



New York Jews and the Making of American Pop Culture with Dr. David E. Kaufman

Thursday, July 16, 12:00pm

Who can imagine American theater, music, comedy or television without New York Jewish luminaries like Ira Gershwin, Barbara Streisand, Lenny Bruce, Joan Rivers, Billy Joel, and Jerry Seinfeld? Impossible! This discussion will explore the extraordinary, perhaps even unlikely, dominance of New York Jews in popular culture.

David E. Kaufman is a scholar of American Jewish history, his publications include two books, *Shul with a Pool* and *Jewhooning the Sixties*.

Contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org for more information. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/cewpopculture>.



Jews, Blacks and the Music Industry: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly with Professor & Author Jonathan Karp

Thursday, July 23, 12:00pm



Guest speaker Jonathan Karp will discuss the relationship between Jewish entrepreneurs and black performers in the music business of the mid-20th century. His lifelong research explores both the roles Jews have played in modern economic

life and the images and stereotypes that have accompanied them. Dr. Karp's published works include *Philosemitism in History*, *The Politics of Jewish Commerce*, *World War I and the Jews*, *The Cambridge History of Judaism*, and *The Art of Being Jewish in Modern Times*.

Contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org for more information. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/cewkarp>.



We are excited to announce that we are updating the temple website to better reflect our warm and inviting community with a fresh look and easier access to information. We will keep you posted on our progress and we look forward to sharing our launch with you by early fall. In the meantime, our current site is fully functional and there will be no interruption in accessing the site.

Discussion and Q&A with Resistance Actor Jesse Eisenberg and Directors Jonathan & Claudine Jakubowicz

Monday, August 3, 7:00pm



Join actor Jesse Eisenberg (*The Social Network*) and directors Jonathan and Claudine Jakubowicz for a discussion about *Resistance*, a film that highlights internationally famous mime Marcel Marceau's life during World War II. Before he became the world-famous mime Marcel Marceau, he was Marcel Mangel, an aspiring Jewish actor who joined the French Resistance to save the lives of thousands of children orphaned at the hands of the Nazis.

The film is available to rent on demand. Contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org for more information. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/cewresistance>.

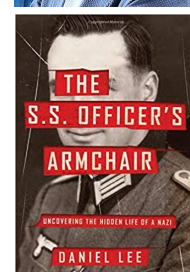


This event is presented in partnership with IFC Films and Tamar Simon from Mean Streets Management.

The evening is co-sponsored by Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation B'nai Yisrael, Congregation KTL, Greenwich Reform Synagogue, Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center, Jewish Community Center of Harrison, Westchester Hebrew High School and Young Israel of Scarsdale.

The SS Officer's Armchair: Uncovering the Secret Life of a Nazi with Author Daniel Lee

Monday, August 17, 12:00pm



Based on concealed documents discovered within a simple chair for seventy years, this gripping investigation into the life of a single SS officer during World War II encapsulates the tragic experience of a generation of Europeans. Daniel Lee is a historian of the Second World War and a specialist in the history of Jews in France and North Africa during the Holocaust.

Contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org for more information. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/cewarmchair>.

ART SHOW

This year's artists each brought something unique and special to the Congregant Art Show. For those of you who missed it, here is a glimpse of some of the art submitted. For those who saw the show, here's another chance to enjoy the art! See the whole show at <https://tinyurl.com/artcew2020>.



Sleeping Rabbi
by Lois Falberg



Still Life
by Janice Kaplan



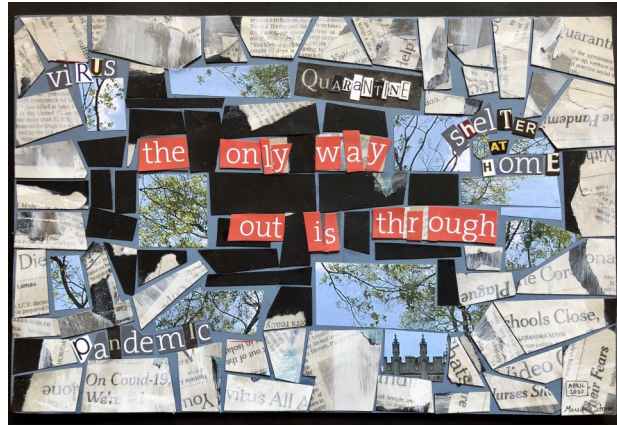
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by David Fried



