



## WELCOME RABBI JADE ROSS

In the Talmud, a rabbi named Yehoshua ben Perachiah famously taught: “Get yourself a teacher; acquire yourself a friend...” (Avot 1:6) This year our congregation does just that as we welcome our new assistant rabbi and director of education, Jade Ross.

Many of us have had the pleasure of learning and praying with Rabbi Ross over the last two years when she served as our student rabbi. We know her to be warm, thoughtful, deeply intelligent, diligent in her preparation, and possessing a deep love of Torah which she shares freely with students of all ages. These qualities make her the ideal rabbi to oversee our religious school and broaden our whole congregation’s experience of learning and prayer, community and social action. In other words, these make her a perfect “teacher” and “friend”; Rabbi Yehoshua would agree that she’s a wonderful rabbi.

Rabbi Ross grew up in Kinnelon, New Jersey and graduated from Brandeis University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Anthropology and International and Global Studies. Jade received rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) on May 6, 2018.

During her rabbinic training at HUC-JIR, Jade also completed a Certificate in Jewish Education Technology at The Davidson School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and an iCenter Master’s Concentration in Israel Education. As a rabbinical student, Jade served several communities including: Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn, NY, Shalom Learning, Passport NYC at 92Y, NYU Langone Medical Center, North Fork Reform Synagogue and, for two years, she served as the student rabbi here at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester.

As a rabbinical student, Jade was recognized for excellence in human relations and homiletics, receiving the Dr. Jules Backman Memorial Prize in Human Relations and the Stephen S. Wise Memorial Prize in Homiletics. Jade completed her Rabbinic Capstone Project, the first of its kind, on the Psalms.

As a food lover, Jade spends much of her free time in the kitchen cooking and baking. Recently, she has been enjoying perfecting her scones and tarts alongside episodes of “The Great British Baking Show”, and combining her commitment to Israel engagement with her love of cooking through the stories, photos, and recipes of “The Jerusalem Cookbook”.

Jade and her husband, Rabbi Dan Ross, live in New Haven, Connecticut with their dog Rashi.

Please join us in welcoming Rabbi Ross to Emanu-El. You can send her greetings at [jross@c-e-w.org](mailto:jross@c-e-w.org) or give her a call at 914-967-4382 x15.

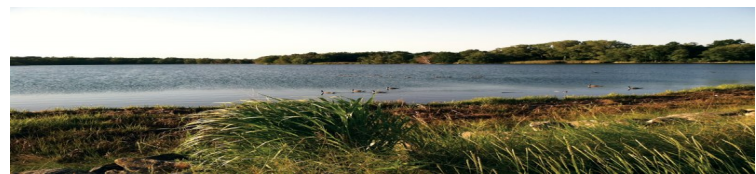
## SHABBAT ON THE BEACH AT THE EDITH G. READ SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

6:00PM NOSHES & DRINKS/6:30PM SERVICE

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**Directions to the Edith G. Read Sanctuary:** From I-95, take Exit 19 (Playland Parkway) to Playland. Pass through the Playland parking booths, continue straight past the parking area and to the right behind the Dragon Roller Coaster. There is a second gate here. Pass through the gate and continue straight down the road into the sanctuary.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

At the Annual Meeting on June 1, four new trustees joined Congregation Emanu-El’s board. Please welcome Randy Levitt, Marcy Modica, Maj Wickstrom and M.J. Wolff.

The following trustees completed their service to the board on May 31: Adam Blinderman, Lawrence Griff and Barbara Mann. Thank you for your time and effort.





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## HAPPY RETIREMENT, ILENE!

Our bookkeeper Ilene Schwartz retired on June 14. In addition to being the first smiling face you saw when visiting the office, Ilene successfully brought our accounting and billing procedures in-house. We thank her and wish her much happiness in this next phase of life.

## WELCOME OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER DENISE!

Join us in welcoming our new accountant and bookkeeper Denise Eisler. Denise has extensive accounting and financial experience, most recently she served as bookkeeper at a law practice in New York City. Denise lives in Westchester with her husband, three children, and two dogs.



