the Torah with Rabbi Goldsmith, Rabbi Ross, 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 5, 9:00AM VAERA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 9:00AM YITRO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, TERUMAH

## MAH JONGG & CANASTA

MONDAYS, JANUARY 7, 14, 28

& FEBRUARY 11 & 25, 6:45PM

All levels of players are welcome; friends are invited too! If you are interested in playing, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org).

## REFLECTIONS WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR STONE

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 12:00PM

In this workshop, we find out how our daily life experiences, observations and anecdotes can illuminate and give deeper meaning to our prayers. Through writing on various topics, learning about the themes of prayers, and sharing as a group, we will see prayer in a new light and strengthen connections to one another and our tradition.

RSVP to Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x19 or [mstone@c-e-w.org](mailto:mstone@c-e-w.org). Additional Reflections workshops will be offered in March and May.

## NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 13 & FEBRUARY 10, 11:00AM

This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed this group to continue for many years. Next Step is facilitated by congregant Paul Spindel (retired executive). For more information, contact Paul at 914-632-1264 or [pspindel@gmail.com](mailto:pspindel@gmail.com).

## CARING COMMUNITY RIDE PROGRAM



The Caring Community is organizing a ride program for congregants who might otherwise not be able to drive themselves to and from Shabbat services and other programs.

If you need a ride or if you would like to volunteer as a driver, please contact MJ Wolff at [mjgwolff@gmail.com](mailto:mjgwolff@gmail.com) or contact Abbie at 914-967-4382 x18 or [alevitt@c-e-w.org](mailto:alevitt@c-e-w.org).

## BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 10:15AM

*The Muralist* by B.A. Shapiro

## BOOKS & BITES (NORTH STREET TAVERN)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 6:30PM

*The Muralist* by B.A. Shapiro

Rabbi Goldsmith will be leading the March 21 Book Club, book title to follow.

To RSVP for Books & Bites or Book Club, contact Marcie at [maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x12.

## CHALLAH BAKING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:00PM

Learn how to bake delicious challah from start to finish with congregant and baker Debra Cohen.

Space is limited, \$36/person. RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org).

## THE ETHICAL LIFE: JEWISH VALUES IN AN AGE OF CHOICE

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern. Now more than ever, we require a solid understanding of how Jewish ethics can inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day. Using a curriculum created by the Jewish Theological Seminary, five classes will be taught by the rabbis of KTI, Community Synagogue of Rye, and Congregation Emanu-El on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Cost for the 5 class series: \$36/congregant, \$50/others.

RSVP to Rabbi Goldsmith at [hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x13.

JANUARY 24 (KTI)

Introduction: Ethics and Jewish Life with Rabbis Frankel & Goldberg

JANUARY 31 (EMANU-EL)

Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration with Rabbi Goldsmith

FEBRUARY 7 (EMANU-EL)

Modern-Day Slavery and Our Ethical Responsibility with Rabbi Ross

FEBRUARY 28 (COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE OF RYE)

Disabilities and the Ethics of Inclusion with Rabbi Frankel

MARCH 7 (KTI)

Is Lying Ever Ethical? with Rabbi Goldberg

## SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 8:00PM



Men of the congregation gather in Rabbi Goldsmith's study for some Torah learning and refreshments. Explore the wisdom of our tradition and enjoy some fine scotch. Bring a friend!

For more information, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at [hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x13.

## POLITICAL STAFFER MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 9:30AM



This month we will be joined by Michael Snow, the Director of Jewish Affairs for Governor Andrew Cuomo. In this time of rising anti-Semitism we will learn about the statewide efforts to address hatred of all kinds.

We will also learn about current issues on which the governor is working and will have a chance to give our input on policies and questions facing our government.

RSVP to Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13 or [hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org).

## DIFFERENT VIEWS CONVERSATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 9:30AM

We will seek to explore a variety of viewpoints on a hot button issue facing our nation. Rather than a debate society, this is a chance to articulate and understand the different positions held by fellow congregants of good will.

RSVP to Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13 or [hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org).

## THE MANY FACETS OF TORAH WITH RABBI ROSS

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 11 & 25, 12:00PM

Our morning liturgy reminds us, "*eilu d'varim*, these are the things," the many obligations that we have as Jewish people. "*V'talmud Torah k'neged kulam* - But the study of Torah is equal to them all." From the history of Reform Judaism, to the poetry of prayer, to Israel today, come to explore the many facets of Torah.

RSVP to Rabbi Ross at 914-967-4382 x15 or [jross@c-e-w.org](mailto:jross@c-e-w.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: CURRENT & FORMER BOARD MEMBER DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 6:00PM  
(PRECEDES 7:30PM PURIM SHABBAT SERVICE)

## YOUNG FAMILIES EVENTS

Celebrate Jewish life with your little ones at these celebrations! These events are free and open to the public, friends are always welcome. For more information or to RSVP contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org).

**Purim Celebration** Sunday, March 17, 10:45AM

**Passover Celebration** Sunday, April 7, 10:45AM

**Mitzvah Shabbat**

**& Pizza Truck Dinner** Friday, May 10, 5:30PM

**School's Out Celebration** Sunday, May 19, 11:00AM

## 2019 PRE-K & K DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

Our pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the religious school experience. Classes focus on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling and arts and crafts. Classes meet on Sunday mornings during Religious School and are open to the public. There is no fee for this program. RSVP to Tal at [tdrori@c-e-w.org](mailto:tdrori@c-e-w.org).