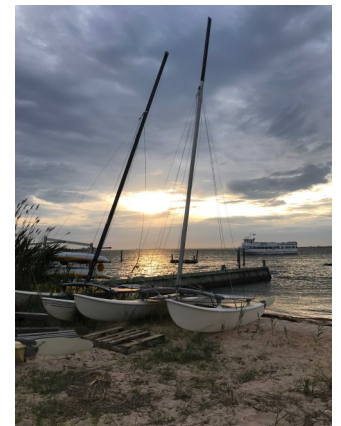
Pitcher with Saucer
by Rick Wolff



Scotland Ruins
by Karen Quinn



The Only Way Out is Through
by Meredith Stone



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by Terry Schwarz



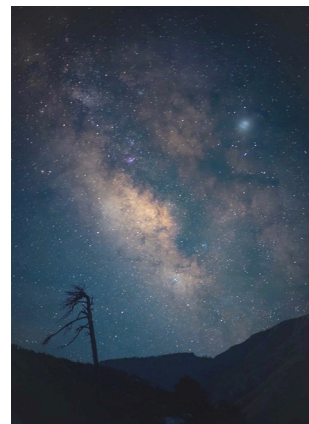
Crossing the Seine October 2019
by MJ Wolff



White Art Sculpture
by Terry Feldman



Circles
by Ann Fliegenspan



Big Sky
by Charlie Cooper



Heron on the Pond
by Margie McCabe



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Black Lives Matter and Anti-Semitism

“Justice, justice, you shall pursue!” declares Deuteronomy. Well, it turns out that is not always so simple. Congregants have reached out to me over the last few weeks to ask about anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism within the Black Lives Matter movement. They want to stand for social justice, to be allies, but this question leaves them unsure. Just where does Black Lives Matter stand on questions of Israel and the Palestinians? And, should it matter?



In 2016, some members of the Black Lives Matters movement participated in a conference which created a platform put forth by the Movement for Black Lives. One plank of that platform singled out Israel with language that was anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic. It was inaccurate and inflammatory. This section of the platform ignored the nuance and complexity of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It promoted a conspiratorial, anti-Zionist view that, as I spoke about this past Rosh Hashanah, has been used as cover for explicit and implicit anti-Semitism.

While some Jews felt they could not engage because of the 2016 Movement for Black Lives platform, others stayed involved. Today, perhaps thanks in part to their continued engagement, there is no mention of Israel or the Palestinians on the official Black Lives Matter webpage. Unfortunately, it does still appear on a policy paper on the affiliated Movement for Black Lives website. That said, just as we would not want someone to ascribe views to us based on every statement of the organizations to which we belong, we should be careful not to ascribe the views of a single component of a vast platform to everyone involved in advocating for the rights of people of color.

It is worth considering the perspective of my friend and colleague Rabbi Joshua Weinberg, vice president for Israel and Reform Zionism and the executive director of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. He wrote, “A movement as large and as diverse as the Black Lives Matter movement will surely have some... harsh anti-Israel views, but they do not speak for the tens of millions of people who are... working intensely to address the systemic racism and violence against Black and Brown people.”

We find added perspective and wisdom from David Ben Gurion, the celebrated first Prime Minister of Israel. [Disclaimer: The analogy is far from perfect, but it makes the point.] In 1939, the British issued the White Paper declaring that there could, effectively, be no Jewish immigration to Palestine. This spelled disaster

for the Jews of Europe. Ben Gurion famously said, “We shall fight side by side with the British in our war against Hitler as if there were no White Paper, and we shall fight the White Paper as if there were no war [in Europe].” Perhaps that logic applies here, as well. Despite the anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism in some small part of the Black Lives Matter movement, the issue of systemic racism demands our participation.

