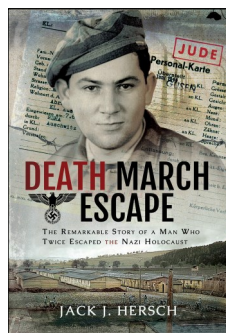


A Night of Comedy

Saturday, January 11, 8:00pm

Laugh your tuchus off at temple! Come out for an adult night of comedy featuring congregant and stand up comic Lisa Blythe Perlman, the hilarious Joe Matarese as seen on *America's Got Talent* and *The David Letterman Show*, and Marion Grodin as seen on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and *The View*.

Tickets: \$20/person. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.



International Holocaust Remembrance Day with Author Jack Hersch

Wednesday, January 29, 7:00pm

We will commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day with Jack Hersch, author of *Death March Escape: The Remarkable Story of a Man Who Twice Escaped the Nazi Holocaust*, which details his father's unbelievable escape from two different death marches. Later in life, following his father's death, Hersch came across a picture of his father which prompted



a trip to Europe to learn the secrets behind the photograph - secrets his father never told of his time in the camps.

Social Justice Shabbat featuring the Isaac Memorial Lecture with Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Friday, January 17, 7:30pm

What is the role of religion in public policy debates? Should religion enter the public sphere? In what ways might it motivate activism? When should religion take a back seat? When should it be out front?

At this year's Social Justice Shabbat, these important questions will be addressed by one of America's leading rabbis, Rabbi Menachem Creditor.



Rabbi Creditor serves as the Pearl and Ira Meyer Scholar in Residence at UJA-Federation New York, where his role is amplifying Jewish learning, leadership and values within the UJA-Federation community of supporters, staff, and partners. In 2013,

he was named by *Newsweek* as one of the fifty most influential rabbis in America and has been involved in the leadership of Rabbis Against Gun Violence, American Jewish World Service, AIPAC and the One America Movement, an organization dedicated to bringing together Americans of different faiths and opinions.

Among his 19 books and six albums of original Jewish music are: *And Yet We Love: Poems*; *Holding Fast: Jews Respond to American Gun Violence*; and *Olam Chesed Yibaneh / A World of Love*.

Rabbi Creditor's visit is made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor.



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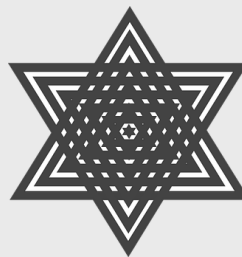
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B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

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

Reid Englander
James Rukin
Sophie Rukin
Ben Ptashnik



Are We A Nation?

President Trump's Executive Order declaring the Jews a nation set some in our community on edge. And, many of us do not quite know why we feel uncomfortable. There are some who instinctively disapprove of anything that President Trump does. There are some who say that Judaism is simply a religion, not a nation. And, there are those who simply do not like being told what they are by someone else. Among other factors, all of these contribute to the sense of discomfort for many of us.



For those who instinctively disapprove of all that President Trump does, there are some silver linings to this Executive Order. Specifically, it allows colleges and universities to pursue anti-Semitism under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Title VI explicitly protects people from discrimination based on "race, color, or national origin". It does not protect against religious discrimination. By classifying Jews as a nation, President Trump has given universities an effective tool to fight anti-Semitism. It does raise some concerns about a chilling effect on anti-Israel free speech on campus. That concern notwithstanding, this will help our students on campus who face anti-Semitism.

Next, are we a religion, a nation, or something else? From a biblical perspective, we were called בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל *b'nei yisrael* the sons of Israel, that is to say, descendants of the patriarch Jacob (whose name was changed to Israel). Further, God did not give us the Torah – the source of our religious practice – until we left Egypt and became an אֵם, *ahm*, a people. We were a people before we were a religion. There is no doubt that for 1,000 years, starting with King Saul, we were a nation with a land, king, army, and a religion. Followed by exile and diaspora for about 2,000 years. When the nation-state began to develop in the 19th century, questions arose about how the Jews fit into the new nation-states. To be considered French citizens, Napoleon demanded that the Jews declare themselves to be exclusively a religious group. In order to display their American bona fides, the early Reform Movement stated, "We consider ourselves no longer a nation, but a religious community..." Of course, both Napoleon's demand and the Reformers' statement show that, historically, we were more than a religion.

We can also consider our relationship with being Jewish. If we were a religion in the classic sense, we

would measure our attachment to being Jewish by how often we came to services, lit Shabbat candles, or other ritual measures. But our feelings towards Judaism may have nothing to do with theology or worship or religious practice, *per se*. It may have more to do with memories of our grandparents, a sense of Jewish pride, a feeling of community, a preference for certain "Jewish" foods, a connection with the State of Israel, particular kinds of humor, a reverence for Jewish history, or a feeling of connection with Jews around the world. In other words, it's not about religion for most of us. Instead, it's a feeling of peoplehood.