## ONE-SIDED OR ANTI-SEMITIC

Another vote at the UN condemned Israel for doing what any sovereign nation would do: protect its borders against a sworn enemy seeking its destruction. The non-binding General Assembly (GA) resolution condemns Israel for actions against Palestinian civilians, including “excessive, indiscriminate force by the Israeli forces”. The resolution makes no mention of Hamas’s role in the recent violence on the Gaza border.



The Talmud teaches that all Jews are responsible for one another, that means that you have a vital interest in what happens in the State of Israel.

First, let me get my Israel bona fides out there. I am a member of the Association of Reform Zionists of America’s Clergy Council. I have also been a member of J-Street’s Rabbinic and Cantorial Cabinet. I do not limit myself to the left as I am also active with the American Jewish Committee (AJC) which holds much more centrist views, views that I often agree with. I have always – and publicly – supported a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I have been an outspoken critic of the settlement movement – especially remote settlements far from the Green Line.

In terms of Emanu-El, I have always sought to bring a variety of perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to our congregation. Speakers from the left, right and everything in between have offered their views in our sanctuary. On trips to Israel I have brought congregants to Ramallah and Bethlehem as well as to Israeli settlements. My goal has always been to encourage all congregants to increase their feeling of connection to Israel and Israelis and to engage with the important issues facing the state in which half of the world’s Jews live. I encourage that engagement whether you agree with AIPAC, J-Street, or anything in between. And, finally, we have managed to be the rare congregation where discussion and debate of Israel has always remained civilized and constructive – we do not allow Israel to become a wedge issue among our members and their diverse opinions and perspectives.

All of that being said, the resolution passed by the UN General Assembly can, at best, be called one-sided, and, at worst, anti-Semitic.

While there are ambiguous calls for de-escalation for “all parties” involved, the resolution does not specifically name Hamas while it calls out Israel over and over again. If the document genuinely seeks peace and reconciliation, why on earth would the name “Hamas” be left out? Why only name the Jewish State of Israel? Again, either one sided or anti-Semitic. Furthermore, the resolution describes the danger that violence poses for civilians, journalists, and medical personnel in the Gaza Strip. That danger is very real. But the question is why the UN General Assembly is single-mindedly focused on Gaza when there are much more severe humanitarian disasters unfolding in Syria and Yemen and dozens of other sites around the world? Why the special attention on Israel when things are so much worse in so many other places? In this case it seems that “special attention” = anti-Semitism.

Don’t get me wrong, there are some legitimate parts of this resolution. For example, it notes that the GA is “alarmed at the exacerbation of the dire humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, and stressing the need to achieve a sustainable solution to this crisis in line with international law...” The humanitarian crisis in Gaza is deplorable. Full stop. As human beings, and as Jews, we must feel sympathy and horror at the situation there. But why does the resolution only point to Israel’s actions? What of the rockets that Hamas fires into Israel to provoke a response? What of the demonstrators whose goal, according to one Hamas leader, is to “take down the border [fence] and tear out their hearts from their bodies”? What of Hamas’s attacks on the border crossing that is used to bring fuel, animal feed, construction material, and humanitarian supplies into Gaza? And what of Hamas’s traitorous use of building materials to construct tunnels into Israel rather than rebuild the Strip’s crumbling infrastructure? In failing to condemn Hamas for these egregious actions the UN General Assembly shows itself to be at best one-sided - but more likely anti-Semitic.

There is a glimmer of hope. As Ambassador Nikki Haley noted in her statement on the resolution’s passage, “a plurality of 62 countries voted in favor of the U.S.-led effort to address Hamas’s responsibility for the disastrous conditions in Gaza”. Despite that plurality, the amendment did not meet the threshold for inclusion

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## PONDERING THE MEANING OF COMMUNITY

Fig and olive crisps, peanut butter filled pretzels, and orange blossom honey soap are a few of my favorite items from Trader Joe's. Ordinarily I would have been thrilled that Trader Joe's recently opened a store half a block from where I live. But I am torn because the little market where I've shopped for over twenty years, owned and run by two amicable Greek brothers, is, as far as I'm concerned, the heart, soul and epicenter of the neighborhood. It would be tragic if it went down like all the other "mom and pop" businesses that are now empty storefronts proliferating on the upper west side of Manhattan.