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Politics makes strange bedfellows. Activism makes even stranger bedfellows. I will happily go to Capitol Hill with a Catholic priest and argue for an increase in SNAP funding to alleviate food insecurity. And then I will stand on the opposite side of a protest from that same priest to demand reproductive rights for women. When fighting for a cause, we cannot always agree on every issue with our coalition partners. Indeed, it is likely that there are other issues on the Black Lives Matter website with which we may disagree. But if the main goal is important enough, then we ought to stay at the table. This runs counter to the current tendency in our society to choose sides, to see everything as an either-or, binary decision. This acknowledges shades of gray and complexity that do not align with cable news narratives. It embraces complexity – a very Jewish thing to embrace.

To answer the initial questions: The Black Lives Matter movement has a range of views on Israel and the Palestinians. And, yes, that should matter to us – but it is not a reason to walk away. Quite the opposite. When we stay at the table, we build bridges and connections that we can ultimately use to shift hearts and minds on Israel. And, of course, individual relationships and stories will prove more powerful and resonant than any plank of a movement platform. In other words, staying active in advocacy with Black Lives Matter will help us build relationships that will allow us to not only fight systemic racism, but also to curb and ultimately defeat anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism within the Black Lives Matter movement and more broadly. Walking away means that we have no chance of either advancing equity for people of color or addressing the anti-Semitic sentiments within parts of the movement.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Howard J. Goldsmith.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

The Gift of Gardening

As a little girl, gardening with my Bubbe was one of my favorite ways to spend a Sunday morning. We spent hours harvesting roses, tulips, mint, strawberries, peaches, figs - you name it, she grew it! While Bubbe taught me the basics of gardening, from sowing seeds to aerating soil to pruning hedges, she also taught me some of life's most important lessons: responsibility, patience, teamwork, and creativity. Little did Bubbe know that her appreciation and respect for nature would not only send me on my own journey of gardening but that the lessons I learned from her would inform my work as a Jewish educator.



I've spent much of these sixteen weeks of quarantine tending to my own quaint garden. I've turned over the soil, weeded, watered, and have recently begun harvesting the fruits of my own labor: rosemary, lavender, beefsteak tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers, and cucamelons. What I've learned about gardening in this unusual time is that it also serves as a form of meditation. I've dug out my disappointments over canceled vacations; broken up my worries in the dirt clods that I crumble in my hands; I breathe in the sweet scent of growing plants as I breathe out the anxieties surrounding the uncertainty of what the next six months may bring.

I knew my Bubbe gardened and was a gardener all those years ago, I just never thought about why. It calmed her, soothed her, and helped connect her to the earth that she really loved. Gardening was her meditative break. It may have taken years for me to realize what gardening represented to her, but many years later, she has given me a beautiful gift. Children watch and learn from their parents and grandparents. It may not seem apparent now, and it may not happen right away, but we all remember as we grow older, and when we do remember, we smile.

I'm reminded of a Talmudic tale about Honi, a Jewish miracle worker during the first century before the Common Era, known for his ability to bring rain.

One day Honi was journeying on the road and saw an old man planting a tree. "Why would such an old man be planting a tree?" he wondered. "It takes a very long time for fruit trees to grow, and planting is hard work. He might not even be around when the tree is big enough to give fruit." Honi approached the old man

and asked, "Excuse me sir, but what kind of tree are you planting?" The old man responded "This sapling is a carob tree. In about seventy years, this tree will produce carobs good enough for eating." Honi responded, "Do you think that you will live seventy more years and be able to eat the carob fruit?" The old man looked surprised. "I remember seeing carob trees growing when I was a little boy. I ate some of those carobs and they were so delicious! Just as my parents and grandparents planted trees for me, I plant trees for my children and grandchildren." Honi sat down to have a meal and sleep overcame him. As he slept, a rocky formation enclosed upon him which hid him from sight and he slept for seventy years.

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When Honi awoke, he noticed a young man picking carobs from a tree nearby. This man was not the one to whom Honi had spoken earlier. Honi asked, "Did you plant this tree?" The young man responded, "No. My grandfather planted it seventy years ago. I'm going to plant a carob tree also. See, I have a sapling all ready to plant. Someday my children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy carobs just as I do." Honi remembered the words of the old man. "Just as my parents and grandparents planted trees for me, so do I plant trees for my children and grandchildren."

This tale shares the literal and metaphorical truth of harvesting our past and planting for our future. We are connected across generations, as my grandmother planted seeds which bear fruit in my adult choices, I plant seeds for my students, and the students of my students, who I may never know. As I begin my role as Director of Education in your community, I am excited to partner with you as we plant the seeds for a vast and colorful garden from which you and your children may harvest for years to come.