There are some who say that Judaism is simply a religion, not a nation.

That would seem to make President Trump's Executive Order a simple statement of reality, a way to explain to the larger society how many of us relate to being Jewish. Yet, there are many in our congregation and in the broader Jewish community who see their Jewish identity primarily as a religious identity. These people are fully Jewish. And so, as my teacher Yehudah Kurtzer put it, "My belief in peoplehood is capacious enough to include even those who dissent from my own definition of Judaism as peoplehood!"

In the end, what makes the Executive Order feel uncomfortable to me is the notion of anyone – especially an outsider – defining the identity and character of the Jewish people and, further, using "the force of American law to erect and police the boundaries of our community and our "people" (Kurtzer). We are the only people who can define "Jew" and "Jewish" and "Judaism". To cede that to any person or entity outside of the Jewish people gives away our agency and, ultimately, lowers our status within the society.

The keys to defeating anti-Semitism on campus lie in education, relationship building, reasoned debate, and, if necessary, a legislative expansion to Title VI. We ought not try to defeat anti-Semitism by allowing someone else to define who and what we are. We are the only ones who can – and should – answer that question.

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

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

We gather for Shabbat, holy days, festivals, memorial services and life-cycle events to reflect on the themes of our lives as they echo through our traditions. Through songs and readings, sermons and theatrics, sharing and quiet, we find our lives uplifted.

Exploring Our Liturgy

Friday, January 3, 7:30pm

Why does Shema come after Barchu? Why do we chant Avot V’Imahot and sing Oseh Shalom? Why do we use Hebrew at all? On this Shabbat we will explore some of the logistics of worship and dig deeper into the meaning of the prayers we share with Jewish people around the world and throughout time.

Honoring Hineini Students & Parents

Friday, January 10, 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.



Social Justice Shabbat featuring the Isaac Memorial Lecture with Rabbi Menachem Creditor

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At this year’s Social Justice Shabbat, Rabbi Menachem Creditor will delve into important questions and issues of today. See page 1 for more details about this Shabbat experience.

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Wednesday, January 29, 7:00pm

Commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day with Jack Hersch, author of *Death March Escape: The Remarkable Story of a Man Who Twice Escaped the Nazi Holocaust*. See page 1 for more details about this special program.

Ritual Corner: Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eleven Pages

Ever ride the subway and see someone studying a big Jewish book? They may be participating in something called Daf Yomi. Begun in 1923 in Poland, Daf Yomi is a regime of daily learning that involves studying one page of the Talmud each day. At 2,711 pages, this means that those who participate finish the entire Talmud in approximately seven and a half years. “A page a day doesn’t sound too daunting, until you consider that each Talmudic page is actually a double-sided folio comprised of multigenerational conversations among the rabbis of the first few centuries of the Common Era, dealing with everything from what to do if your camel knocks over a candle and sets a store on fire to the consequences of embarrassing another person while he is naked.” (MyJewishLearning.com) Even the arcane topics yield insight into the Jewish way to view the world thus elevating the study from academic to religious. Very few Reform Jews participate in Daf Yomi but, with a new cycle beginning on January 5th, it’s good to know what tens of thousands of our fellow Jews will be up to.

Vote for Israel

It is time to vote... not for president but for the Reform Movement in the World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections! As we did several years ago, we’ll help make it easy to cast your vote for an Israel that reflects our values: pluralistic, democratic, secure, peace-loving, committed to freedom and human rights.

The WZC was founded in 1897 by Theodore Herzl and to this day determines policy and a course of action for the World Zionist Organization and Jewish National Fund Israel. These decisions impact where hundreds of millions of dollars are invested in Israel. All of which is to say – your vote matters in ensuring that these dollars go towards institutions and programs that support our shared vision for the future of our homeland. Join with like minded Jews from around the world and Israel in supporting ARZA and its partners. Watch Emanumail for details when voting opens at the end of January and see arza.org/faqs for more information.

Playbill #2

Our last bulletin introduced you to each of the long-standing members of our professional vocal quartet whose voices have enriched our High Holy Days for many years, along with our dedicated accompanist, our High Holy Day teen singer and our shofar blower.

Now we turn a spotlight on the talented and loyal members of our temple band, each a star in his own right, as you can see from the impressive credentials below. We thank them for infusing life into so many of our Shabbat services and for becoming an integral part of our temple family over the past 6 years. We also thank 3 congregant volunteers whose musical contributions have enriched and enlivened the music here at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester:

Temple Band



"A percussionist of rare versatility" (*Modern Drummer Magazine*) whose "cymbals dance as I've rarely heard" (*Jazz Improv Magazine*) are apt descriptions for award winning percussionist and composer **John Arrucci**. John's work is featured

on more than 75 recordings including his own 2011 release *Metaphors*, CD Baby's Editors's pick in Jazz, and Gene Bertocini's *Jobim: Someone to Light up my life*, voted one of the top ten CDs in Brazil in 1997. He has also worked on feature films and TV with David Byrne, Micheal Brecker, Livingston Taylor, John Pattitucci and Gil Goldstein. His performance credits include concerts with Mariah Carey, Oliver Lake, Brooklyn Philharmonic, Philip Glass Ensemble, Jerry Dodgeon and Bob Brookmeyer.