Jewish texts have much to say about community, as Judaism itself is built on it.

To reconcile my mixed feelings, I hand lettered a big sign to post at the market, on which customers might write words of support (see below). So far, I've spoken to a few people in my building who were delighted to add messages. But I was taken aback by two people who turned down my invitation. One was downright hostile; the other was a long time resident of the neighborhood, a customer who has shopped at the market since it opened 20 years ago. She felt that giving them her money was enough. I was disheartened by their unwillingness to extend such a small neighborly gesture, and I began to ponder the nature of what it means to live in community.



We all belong to a number of different types of groups – family units, work and recreational organizations, parent teacher associations, and neighborhoods. Longstanding associations with grocers, pharmacists and dry cleaners can be meaningful because these personal interactions foster a sense of community, even within the relative anonymity of a large city. While the big chain stores might offer more selection, convenience or sometimes better prices, we lose a little humanity when constantly rotating staff, not to mention fully automated check out machines, replace genuine interaction and personal service.

Jewish texts have much to say about community, as Judaism itself is built on it. Participation in communal affairs is not an option but a religious obligation. For example, in Deuteronomy we read:

*You shall not see your brother's ox or ass driven away and hide yourself from them; you shall surely bring them back to your brother. And if your brother is not near, and you do not know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall be with you until your brother require it, and you shall restore it to him... so shall you do with every lost thing of your brother's... you may not hide yourself... you shall surely help him.*

Even more striking is a midrash on Proverbs 29: *If one makes oneself like terumah* (portion of produce that is set aside as an offering), *set aside in the corner of the house, and says, "Why should I listen to their voices? I'm fine without this, this person destroys the world"*. Membership in the community implies a shared destiny, and a concern for all its members.

If you are reading this, then you are likely to be a member of our temple community. Perhaps you volunteer, or attend services and programs; maybe you serve on the board, or make contributions in other ways. Whatever your involvement, you have counted yourself IN as a member of the community and we are thrilled to have you. We urge you to make the most of your membership! Like most things in life, the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it.

While I occasionally pick up a few specialty items from Trader Joe's, I'll continue buying the bulk of my groceries at the little store across the avenue. When we support small business and the integrity of our communities, we all reap the rewards.

*Meredith*

Meredith Stone, Cantor

### A DIFFERENT WAY TO REMEMBER TRAGEDY

Tish b'Av (literally the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month Av) is a day when Jewish people remember the destruction of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Not only was the first Temple destroyed on Tish b'Av, but also it is believed that the second Temple was decimated on the same day more than 600 years later. It is also said that many other tragedies befell the Jewish people on Tish b'Av including the expulsions of England's Jews in 1290, and Spain's Jews in 1492. Tish b'Av is thus a day of loss and sorrow that spans many generations.



tragedy affects one city, one building, even one group of people, the reverberations of the impact echo far beyond our immediate surroundings. This show revealed just one example of the effect that this disaster had on the whole world.

Years after a tragedy we continue to commemorate it. On the tenth anniversary of September 11, many of the passengers aboard those 38 planes returned to Newfoundland.

Jewish people from around the world gather at the Western Wall, a part of the retaining wall that remains from the second Temple period, especially on Tish b'Av. We gather to remember communal tragedy. In Judaism we perform rituals together, like reading a particular section of sacred text or fasting. Yet in contrast to our tradition, one ritual described in *Come From Away* specifically stood out to me as a potentially instructive alternative approach for us as we mark Tish b'Av this year: One character explained that every year on September 11 he closes his office, gives his employees the day off, and \$100 each to do random good deeds for strangers. It struck me that this ritual simultaneously honors the lives that were tragically lost, and the humanity that continues to exist in our world, even amidst overwhelming pain and doubt.

Because it is during the summer and so many of us are away, Tish b'Av is often a difficult day to commemorate collectively. And so this year on Tish b'Av (Sunday, July 22) I hope that we will individually consider following this character's example as, marking this day of mourning by random performing acts of loving-kindness.