Naomi Fabes, Director of Education

CEW, Zoom and You!

Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester has met the pandemic head on! While the temple building remains closed and we cannot be together in person, we continue to build community by staying in touch with one another and by participating in online programming via Zoom.



In mid-March when we closed the physical doors of the temple, we opened up and came together on a different plane.

In the past months we have come together for enlightening and inspiring educational programs from the comfort of our homes. We enjoyed an engaging and educational tour of the Lower East Side and had front row seats for discussions with some incredibly talented presenters. *Unorthodox* author Deborah Feldman opened the door to her early life and her journey, while Anat Hoffman of Women of the Wall and the Israel Religious Action Center spoke of the challenges and accomplishments of her organizations. Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, author of *A German Life: Against All Odds Change is Possible*, spoke of his life as the son of a Nazi officer, and why he eventually converted to Judaism, immigrated to Israel and served in the IDF.

But the focus was not solely on education. We participated in engaging family events such as Bingo, trivia and a scavenger hunt, and laughed our way

through a much needed comedy lunch break with Joel Chasnoff. We have de-stressed with congregant Janelle Berger as she has led us in Yoga Nidra, and relaxed during coffee chats with the clergy. Our families wrote letters to and collected supplies for essential workers; we cleaned out our own closets for Kids' Klostet; and we donated much needed cereal and other foods to area food banks. On a spiritual note, we joined together for beautiful Shabbat services, wonderful B'nei Mitzvah, Havdalahs and Beit Midrash.

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In the coming weeks we will continue to share many more opportunities to engage in meaningful experiences with programs (see pg. 1 for details).

I am confident that these experiences, albeit virtual, will continue to strengthen and engage our community. I look forward to staying connected and sharing these experiences with you until such time as it is safe to return to our physical space.

Peace & Love,



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director

RITUAL CORNER

When Nature Leaves You Speechless

I've spent the last three months going hiking every weekend with my family. It is a major change of pace for us since I'm usually working for a good part of the weekend and the kids have endless activities. Together with Jen, Lev and Talia, we've had the chance to explore the beautiful hills and valleys of the Hudson River Valley. And there are so many delights - from grand vistas to tiny insects - that inspire a sense of awe. Our tradition has a blessing for just such a moment, words that echo down to us through the millennia to express gratitude for the beauty and wonder of our world: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם עוֹשֶׂה מַעֲשִׂים בְּרָאשִׁית. *Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, oseh maasei v'reishit.* We praise You, Eternal God,

Sovereign of the universe, who makes the works of creation. So, the next time nature leaves you speechless, you now have the words you need to express the wonder you feel.



The Power of the Virtual Connection

It turns out that Zoom is a very powerful tool for connecting, learning, meeting, and ritual. The impact of that ritual was plain after our first Zoom Shabbat together. Well over a hundred members got online and saw one another, greeted one another, sang together, prayed together, and felt profoundly connected. It only grew from there with b'nei mitzvah, baby namings, funerals and endless programs taking place over Zoom. Soon enough, the 1s and 0s of the internet seemed to melt away. Rather than noticing Zoom, we've come to feel more deeply connected than ever to our Jewish rituals and their meaning. While we wait to get back together in our sanctuary, we know that we can have powerful and meaningful Jewish experiences over Zoom.

Lilian Siclar



From the very beginning of the pandemic, I felt the need for connections, for community, something to root me in this uncharted time, hopefully to provide experiences shared with others, possibly something uplifting. The temple Zoom offerings have played a part in meeting these needs...having been able to continue studying Torah, having the opportunity to share cocktail hour, experiencing Havdalah, sharing my effort to mourn during the pandemic, hearing from the Confirmants, and so much more. Yet, for me personally, most significant of all... have been the Shabbat services, which my son Michael and I have shared sitting on a couch next to each other.

Lucy, Simon & Natalie Modica



Over the past few months, we have been participating in the online services for Tuesday's Hebrew School lessons. We find them very different but we still learn very meaningful lessons and learn lots of Hebrew. Although it is different, the Modica family

participates, listens and tries their best to enjoy the online learning classes. We all loved going in to break rooms and learning about different Hebrew meanings, prayers, and songs, etc. We also loved the videos and the songs that we listened to and watched while on Zoom. Overall, it was different than regular learning, but we still had just as much fun learning online.

