

ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT & CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
7:00PM

This is a benefit that is sure to knock your socks off!

Come to the Spring Benefit and honor this year's Emanu-El Prize recipients Emily Cohen and Dick Hecht for their countless contributions to the life of our synagogue and our community.

Try your hand at our casino-themed games including black jack, roulette, craps, and Wheel of Fortune.

Bid on exciting auction items like an MLB All-Star Experience, a Tampa Bay Rays Experience, a Deer Valley condo vacation, Yankees and Giants tickets, golf outings, jewelry, and a gourmet dinner cooked by Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith!

Our Spring Benefit is a great way to support our congregation, and a fantastic way to spend your Saturday night with friends old and new.

To purchase tickets and journal ads, please visit our webpage or contact Abbie Levitt at alevitt@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x11.



Emily Cohen



Dick Hecht



THE INAUGURAL SAMUEL L. & JANE L. FRIEDMAN LECTURE ON PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING **THE REALITIES OF A DECADES LONG SEARCH FOR PEACE WITH AARON DAVID MILLER**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10
7:30PM

Middle East specialist and distinguished scholar Aaron David Miller will share his perspectives from decades working on Middle East peace under a number of administrations and with various NGOs.

We will learn his assessment of the current situation between the Israelis, various Palestinian factions and Middle-Eastern countries. Do not miss the opportunity to hear from this world renowned expert.

OUR TRIP TO CUBA

A group from our temple had a fun, educational and inspirational five-day visit to Cuba. They had the opportunity to meet the head of the Jewish Cuban community and the U.S. Representative at the U.S. Interests Section in Cuba (there is no embassy in Cuba), and attended a Shabbat service led by the young people in the community.

Guided by our very knowledgeable tour guide, Alexis, the group visited the Museum of Fine Arts, Hemingway's Villa, the Museum of the Revolution, a cigar making factory and many private artist studios. This was a wonderful opportunity and shared experience for our congregants, and it resulted in a special bond amongst them.





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ISRAEL IS AT A CROSSROADS, AND YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

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

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

A vote for ARZA, the reform movement's representative, will impact the WZO's decisions in key areas:

Women's Rights & Gender Equality

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

Religious Equality

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

Peace

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

Vote for ARZA today!

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

**2. Vote for ARZA now by visiting:
www.reformjews4israel.org.**

3. Voting is open until April 30, 2015.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

How is it almost Passover already?! Wasn't it just Rosh Hashanah? The year flies by, each one faster than the last with chapters closing and new ones opening. Endings and beginnings, beginnings and endings. Things in our lives change and the world moves on around us, ever evolving, ever becoming. On Rosh Hashanah, we look inward, assessing our actions and our character, committing to improve ourselves in the year to come. On Passover, we look out, we consider the whole community, the world.



First, and most obviously, Passover celebrates the freedom of the ancient Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

We praise God for that freedom and express gratitude for the blessings in our lives born of liberty. From that sense of *national* redemption, we move next to the hope for freedom not only for the Jews, but for all the peoples of the world. We are told again and again in the Hagaddah, the weekly prayer book and the Torah itself: "Welcome the stranger for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt." The ultimate statement of empathy. Passover, then, allows us a time to reflect on the injustices of our world and to consider the ways that we might help bring justice to people who still suffer bondage of any kind. This powerful call has inspired generations of Jews to look outside themselves and to pursue social justice for all of humankind.

Second, Passover celebrates spring, the renewal of the earth, the cycles that make life on this planet possible.

For our ancient ancestors, this was about agriculture, the next harvest, the symbiosis between the fields, their produce and those who tended to them. This was a spring solstice celebration like the ones found in every culture and every religion around the world.

We can see this close connection as we gaze towards the heavens in the weeks leading up to Passover. The new moon grows and grows and once it's full, Passover begins, we light our festival candles, sanctify the day with wine, and come together with friends and family. And, while we enjoy the company of those we love, we

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cannot forget the moon in the sky, the tides controlled by the moon, the fish that swim in those seas, the birds and the animals and the mountains and the plains and every part of the earth whose rebirth we celebrate at Passover each spring.

When we eat the parsley from the earth and the salt water like the sea we are called to look out and reflect on our world. Do we do enough to protect it? Do we live sustainably on it? What can we do to lessen our footprint, to bring balance to the way we live our lives and our relationship with the only planet we have?