These days, when **Seth Farber** is not playing piano in our temple band, he can be found on Broadway as assistant conductor for the current hit *Ain't Too Proud*. He has played and conducted numerous other Broadway shows including:

Hairspray, *Beautiful*, *On Your Feet*, *A Bronx Tale*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, *Fosse*, *Hair*, *Catch me if You Can*, *Shrek*, *Promises*, *Promises Elf* and *9 to 5*. He has recorded and performed with numerous artists including Billy Joel, Jon Bon Jovi, Gregg Allman, John Prine, Lucinda Williams and Joan Osborne. He regularly accompanies Neshama Carlebach, who recently appeared as special musical guest at our temple.



A veteran saxophone and woodwind player, **Mark Fineberg** has enjoyed a very fruitful and diversified music career. Graduating from High School of Music & Art and then Manhattan School of Music, Mark has gone on to perform

with many well known productions and iconic artists including, Billy Joel, Donna Summer, Peter Frampton, Roger Daltrey and Gladys Knight to name a few. He also spent 20 years subbing on Broadway highlighted by the Tony award winning musicals *Smokey Joe's Café* and *Jersey Boys*. Recording for radio and TV commercials, along with playing on over 100 CD's and albums has been part of Mark's musical journey. For the last 30 years Mark has been immersed in the Jewish music industry and part of our temple band for the last 7 years.



Bassist **Mark Minkler** has been performing in the New York area since 1981. From Buddy Rich to Blossom Dearie, Mark has performed with many notable artists across musical genres. In addition to providing a foundation for our temple band, Mark is a member of the New York Pops Orchestra. He performs on occasion in local venues with his own jazz quartet. By day Mark works as a Chase Private Client financial advisor with JPMorgan Securities.

Musical Guests



Harison Fliegenspan had the honor of blowing the shofar at our Rosh Hashanah Youth Service this year. He is a 6th grader at LMK middle school in Harrison, NY. His diverse interests include writing screenplays and he hopes to have a film studio one day. He has a strong passion for playing baseball and loves attending Camp Lenox in the summer.



Scott Hirsch has enjoyed playing saxophone at several of our Shabbat services over the past half year. He and his wife Christine and their daughters joined our temple in 2014 and have lived in Rye Brook since 2009. They were excited to celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of their eldest, Madeline, on November 23rd. Their younger twin daughters, Juliette and Samantha, are in 5th grade and have been in religious school since kindergarten. When Scott is not playing saxophone at the temple or in ensembles in Westchester, he practices Neuropsychiatry at NYU-Langone Medical Center in Manhattan.



Maddy Newman, a sophomore at Rye High School, loves to sing. She volunteers on Sunday mornings in our religious school as music *madrich*, helping teach music each week as assistant to Cantor Stone. She has been doing musical theater since she was 10 and appears in shows regularly with Artistree Performing Arts in Mamaroneck. Maddy is also in her school choir and vocal ensemble. When she's not singing, she likes to do gymnastics, play with her pets, and hang out with her friends. She plans to study psychology in college to become a professional therapist.

The center of our congregation is our sense of community. We celebrate together, comfort each other, forge friendships and make connections - that is what we can uniquely offer as a synagogue.

Next Step

Sundays, January 12 & February 9, 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 Paul Spindel (retired executive).

For more information, contact Paul at 914-632-1264.

Mah Jongg & Canasta

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27 & February 3, 10, 24
6:45pm

From the tenements of New York City to the bungalows of the Catskills and the vast American suburbs, Jewish women have kept Mah Jongg alive enjoying the betting and matching of tiles into Rummy-like patterns. Speaking of Rummy, did you know that Canasta is the only member of the family of Rummy games to achieve the status of a classic?

All levels of players are welcome! Contact Robin Herko at rherko@rmfriedland.com if you are interested in playing. Friends welcome!

Sunday Film Series: *Above and Beyond*

Sunday, February 2, 7:00pm

Would you risk everything - your future, your citizenship, even your life - to help a brother in need?



In 1948, just three years after the liberation of Nazi death camps, a group of Jewish American pilots answered a call for help. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence.

This band of brothers not only turned the tide of Israel's War of Independence, they also embarked on personal journeys that renewed their Jewish pride. Directed by Roberta Grossman.

Gallery Opening: Meandering Along A Path by Artist Tom Bernsten

Friday, February 28, 7:00pm

Tom Bernsten's interest in psychology, archeology, and philosophy inform his work. His paintings are graphical representations of ancient symbols, mazes, spirals, and labyrinths.