**Tu Bish'vat:**

**The New Year for the Trees**

Sunday, January 13, 9:30-11:30AM

**Purim** Sunday, March 17, 9:30AM-10:45AM

(followed by Young Families Purim Celebration)

**Passover** Sunday, April 7, 9:30-10:45AM

(followed by Young Families Passover Celebration)

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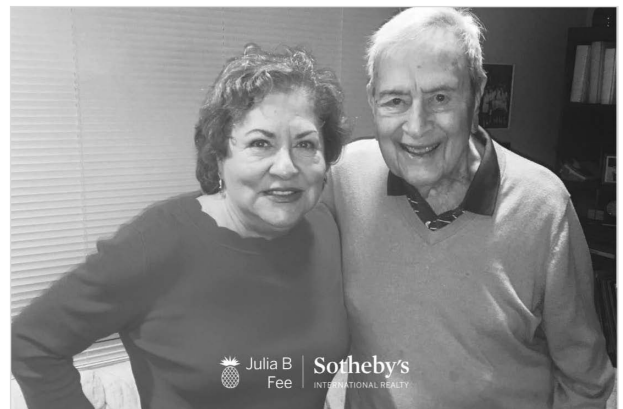


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# CALENDAR: JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Office Closed for New Year's Day	<b>2</b> Kids' Kloset Diaper & Underwear Collection Begins	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30PM Learning Service	<b>5</b> 9:00AM Torah Study: Vaera
<b>6</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School	<b>7</b> 12:00PM Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone  6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta & Lessons  7:00PM Youth Group Chair Meeting  7:15PM Academy, Confirmation, and 11th/12th Grade Programs with Pizza Dinner	<b>8</b> 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School  7:30PM Board Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30PM Family Service: Exploring Our Prayers	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30AM Israel Trip Meeting  9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School  9:30 - 11:30AM Pre-K/K Program: Tu Bish'vat  11:00AM Next Step  7:00PM Movie: <i>Norman</i>	<b>14</b> 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta  7:15PM Academy  7:15PM Confirmation	<b>15</b> 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:15AM Temple Book Club  7:00PM Challah Baking	<b>18</b> 6:30PM Film: <i>Hotel Everest</i>  7:30PM Social Justice Shabbat featuring the Isaac Memorial Lecture with <i>Hotel Everest</i> Filmmaker Claudia Sobral	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> No Religious School	<b>21</b> Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day  No Academy or Confirmation	<b>22</b> 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School  6:30PM Books & Bites	<b>23</b> 7:00PM Bingo Blingo	<b>24</b> 7:30PM Ethical Life  8:00PM Single Malt Torah	<b>25</b> 7:30PM Shabbat Service	<b>26</b> 9:00AM Torah Study: Yitro
<b>27</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School  9:45AM Chai Mitzvah	<b>28</b> 9:30AM Political Staffer Meeting  6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta  7:15PM Academy  7:15PM Confirmation	<b>29</b> 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30PM Ethical Life  Kids' Kloset Diaper & Underwear Collection Ends		

# CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 6:00PM Pre-Neg  6:30PM Early Shabbat Service  Women's Study Group Retreat  Religious School Cereal Drive Begins	<b>2</b> Women's Study Group Retreat
<b>3</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School	<b>4</b> 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta  7:15PM Academy & Confirmation	<b>5</b> 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>6</b> 6:30PM Special Program for 11th & 12th Graders at WRT	<b>7</b> 7:30PM Ethical Life	<b>8</b> 7:30PM Family Service Honoring Hinei Students & Parents	<b>9</b> 9:00AM Torah Study: Terumah
<b>10</b> 9:30AM Different Views Conversation  9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School  11:00AM Next Step	<b>11</b> 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta  7:15PM Academy  7:15PM Confirmation	<b>12</b> 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00PM Pre-Neg  6:30PM Service  Family Trip to Israel Begins	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>18</b> <b>No Academy or Confirmation</b>  Luke Miller Bat Mitzvah Ceremony in Israel	<b>19</b> <b>No Hebrew School</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30PM Lay Led Service	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>No Religious School</b>  Family Trip to Israel Ends	<b>25</b> 12:00PM The Many Facets of Torah with Rabbi Ross  6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta  7:15PM Academy  7:15PM Confirmation	<b>26</b> 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30PM Ethical Life  Religious School Cereal Drive Begins		

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- January 4 **Learning Service**  
7:30 Service
- January 11 **Family Service:**  
**Exploring Our Prayers**  
7:30 Service 🎵
- January 18 **Social Justice Shabbat featuring**  
**the Isaac Memorial Lecture**  
**with Filmmaker Claudia Sobral**  
6:30 Film Viewing: *Hotel Everest*  
7:30 Service 🎵 🖥️
- January 25 **Shabbat Service**  
7:30 Service
- February 1 **Early Shabbat Shabbat**  
6:00 Pre-neg  
6:30 Service
- February 8 **Family Service:**  
**Honoring Hineini Students**  
**& Parents** 🖥️  
7:30 Service 🎵
- February 15 **Early Service**  
6:00 Pre-neg  
6:30 Service
- February 22 **Lay Led Shabbat**  
6:30 Service

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 7:00PM



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