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

Jade Ross, Assistant Rabbi, Director of Education

What we lost, who we lost. Where we were, all of the changes that followed.

Recently, I saw *Come From Away*, a musical written by Irene Sankoff and David Hein, based on the true story of another communal loss, the terrible events of September 11, 2001. *Come From Away* takes place in Newfoundland, an oft flown-over island off the coast of Canada, where 38 planes carrying 7,000 passengers from all over the world were diverted and remained grounded for days following the deadliest terror attack in American history. Living in New York, I imagine that many of us have stories from that day. What we lost, who we lost. Where we were, all of the changes that followed. That day marked a turning point in American history; signaled the start of a new generation, the post-9/11 generation — a new meaning of American life and life around the world.

Despite all of the changes since 2001, and despite the fear, hatred, and cynicism that I so often feel is tightening its grip on the world, I was moved by the humanity I saw before my eyes on that Broadway stage. One song, "Something's Missing", prompted me to think of Tish b'Av. Whether from our ancient world, or modern-day America, it struck me that when a great

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### OPENING DATES FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & HEBREW SCHOOL

**Hebrew School Opening Day:** Tuesday, September 4, 3:50 - 5:45pm (Students only)

**Religious School Opening Day:** Sunday, September 16, 9:30 - 11:45am (Parents invited)

**Monday Night Program Opening Session:** Monday, September 24, 6:45 - 8:30pm

### STILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

Are you enrolling your child in Religious School for the first time? School registration forms are available on our website and by contacting Religious School Administrator Tal Drori at [tdrori@c-e-w.org](mailto:tdrori@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x12.

## MAH JONGG & CANASTA

MONDAYS, JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30,  
AUGUST 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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).

## NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS, JULY 15 & AUGUST 12, 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).

## BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 10:15AM

Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel,  
by Francine Klagsbrun

For more information, contact Marcie at [maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x12.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: AMERICANS & THE HOLOCAUST

SUNDAY DATE IN OCTOBER TBA

Historian and author Rebecca Erbelding, PhD., will lead a discussion on the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide. Erbelding worked as an archivist and curator at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum from 2003-2015, and since 2015, has been a historian for the Museum's current exhibition, *Americans and the Holocaust*.

For more information, contact Marcie at [maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x12.

## (RABBI'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PG. 4)

in the resolution. What can we do to foster that glimmer of hope? What actions can we possibly take to both address the humanitarian disaster that is Gaza and help to ensure Israel's security?

First, stay informed. This coming year our congregation will feature a number of programs focused on Israel. Come to those programs, read the news, discuss issues with your friends and colleagues and fellow congregants. Next, connect with Israel-advocacy groups who share your views. The Talmud teaches that all Jews are responsible for one another, that means that you have a vital interest in what happens in the State of Israel. Many advocacy groups meaningfully impact both the Israeli narrative as well as actual policy. Claim your stake in Israel's destiny. Finally, if at all possible, build relationships with Israelis and reinforce those you already have. Hearing from Israelis who face these issues on a daily basis helps to ground our thinking in

reality and remind us that in democratic Israel there exists a huge range of opinion and perspective.

This is, frankly speaking, a bleak time for the prospects of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But that makes it – perhaps more than ever – a vital time to assert Jewish values, decry anti-Semitism wherever it exists, stand up for Israel's right to defend itself, and advocate for human rights around the world. And when those obligations contradict one another, we need to embrace that tension and use it to find creative, meaningful ways forward for the sake of the Jewish people and people everywhere.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

## CELEBRATING ISRAEL!

Israel's 70th Anniversary celebrations kicked off earlier this spring, marked by Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations throughout the country and the world. During the upcoming year, much of the programming at Congregation Emanu-El will celebrate the many facets and faces of Israel. We will explore its culture, history, challenges and its incredible vitality.



A few programming highlights include:

**Sunday Film Movie Series featuring three diverse films related to Israel** - The award-winning film *Footnote* (Sunday, October 28, 7:00pm) about the troubled relationship between a father and son who are both Talmud scholars; *Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer* (Sunday, January 13, 2019, 7:00pm) starring Richard Gere as a wheeler-dealer and social climber Norman who befriends a politician and his life changes dramatically for better and worse; and *Hello Goodbye* (Sunday, April 14, 2019, 7:00pm) starring Gerard Depardieu as part of a couple who leave the comfort of life in Paris to start a new life in Israel.