Tom graduated Rochester Institute of Technology in 1977 with a B.S. in Professional Photography. He launched his career as a commercial photographer in NYC specializing in the decorative arts. Reassessing his life's course after 9/11 he selectively

abandoned many past beliefs and shifted efforts toward an inspiring mode of self expression. The resulting body of work, *Dancing Leaves*, encompass photography as well as sculpture. Several years later, during a period of self-examination and restlessness, Tom experienced a clearness of mind that compelled him to devote his practice in the creation of art inspired by the ancient practice of meditative walking. His work can be viewed online at www.tsberntsen.com.

Westchester Chamber Music Society Sunday Concert Series

Congregation Emanu-El proudly hosts the Westchester Chamber Music Society, as it brings first-rate artists to our community. With many longtime subscribers and newer members, all enjoy the unique experience of listening to chamber music in a space similar in size to the ones in which Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven originally performed.

The Amerigo Trio

Sunday, March 8, 4:00pm

Escher Quartet

Sunday, April 19, 4:00pm

For information about subscriptions and tickets contact Shelley Lotter at 914-320-4168 or shelleylotter823@gmail.com. Students attend free.



Jewish study leads to vitality that keeps our minds sharp and our souls searching. Rather than relativism, Judaism confronts us with issues that help to clarify our place in history and our place in our world. Classes, lectures, text study, book clubs, Single Malt Torah, and the Women's Study Group; see what you can discover.

The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice - Part 2

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. Judaism has a long history of wrestling with moral questions, responding to them in a way that considers all sides of an issue.

The sessions will be taught by Rabbis Goldsmith and Ross, Rabbi Goldberg (KTI), and Rabbi Gropper and Student Rabbi Jeff Dreifus (Community Synagogue of Rye). A list of session topics and locations is listed below.

To enroll, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13.

Cost (includes sourcebook and materials):
\$18/congregants and \$36/non-congregants.

Upcoming Sessions:

Thursday, January 9, 7:30pm

Sources of Jewish Ethics

(KTI with Rabbi Goldberg)

Thursday, January 16, 7:30pm

The Ethical Dimensions of Food Production

(Emanu-El with Rabbi Goldsmith)

Thursday, January 23, 7:30pm

Better than Normal? The Ethics of Enhancement

(Community Synagogue with Rabbi Gropper)

Thursday, January 30, 7:30pm

Surrogacy and the Ethics of Relationships

(KTI with Rabbi Goldberg)

Thursday, February 6, 7:30pm

Advance Directives and the Ethics of End-of-Life Care

(Emanu-El with Rabbi Ross)

Thursday, February 13, 7:30pm

Fracking: A Case Study in the Ethics of Neighborly Relations

(Community Synagogue with Student Rabbi Dreifuss)

Beit Midrash

In Beit Midrash (which means House of Study) we take an in-depth approach to Jewish Study using the Statement of Principles for Reform Judaism to examine the theologies, practices, and notions of peoplehood that define us as American Reform Jews.

On Shabbat mornings, we will strive to understand these ideas through study of our sacred texts – continuing the tradition of Shabbat morning Torah study at Emanu-El. On Sundays, we will look at these issues through historical, sociological, and demographic lenses. Each session will stand on its own – thus attendance at every session is not required. But of course, attending more sessions will help you acquire greater depth of understanding and breadth of context.

To learn more about Beit Midrash, contact either Rabbi Ross (x15) or Rabbi Goldsmith (x13) at 914-967-4382.

Upcoming Sessions in January & February:

Sunday, January 5, 10:15am

Jewish Ethics

Saturday, January 11, 9:00am

People of the Book

Saturday, February 1, 9:00am

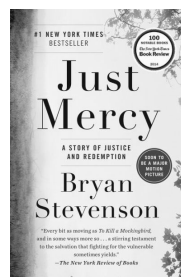
Messianic Age

Sunday, February 9, 10:15am

The Three Festivals: Sukkot, Passover, Shavuot

Books & Bites

Wednesday, January 15, 6:30pm



Meet with fellow congregants at North Street Tavern in White Plains for dinner and discussion about *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x12 or maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.

North Street Tavern is located at 1128 North Street in White Plains.

Book Club: *Just Mercy*

Thursday, January 16, 10:15am

Meet with fellow congregants for a discussion about *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

RSVP to Marcie at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x12.

Single Malt Torah

Thursday, January 23, 8:00pm



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

RSVP to Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13 or hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org.

Political Staffer Meeting with County Legislator Nancy Barr

Thursday, February 13, 9:30am

Legislator Nancy Barr will be at Emanu-El speaking about local issues and listening to input on policies and questions facing our government.