Soon enough it will once again be Rosh Hashanah, on that side of the calendar we will again look in and seek to improve our deeds and our character. We will surely look in a bit on Passover as we think about our favorite foods and Passover memories, as we enjoy being with loved ones, and hosting seders with treasured heirlooms. But this year, let us hear the hagaddah's call to look outward.

Let us give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and seek ways to bring those freedoms to all the corners of the earth. As we gaze out from our seder tables and into the night we will see the moon shine bright. Let the glow of the moon help us consider the miracles of the natural world and rededicate ourselves to its protection.

Wishing you and your family a joyous, meaningful and uplifting Passover celebration of family and friends, faith and tradition, freedom and nature.

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MI SHEBERACH

The mi sheberach is a prayer said for those who are in need of healing of body, mind or spirit. At each Shabbat Service, we place a sheet of paper on a stand in the sanctuary where you can write down the names of your loved ones in need of healing.

Rabbi Goldsmith will read those names during the service.





RITUAL CORNER: COCA-COLA ON PASSOVER AND OTHER CORNY CONCERNS

Every year around Passover, Coca-Cola produces its signature beverage with sugar instead of corn syrup so that Jews who observe Passover will still buy that sweet, carbonated drink to enjoy during the festival. Cutting out corn syrup seems a far cry from the original commandment in the Torah:

“For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.” (Exodus 12:15).

How did we get from unleavened bread to sugar-sweetened Coke? In Deuteronomy the Torah forbids eating anything “leavened” during Passover, not only bread. The ancient rabbis explain in the Talmud (Mishnah Pesachim 2:5) that leavening grains include wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt.

Corn falls into a category including rice and legumes which are not explicitly forbidden by the ancient rabbis or later commentators. Nevertheless, Ashkenazi Jews have long abstained from rice, legumes and corn during the festival. The origins of this custom are unclear but theories include: 1) inevitable mixing with other grains in the marketplace, 2) close resemblance to the forbidden grains, or 3) fear that rice, corn and legumes would indeed ferment in water.

Whatever the origin, most people who abstain from them do so out of a sense of personal piety, family tradition or in solidarity with general Ashkenazi practice. So, while there is no Reform religious obligation to abstain from rice, legumes or corn during Passover, doing so may help people connect to their family’s traditions. It also encourages the better tasting Coke for a few weeks a year.

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Goldsmith composed the following poem to express the feelings that so many share in the wake of the Hochman Family tragedy. He read the poem at the Harrison Interfaith Vigil and Service on February 25 at the American Legion Building.

What We Together Seek By Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

There is a coldness that blankets our community,
an emptiness like winter’s breath
when the sidewalks bereft of people
covered with ice and salt and howling wind.

And on those empty streets,
so cold and alone,
we yearn to hear the echoes in the wind of better days
with those we knew and loved.

Instead the wind
frost laden
brings tears to our eyes,
reddens our face with loss.
That which was and ought to be
that shall not now come to pass;
what was to be is no more.

In such cold and wind
we find no solace of explanation;
no reasoned rights or wrongs;
no reasons.

Yet,
when we look around again
we see a spark of warmth
for we are not alone.
Each one of us,
a glowing reminder
of legacies that we must now carry,
the flames of memory and values
that we now tend.
Each one of us a whisper:
I care.
I’m here.
Lean on me.
We stand.
Together.

It is not with words but in community
what we together seek:
a Presence greater than any one,
a Spirit which calls out to us,
a Oneness whose own tears
melt the snow a bit
to reveal the loving warmth
of those who care.

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

20TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE OF *I REMEMBER* AT CANTOR EARL ROGERS TRIBUTE SABBATH

Almost twenty years ago, at the Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath, the chamber group Serenata – flute, harp and cello – performed with me a moving piece of music, *I Remember*, based on The Diary of Anne Frank.



This beautiful piece captures the psychological and spiritual journey that Anne made during her time in hiding.

Last year, when I reconnected with the composer, Michael Cohen, and the flutist, Lisa Hansen, who commissioned the work, we decided we should celebrate the inception of the piece with a 20th anniversary performance at the temple.

I Remember had its world premiere at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Anne Frank and the end of the Holocaust. Several months later I performed the piece at the temple with Serenata, as well as at other venues.