**Hotel Everest, screening with filmmaker Claudia Sobral** (Friday, January 18, 2019, 6:30pm prior to the Shabbat service) - Nestled between Jerusalem and Bethlehem stands a small hotel called The Everest. It is one of the few places in the region where Palestinian and Israeli "peace climbers" gather in an attempt to overcome decades of conflict and seemingly insurmountable challenges. These individuals have committed themselves to seeing the "others" as

human beings rather than demonized enemies. This group of brave Palestinians and Israelis is writing a new page in history, one of hope and possibility.

**Israel education classes with Rabbi Howard Goldsmith and Rabbi Jade Ross** (sessions in February, March & April 2019) - Our rabbis will offer Israel-related adult education sessions this spring, a great way to learn together as a community about Israel.

**Israel photography by fellow congregants** (Friday, November 30, 7:00pm prior to the Shabbat service) - The winter art gallery show will feature a collection of congregant photos from past temple trips to Israel. This is a great forum for trip participants to share their memories with the entire congregation and will hopefully whet the appetites of those who have yet to visit Israel!

**400 Miles to Freedom, screening with filmmaker Avishai Mekonen** (Friday, May 3, 2019, 6:15pm prior to the Shabbat service) - This film documents Avishai's perilous journey from Ethiopia to Israel during Operation Moses in 1984. At the time, the Israeli government secretly moved 8,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel under a veil of complete secrecy. Avishai will also speak about *Hereos*, his current film project, that tells the story of Ethiopian Jewish heroes who risked their lives to help lead their community to the Israel.

I look forward to discovering and uncovering the beauty of Israel with you.

Shalom,

Jane

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director

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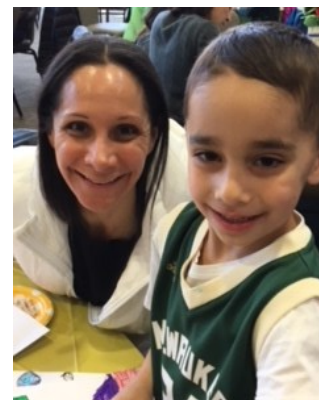
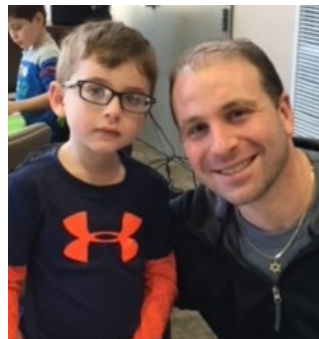
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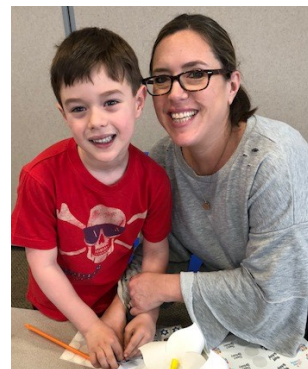
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<b>July 6</b>	<b>Lay Led Shabbat Service</b> 6:30 Service
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Lay Led Shabbat Service</b> 6:30 Service
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Lay Led Shabbat Service</b> 6:30 Service
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<b>August 3</b>	<b>Shabbat on the Beach at Edith G. Read Sanctuary</b> 6:00 Pre-Neg 6:30 Service
<b>August 10</b>	<b>Lay Led Shabbat Service</b> 6:30 Service
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Shabbat with Rabbi Ross</b> 6:30 Service
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Lay Led Shabbat Service</b> 6:30 Service

## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5779/2018

This year's High Holy Day observances begin in September. A full schedule of our High Holy Day events and services will be published and distributed over the summer. Below is a list of important dates to note:

Sunday, September 9	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10	Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, September 11	Rosh Hashanah Day II Nature Walk & Tashlich
Friday, September 14	Shabbat Shuva
Tuesday, September 18	Kol Nidre
Wednesday, September 19	Yom Kippur