Barr was elected to the Westchester County Legislature in 2017 and represents District 6, encompassing Rye Brook, Port Chester and most of Harrison. She chairs the Legislature's Environment, Health and Energy Committee, and sits on multiple other committees. Legislator Barr is the Legislative Liaison to the Westchester County Airport Advisory Board.

RSVP to Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13 or hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org.

Women's Study Group Retreat at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, CT.

Friday, January 31, 5:00pm - Saturday, February 1, 4:30pm

How often do you have the opportunity to take time away for yourself? Join the women of Congregation Emanu-El for our annual 24-hour retreat at the Interlaken Inn to unwind and engage in fantastic learning.

For this year's retreat we welcome Dr. Betsy Stone to teach us about Mussar, the Jewish practice of self-awareness and character strengths. Come and share in this old and new approach to being the best you!

Cost (includes 3 meals): \$330/person double room or \$380/person single room.

RSVP by Monday, January 6. Contact Tal at tdrori@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x12.

The Interlaken Inn is located at 74 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, CT 06039.



Help Us Grow

This is an exciting time for Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester – robust programming, engaging and innovative Shabbat experiences, and a new Religious School curriculum. To keep up our momentum, we need your help. How? Help us identify prospective congregants who might find a Jewish home here at Emanu-El.

People will always be attracted to our engaging programs and warm, inviting community. But, in the end, the single most powerful way recruitment tool is for our congregants to invite their friends and neighbors to a service, a program, or to meet our clergy. We call this our “Friendship Strategy” and it is always our most successful approach for maintaining the

vibrancy of our congregation. Please also spread the word about us to your friends and family through platforms like Facebook and Instagram. Posting and re-posting is a simple way to show what we’re about.

People join Emanu-El at every age and stage of life. So, whether you’re a new empty nester, newly retired, or parents of Religious School students, you are critical to this effort!

Know someone who might be interested in joining? Call Abbie at 914-967-4382 x18. Interested in getting involved in our membership recruitment efforts? Contact Membership Committee Chair Marc Schwartz at schwartz.marc@gmail.com.



Israel 2021: Israel Through The Arts

Thursday, January 7, 2021 - Sunday, January 17, 2021

This will be an Israel trip like no other.

We will explore the beauty and complexity of Israel through culture, fine art, film, food, TV, wine, dance, storytelling, and more. Each medium will highlight a different aspect of Israeli society.

By exploring Israel through the arts, we'll see how the issues of our ancient homeland shape the lives of all those who live between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River, how those issues move the heart, and touch the soul.

We'll transcend mere discussion to use all our senses to better understand - and enjoy - this wondrous land and the people who live there.

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



Chesed: The Jewish Value of Kindness

In parshat Yitro, we read the famous text of the Ten Commandments,

“1) I am your God...you shall have no other God besides me; 2) Do not make images of what is in the heavens...and do not bow down to them; 3) Do not swear falsely by God’s name; 4) Remember the sabbath and keep it holy; 5) Honor your parents; 6) Don’t murder; 7) Don’t commit adultery; 8) Don’t steal; 9) Don’t bear false witness; 10) Don’t covet (Exodus 20:1-14)



The Ten Commandments, compared to many of the other 613 commandments, are notoriously straightforward. We may even consider the ones that teach us about our relationships with our fellow human beings universal instructions for how to build a peaceful society (not murdering, not stealing, etc.). Only two of the commandments, the second and the fourth, get some further explanation. These two commandments in particular, reveal two essential components of Jewish tradition and continuity: shabbat and the injunction to teach the next generation.

“Remember the sabbath and keep it holy.” We do indeed need some further instructions on this fourth commandment. What does it mean to remember the sabbath and what does it mean to keep the sabbath holy? The answer? Creation. God created the world in six days and on the seventh God rested. We are meant to emulate God in this holy act. “Remembering” and “keeping” shabbat is a practice that has connected and continues to tie together the Jewish people in a common tradition. As Ahad Ha’am, known as the founder of cultural Zionism, said, “More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews.”

From the Torah’s elaboration on the second commandment, “Do not make images of what is in the heavens...and do not bow down to them,” we gain another insight into an essential Jewish tradition and key to Jewish continuity. The Torah elaborates, “You shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I the Eternal your God am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generations of those who reject Me, but showing *chesed*, kindness, to the thousandth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments (Exodus 20:5-6).” Setting aside God being “an impassioned God” who holds multi-generational

grudges, this commandment’s explanation turns immediately from how we treat God to how we ought to consider the importance of our actions. Our actions have a direct impact on our children. The *V’ahavta* will teach us later in the Torah, “*v’shinantam l’vanecha*, teach [the Torah] to your children.”

“...we are at risk of failing to pass down the key virtue of kindness. How can we do better?”