Dyan & David Taerstein



Our sons Zach and Tyler's, B'nei Mitzvah was scheduled for March 21, 2020 – a day that we were looking forward to for the last two years. Zach and Tyler had been preparing for this day this entire year and our planning was well underway. Fast forward to the beginning of March of 2020 and the pandemic hits. The world shuts down and we were

forced to postpone the boys' special day. My boys felt passionate that their service be in the temple surrounded by friends and family however it became apparent to us that it may not happen that way any time soon. Our family struggled with a few questions. Would a Zoom online service be as warm and personal as an in-person service in the synagogue? Would we have the Torah for the boys to read from? Would our family be able to participate in our service virtually? Would our friends be able to share this day with us? Rabbi Goldsmith, Rabbi Ross, and Cantor Stone made this all happen seamlessly. Our boys were able to become B'nei Mitzvah on May 9, about seven weeks later than we had planned in the most beautiful service at home, virtually surrounded by our family and friends using Zoom technology. It was truly a warm and loving service for our family and we are so happy that we had such a fabulous clergy to assist and support us along the way.

Meredith & Jim Kornreich



Even during these challenging times, tradition continues. We had a Zoom bris led by Rabbi Goldsmith for our newborn grandson, Charlie Frederick Silverstein, born April

11th. Charlie is named for his maternal grandfather, Frederick Perl. His Hebrew name is Yoseph, after his maternal grandmother, JoAnne Kornreich, and it symbolizes resilience which has meaning for Charlie's parents and for the times we currently are living through. While we could not all be together in person for the bris, it was special and meaningful nonetheless. We all felt connected and in fact, it allowed family to be there from across the country to celebrate and witness the ceremony. It made us realize that physical proximity did not limit our ability to connect and be together, though we did miss holding the baby. In these challenging times, we are grateful for what we can do and thank Rabbi Goldsmith for making it such a special occasion.

STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

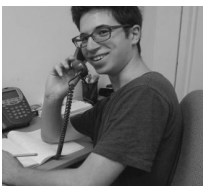
It is more important than ever that we continue our acts of tikkun olam (repairing the world) in our communities. With social distancing as our new norm, volunteering looks a lot different than it did even two months ago, but there is no shortage of opportunities to help those in need of support at this time. To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com.



HOPE House Meal Program: Calling All Cooks!

The isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic has been especially hard on people with psychiatric and psychological issues. To make a difference, the staff at HOPE House, a clubhouse in Port Chester for adults recovering from behavioral health conditions, have been delivering home cooked meals to members on a bi-weekly basis. The members are ecstatic over the lunches and equally as excited about seeing the staff. If you are interested in cooking and delivering a main or side dish to HOPE House, please contact Donna Rosado at 914-893-0752 or dorosado@hds.org, or Phyllis Thornhill at 914-879-2165 or pthornhill@hds.org.

DOROT Westchester: Caring Calls to Homebound Seniors



More than 300 New York-based volunteers and seniors have been paired for Caring Calls, DOROT's new program bringing warmth, conversation and social connection to older adults in isolation due to COVID-19.

Volunteers are matched with DOROT elders for phone visits once or twice a week over a four-week period. The calls take the place of in-home visits that were suspended in March. This is a significant and meaningful opportunity for intergenerational connection and friendship.

To volunteer, contact call Cippi Harte at 914-485-8356 or Mindy Perez at mperez@dorotusa.org.

RideConnect: Grocery & Medication Delivery for Seniors



RideConnect, a not-for-profit program of Family Services of Westchester, is dedicated to providing transportation resources for older adults, and it is mobilizing quickly to meet the new demand for delivery services.

RideConnect's vast database of seniors in Westchester and Southern Putnam Counties allows them to quickly match volunteers with isolated seniors in need.

To volunteer or to inquire about receiving grocery or medication deliveries, email Karen Ganis at kganis@fsw.org for details.

WJCS Back To School Drive



This year, more than ever, the youth of Westchester need your help. Keeping routines help to ensure kids start the 2020 school year as strong as possible.