Not only does this fourth commandment directly reflect the Jewish imperative to teach our children, it also includes the concept of *chesed*, kindness. *Chesed* is not just kindness, it is better defined as the generous and thoughtful things that we do for one another because we are brought together in committed relationships. In their recent article in *The Atlantic*, “Stop Trying to Raise Successful Kids and Start Raising Kind Ones,” Adam and Allison Sweet Grant note, “When you ask *children* what their parents want for them, 81 percent say their parents value achievement and happiness over caring.” They continue with a call to action for us, “Parents are supposed to leave a legacy for the next generation, but we are at risk of failing to pass down the key virtue of kindness. How can we do better?”

Their answer comes from the fourth of the Ten Commandments: What we truly value, not just what we *say* we value, will be passed down to our children. One of these primary Jewish values is *chesed*, kindness. As the Grants note, when we act with kindness others around us will be more likely to act with kindness, and concern for others helps us to build supportive relationships. When we have supportive relationships, we are less likely to be depressed, more likely to succeed and more likely to give (theatlantic.com, December 2019). And when we treat each other with *chesed*, and build communities of *chesed*, we show God *chesed* too.

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

Jade Ross, Assistant Rabbi

The Bauman-Greene Pre-K & Kindergarten Program



Our pre-k & kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Each class focuses on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including music, storytelling and arts and crafts.

Classes meet on occasional Sunday mornings during Religious School and are open to the community.

This program is funded by the generosity of congregant Dr. Caroline Bauman.

Pre-K & K Tu BiSh'vat Program

Sunday, February 2, 9:30 - 10:45am



Trees get their own New Year in Judaism and your child will learn all about it through crafts, games and stories.

RSVP to Tal at tdrori@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x12.

Upcoming Sessions:

Purim, Sunday, March 8, 9:30 - 10:45am
(followed by Young Families Purim Celebration)

Passover, Sunday, March 29, 9:30 - 10:45am
(followed by Young Families Passover Celebration)

Yom HaAtzmaut, Sunday, May 3, 9:30 - 10:45am

6th Grade Family Heritage Museum

Sunday, January 12, 11:00am

Families of our 6th grade students are invited to tour our exhibit, learn about our family histories and enjoy a nosh. We look forward to sharing this special day with you!

Youth Group: Afya with JTeen on MLK Day

Monday, January 20, 10:00am - 1:00pm

This year's event will take place at Westchester Reform Temple. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Youth Group Cook & Serve at St. Peter's Soup Kitchen in Port Chester

Sunday, February 2 & Monday, February 3

Students will prepare dinner for the soup kitchen at the temple on Sunday and serve the meal on Monday. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

1st & 2nd Grade "Torah & Temple Experience"

February 2, 11:00am

Families of our 1st and 2nd grade students will participate in a "Torah & Temple Experience". This will be a fun culmination of their January study of the different parts of the Torah and our temple environment.

Family Learning Shabbat with Pop Artist Michael Albert

Friday, February 7

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner

6:30pm Family Learning with Michael Albert

7:00pm Service



Jewish learning comes to life in bright, vivid color as we bring together all that our students are learning in their classrooms in a creative learning experience with Michael and a joyous Shabbat service.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to contribute to a collaborative Religious School pop art piece!

All 1st - 7th grade students and their families are expected to attend. Check out Michael's work at www.michaelalbert.com.

Youth Group at the Friendship Circle Tu BiSh'vat Party

Sunday, February 9, 1:00pm

Students will spend time with Jewish children who have special needs during a festive Tu BiSh'vat party.

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Israel: What is Love with Laura Ben David

Monday, February 24, 7:30pm



Experience an inspirational, photographic adventure. Explore the beauty and excitement; the mystery and history of Israel: the land, the people, the culture through the lens, anecdotes and unique perspective of Laura Ben David.

This program has been generously supported by a grant from the Jewish Education Project.

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Being Hineini at Emanu-El



"We will do and we will understand."
- Exodus 24

Our 7th grade Farah Family Hineini service-learning program has transformed the B'nei Mitzvah experience for both our students and their families. Over the course of the year, we go out into the community and put the Jewish values we are learning into action. The organizations we volunteer at include: Rye Park; Pleasantville Cottage School; Afya; Willow Towers; Kids' Kloset; Friendship Circle; DOROT; Midnight Run; and Feeding Westchester.

Our in the building learning is focused on Jewish identity and the responsibilities of being an adult in the community. We study the importance of participating and advocating for those who are suffering and in need of help. "Lo Ta'amod Al Dam Reeche" - "to not stand by while others are suffering".

The Hebrew word "Hineini" means "I am here".

In the Torah, each time the word Hineini is used, it signifies a turning point. When God tells Abraham, "Lech l'cha - go from here to the land that I will show you." Abraham answers, "Hineini. I am here and I am ready to live a Jewish life." When God calls out to Moses

from the burning bush, Moses answers, "Hineini. I am here and I am ready to be a Jewish leader."