Each year, your generosity provides hundreds of new backpacks, school supplies, and other necessary items for kids through the Annual Back-to-School Drive. Youth ages 11 and under will receive a backpack filled with supplies plus a \$50 Target Gift Card. Youth ages 12 and older will receive a \$50 Target Gift Card.

If you would like to mail a Target gift card, please send to WJCS, Attn: Diana Eppolito, 845 North Broadway, White Plains, NY, 10603.

To make a monetary donation, please send a check to the temple made out to the Social Action Fund, with "WJCS School Drive" in the memo section or visit our website to make an online donation.



Baby Bank Westchester Diaper Drive

Baby Bank's mission is to help local families in need keep their babies clean, healthy and happy.

In response to the needs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Baby Bank Westchester has transformed into a "diaper bank".

Support their effort by dropping off or shipping diapers to Baby Bank Westchester, 901 North Broadway, North White Plains, NY 10603; or making a monetary donation online at <https://www.914cares.org/donation>.

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Alyssa & Paul Cullagh
Denise & Nathan Eisler
Clifford Gevirtz & Alison Lazarus
James & Elaine Glover
Howard & Jennifer Goldsmith
Ryan & Lorri Goldstein
Rachel & David Grandwetter
Greg Hodes & Heidi Hertel
Richard & Arline Josephberg
Cliff & Janice Kaplan
Jaime & Brian Karp
Stephen & Doreen Kushel
Tom & Peggy LoCastro
Neil & Mara Miller
Michael & Leslie Mook
Jack & Karyn Moore
Michael Rosenblut & Hedy Cardozo
Jason Schechter & Michelle Wallach
Ilene Schwartz
John & Terry Schwarz
Clifford & Nancy Solomon
John & Amy Tanenbaum
Richard & MJ Wolff
Jayna & Jeffrey Zelman

Mortgage Fund

Mark & Allison Baumrind
Sondra Grundman
Brian & Jaime Morris

Music Fund

Lois Falberg & Brian Sinder in memory
of Arnon Ben Shlomo, Cantor Stone's brother-in-law

Rabbi Goldsmith's Discretionary Fund

Clark & Debra Pager
Michael Rosenblut & Hedy Cardozo in honor
of Josh & Lucy Rosenblut's Confirmation

Sisterhood

Marcie Aiuvalasit
Daniel & Debra Alpert
John & Patricia Bottomley
Daniel & Rhonda Chestler
Richard & Emily Cohen
Arlene Cole
Terry & Herb Feldman
James & Elaine Glover
William & Francine Klingenstein
Norman & Joanne Matthews

Social Action Fund

Marcie Aiuvalasit
Daniel & Debra Alpert
Shelly Benerofe
John & Patricia Bottomley
John Carton & Wendy Rowden
Daniel & Rhonda Chestler
Marsha Cirulli
Richard & Emily Cohen
Arlene Cole
Ellen Deixler
Terry & Herb Feldman
Nancy Gladstone
James & Elaine Glover
Richard & Susan Hecht
Barbara Hirsch
William & Francine Klingenstein
Stephen & Doreen Kushel
Mary Lawrence
Roger & Fran Lefft
Elaine Losquadro

Michael Rosenblut & Hedy Cardozo
Steven Shapiro & Susan Amkraut
Sam & Jill Sheppard
Henry & Bonnie Shyer
Lilian Sicular
Bonnie Stein
John & Amy Tanenbaum
JoAnn Terdiman
Evan & Lindsay Weinberg

Edgar & Margery Masinter
Norman & Joanne Matthews
Brian & Jaime Morris
Michael Rosenblut & Hedy Cardozo
Mary & Gerard Saviola
John & Terry Schwarz
Peter Schweitzer in memory
of William P. Schweitzer
Steven Shapiro & Susan Amkraut
Sam & Jill Sheppard
Henry & Bonnie Shyer
Lilian Sicular
Paul & Ann Spindel
Bonnie Stein
Jonathan & Sydney Stern
John & Amy Tanenbaum
JoAnn Terdiman
Evan & Lindsay Weinberg
Marlene & William Wertheim
Laura Winston

The Emanu-El Relief Fund

The economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are impacting people across our society and in our congregation. Keeping in mind the Talmudic teaching that כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה *Kol yisrael arevim zeh baze* All Israel is responsible for one another." (Talmud, Shavuot 39a), we have established the Emanu-El Relief Fund to ensure that congregants can meet their basic needs.

The fund will help to subsidize the costs of: food, utility bills, rent, childcare, tutoring, funeral expenses and other immediate needs. Requests for assistance and donations to the fund will be completely anonymous.

If you are in need of assistance with the types of expenses outlined above, please email Rabbi Goldsmith directly at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or call his cell phone at 646-957-2692. To donate to the fund, please mail a check to the synagogue made out to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester with the words "Relief Fund" in the memo line, or visit the online donation page at www.c-e-w/relieffund.

As we take care of one another spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually, we will also care for physical needs.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Zooming in on our Staff with Art by Cantor Stone

Get to know all of us better! We're pictured below in our chosen Happy Place as a virtual background. Follow the messages in the "chat box" to see what we love about working at Congregation Emanu-El.



To: **Everyone**

Tal Drori

Religious School Administrator

I like Emanu-El because I work with colleagues that are dedicated to their community and committed towards tikkun olam (making the world a better place).

Enrique Torres

Director of Facilities

I love working at the temple because I feel I am making a positive contribution to the goals of our temple, and that my contribution is really appreciated.

Dan O'Connor

Administrative Assistant

I collaborate with intelligent, terrific people on important projects that bring me much satisfaction. When you like what you do, you never work a day in your life.

Denise Eisler

Senior Accountant

I enjoy my work at Emanu-El, where I tick and tie our books so that I can provide accurate financial information to the Board, staff and the congregants.

Howard Goldsmith

Rabbi

I love meeting people wherever they are on their Jewish journeys!

Jane Dubro

Youth Activities & Program Director

I love creating meaningful learning experiences for my students and the community in a Jewish value based community where we perform acts of kindness - gemilut chasadim.

Naomi Fabes

Director of Education

I am most excited about meeting the children and families that make Emanu-El the warm and special community that it is.

Meredith Stone

Cantor

I love helping the temple evolve in new and exciting ways, and sharing years of history with so many wonderful people.

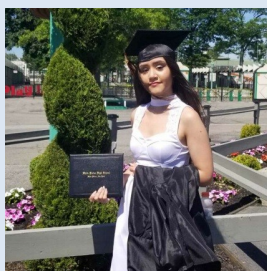
Abbie Levitt

Temple Administrator

I get to work with a variety of wonderful people on a daily basis at Emanu-El - and no two days are ever the same!

Name
Street Address
City, State Zip Code

A Most Special Graduation, by Joan Kass



During these very challenging times, we would like to share some joyful news with you regarding Sarah Abdulhadi, the daughter of the refugee family that Congregation Emanu-El welcomed into our community three years ago.

When Sarah arrived here, she had been out of school for more than two years and spoke very little English. Because of her age and because of New York State law which says that students may stay in school until the age of 21, Sarah had to enter high school as a sophomore and had to meet all graduation requirements in three years. It has been a challenging three years, learning English, succeeding in classes, passing Regents Exams, and becoming part of an American high school culture. As many of you are aware, one bright spot from the beginning has been Sarah's outstanding success in her art classes.

We are thrilled to share with you that on June 25th, Sarah graduated from White Plains High School and is on her way to Westchester Community College.

This is a dream come true for Sarah, who has worked very hard to get to this point. Sarah has been able to accomplish this goal with the help of a group of friends, some wonderful caring teachers at White Plains High School, including her first art teacher, her administrator, and her amazing guidance counselor. As a team, her father Abdullah Taha, Emily Cohen and I have worked with Sarah's guidance counselor for three years to support and encourage Sarah through this process. We are grateful to everyone at WPHS who took such an interest in Sarah so that she now does not want to leave the high school.

We would like to thank Rabbi Goldsmith and all of you who have been an important part of this story from the beginning. Those who, among others, drove Sarah to her early ESL classes, provided funding for her tutoring, and embraced Sarah every time she came to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester.

This has been an amazing journey for Sarah, and Emily and I are deeply grateful to have had this opportunity to be with Sarah, to know her and love her, and support her during these very important and meaningful years in her new life.