Making the world a better place is a central goal of Judaism. In the 19th century Menachem Mendel of Rimanov said, "Human beings are God's language." The Talmud declares that all Jews are responsible for each other. Jews are commanded to care for the poor and oppressed. Our history, beliefs, and practices and shared responsibilities have kept the Jewish people united throughout history.

The Hineini year is both busy and fulfilling.

I look forward to seeing you at our Shabbat service on Friday, January 10, when we will honor our Hineini students and their families for their commitment to tikkun olam - repairing the world.

This program is funded by the generosity of The Farah Family.

Shalom,



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director

STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

We live in safety and security, with an abundance unimaginable for past generations. Donating our time and resources to worthy causes shows our gratitude for the plenty we enjoy. These acts of tikkun olam (repairing the world) allow us to express our Jewish identity in a fulfilling, important way.

Intergenerational Social Action Programs Upcoming Programs:

We live in turbulent times. Rather than sit and worry, we can go out in our community and counter the turbulence with acts of tikkun olam, acts that make our world a better place. Let's join together as a temple community!

Each one of these social action programs is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our community, the kind of action that creates ripples of hope and goodness. The time is now to take your good intentions and act on them with congregants of all ages.

RSVP for any of these events to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

DOROT Passover Package Delivery

Sunday, March 29, 10:00am

Brunch Run

Sunday, May 3, 7:30am

Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday, May 8, 5:30pm

Social Action Collections

We are committed to tikkun olam, the repair of our world. Help make our community a better place and participate in the important drives scheduled throughout the year. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

January Collection: Medical Supplies, Vitamins & Hand Sanitizer for Afya

Through January, we are accepting donations of the items listed below for Afya Foundation. Afya provides medical supplies to regions in need of disaster relief.

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| Band Aids | First Aid Tape |
| Gauze Bandages | Hand Sanitizer |
| Antibiotic Ointment | Children's Vitamins |

Upcoming Collections:

Hope Community Food Pantry Collection

March

Mitzvah Shabbat Book & Pajama Collection

April

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity

Baby Bank Westchester

Through an ongoing donation drive and monthly opportunities to visit the site, we will help make sure that all new parents in Westchester have the supplies they need to help keep their babies clean, healthy, and happy. This is one of several meaningful intergenerational efforts, one in which long-time congregants, religious school parents, and our students themselves can all make a difference.

How can you help? Order supplies and equipment directly from the Baby Bank's wish list located on their website (<https://www.914cares.org/baby-bank>), or drop off new items and gift cards in the pack-and-play located in the temple lobby.

If you are interested in participating in monthly supply sorts or want more information regarding Baby Bank Westchester contact Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x21.

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If you have any questions, please call
Abbie at 914-967-4382 x18.

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CALENDAR: JANUARY 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Temple Office Closed for New Year's Day | 2 | 3 7:30pm Exploring Our Liturgy Shabbat Service | 4 |
| 5 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 10:15 - 11:45am Beit Midrash: Jewish Ethics | 6 6:45pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:30pm Academy & Confirmation | 7 3:50 - 5:45pm Hebrew School | 8 | 9 6:30pm Committees in Community 7:30pm The Ethical Life: Sources of Jewish Ethics (KTI) | 10 7:30pm Shabbat Honoring Hineini Students & Parents | 11 9:00am Beit Midrash: People of the Book 8:00pm Comedy Night |
| 12 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 11:00am 6th Grade Family Heritage Museum 11:00am Next Step | 13 6:45pm Mah Jongg & Canasta No Academy & Confirmation | 14 3:50 - 5:45pm Hebrew School 7:30pm Board Meeting | 15 6:30pm Books & Bites | 16 10:15am Book Club 7:30pm The Ethical Life: The Ethical Dimensions of Food Production (Emanu-El) | 17 7:30pm Sacred Stories Social Justice Shabbat featuring the Isaac Memorial Lecture with Menachem Creditor | 18 |
| 19 No Religious School | 20 No Academy & Confirmation Temple closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day | 21 3:50 - 5:45pm Hebrew School | 22 | 23 7:30pm The Ethical Life: Better Than Normal? The Ethics of Enhancement (CSR) 8:00pm Single Malt Torah | 24 6:00pm Pre-Neg 6:30pm Early Service RAC Trip | 25 RAC Trip |
| 26 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 10:15 - 11:45am Beit Midrash: High Holy Days RAC Trip | 27 6:45pm Mah Jongg & Canasta RAC Trip No Academy & Confirmation | 28 3:50 - 5:45pm Hebrew School | 29 7:00pm International Holocaust Remembrance Day with Jack Hersh | 30 7:30pm The Ethical Life: Surrogacy and the Ethics of Relationships (KTI) | 31 5:00pm Women's Study Group Annual Shabbat Retreat 6:00pm Pre-Neg 6:30pm Early Service | |

CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | <p>1 9:00am - 4:30pm Women's Study Group Annual Shabbat Retreat</p> <p>9:00am Beit Midrash: Messianic Age</p> |
| <p>2 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p> <p>9:30 - 10:45am Pre-K & K: Tu BiSh'vat</p> <p>11:00am 1 & 2 Grade Torah Temple Experience</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Film Series: <i>Above and Beyond</i></p> | <p>3 6:45pm Mah Jongg & Canasta</p> <p>7:15 - 8:30pm Academy & Confirmation</p> | <p>4 3:50 - 5:45pm Hebrew School</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6 7:00pm Bingo Blingo</p> <p>7:30pm The Ethical Life: Advance Directives and the Ethics of End-of-Life Care (Emanu-El)</p> | <p>7 6:00/6:30pm Shabbat Dinner & Family Learning</p> <p>7:00pm Family Learning Shabbat</p> | <p>8 11:00am Reid Englander Bar Mitzvah Ceremony</p> <p>5:00pm James & Sophie Rukin B'nei Mitzvah Ceremony</p> |
| <p>9 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p> <p>10:15 - 11:45am Beit Midrash: The Three Festivals - Sukkot, Passover & Shavuot</p> <p>11:00am Next Step</p> | <p>10 6:45pm Mah Jongg & Canasta</p> <p>7:15 - 8:30pm Academy & Confirmation</p> | <p>11 3:50 - 5:45pm Hebrew School</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13 9:30am Political Staffer Meeting with County Legislator Nancy Barr</p> <p>7:30pm The Ethical Life: Fracking - A Case Study in the Ethics of Neighborly Relations</p> | <p>14 7:30pm Shabbat Service</p> | <p>15</p> |
| <p>16 No Religious School</p> | <p>17 No Academy & Confirmation</p> <p>Temple Office Closed for President's Day</p> | <p>18 No Hebrew School</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 6:30pm Lay Led Service</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23 No Religious School</p> | <p>24 6:45pm Mah Jongg & Canasta</p> <p>7:15 - 8:30pm Academy & Confirmation Program: Seeing Coexistence Through A Different Lens</p> | <p>25 3:50 - 5:45pm Hebrew School</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 6:30pm Committees in Community</p> | <p>28 7:00pm Gallery Opening: Tom Bernsten</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service</p> | <p>29 5:00pm Ben Ptashnik Bar Mitzvah Ceremony</p> |

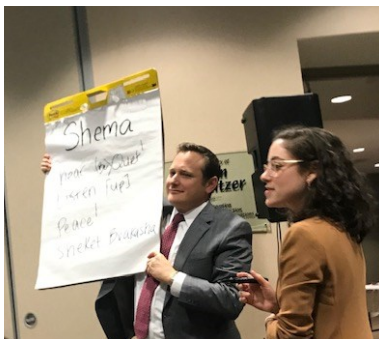
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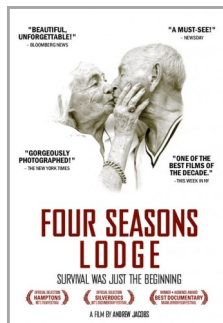
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Final Session for the 11th & 12th Grade Israel Fellowship Program



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January & February Shabbat Services

January 3
7:30pm **Exploring Our Liturgy**

January 10  
7:30pm **Honoring Our Hineini
Students & Parents**

January 17  
7:30pm **Sacred Stories Social Justice Shabbat
featuring the Isaac Memorial Lecture
with Rabbi Menachem Creditor**

January 24
6:00pm **Pre-Neg**
6:30pm **Early Service**

January 31
6:00pm **Pre-Neg**
6:30pm **Early Service**

February 7   
6:00pm **Religious School Dinner**
6:30pm **Family Learning**
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat**

February 14
7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

February 21
6:30pm **Lay Led Service**

February 28
7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

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The Jared Dubro Legacy Fund Bingo Blingo Night

Thursday, February 6, 7:00pm



Rabbi Goldsmith will dust off his (in)famous velvet, paisley sport coat to call numbers at Bingo Blingo! Play for amazing prizes to support the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund. Jared's family established the fund at Emanu-El to support

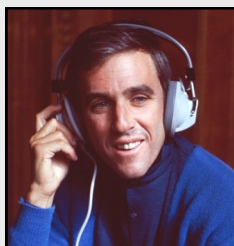
chesed (kindness) programs, initiatives, and experiences that will bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world.

This event is for adults and teens. Bring your friends to enjoy a fun night and support a worthy cause!

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Mark Your Calendar Purim Shabbat: Burt Bachrach Meets the Megillah

Friday, March 6, 7:15pm Cocktails/ 7:30pm Service



Esther will tell us "What the World Needs Now," Haman will kvetch that "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" and Vashti will ask "What's New Pussycat?" as we "...Say a Little Prayer" at our annual Shabbat Purim celebration in the festive and famous Kaye Café.