Come for Shabbat on Friday, May 1. Come for the music, and come to pay tribute to those whose lives were lost.

Meredith

REVIEWS OF *I REMEMBER*

In the nearly twenty years since, *I Remember* has been recorded by three chamber groups, and performed sixty times, to these reviews:

“Music inspired by the Holocaust isn’t exactly a rare commodity, but *I Remember* is one of the few efforts that work as a remembrance and as a strong individual work. A haunting, moving piece, with moments of real beauty.”

—Lawrence Johnson, Chicago Tribune

“Haunting music, with a touching evocation of Holocaust text.”

—Donald Rosenberg, Cleveland Plain Dealer

“The concert was transfigured by an inspired setting of the words of Anne Frank.”

—Mark Kenny, Pittsburgh Tribune

“A remarkable work.”

—Ted McIrvine, Classical Voice of North Carolina

“A beautiful and deeply touching song cycle.”

—Joseph Stevenson, All Music Guide

“Heartbreaking, uplifting, life-affirming, and spellbinding.”

—Tess A. Miller, The Flute Association Journal

Michael Cohen, composer



Composer Michael Cohen’s diverse career includes works for opera, musical theater, chamber ensemble, and television.

A graduate of the High School of Music and Art, the Dalcroze School of Music, a cum laude graduate and the recipient of the Millender Prize from Brandeis University, Michael studied composition with Harold Shapero and Irving Fine.

He is the composer of three related pieces based on Anne Frank’s diary: *Yours, Anne*; *I Am Anne Frank* and *I Remember*.

Other projects include scoring and arranging *A Passover Seder*, presented by Elie Weisel and broadcast nationally on PBS.

Lisa Hansen, flutist



Flutist Lisa Hansen is a graduate of The Juilliard School, she was featured in the EMMY award-winning CBS TV documentary: “*Juilliard & Beyond - A Life in Music*.”

Formerly principal flutist of the Mexico City Philharmonic, Lisa is an avid champion of Latin American and Spanish music. Her recording of Rodrigo’s *Concierto Pastoral* with the London Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (EMI Classics) won critical acclaim. She performs and records with the GRAMMY nominated North/South Consonance ensemble. Lisa has performed extensively in the United States, Latin America, and Europe. She is Flute Professor and Concert Artist at Kean University.



THE 29TH ANNUAL CANTOR EARL ROGERS TRIBUTE SABBATH

FRIDAY, MAY 1
7:30PM

A 20th Anniversary Performance of
I Remember
(based on The Diary of Anne Frank)



Featuring The Serenata Trio
(*flute, harp, cello*)

with

Cantor Meredith Stone, soprano
Michael Cohen, composer

*I Remember has been described as the
distillation of the psychological and spiritual
journey Anne Frank made during her time
in hiding.*

SACRED STORIES SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
& FRIDAY, MAY 8
7:30PM



The joyful music of our band and the Temple Tones fills this uplifting Shabbat service. We are inspired by the sacred sparks we see in ordinary and extraordinary stories congregants share with us all.

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



THE FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER AND MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
9:00AM



In the book of Leviticus we read "...on the 14th (of Nissan), at twilight, there shall be a Passover offering to God, and on the 15th of that month, God's Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. **On the first day you shall celebrate a sacred occasion:** you shall not work at your occupations..."

We will celebrate Shabbat and the first day of Passover as a "sacred occasion" with a brief, meaningful service on Saturday, April 4 at 9:00AM.

Use this moment of reflection between the seders to appreciate the blessings of freedom that we all enjoy.

COMMUNITY-WIDE YOM HASHOAH MEMORIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
7:30PM

Congregation Emanu-El joins Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel (KTI), Jewish Community Center of Harrison (JCCH), Community Synagogue of Rye and Chavurat Tikvah in commemorating Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The service will take place at KTI, 575 King Street, Port Chester.



YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICES

There are four times throughout the year when we traditionally come together as a community to remember those who have passed away -- Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot.

There are two remaining Yizkor services for the Hebrew calendar year 5775:

Passover Yizkor Memorial Service
Friday, April 10 at 7:30AM

Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service
Sunday, May 24 at 9:00AM

We have scheduled this early hour so that those who work full-time can attend this brief service to honor the memory of their loved ones.

YOUTH GROUP/YOM HA'ATZMAUT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
7:30PM

Neil Ginsberg, our Monday Night Program educator of more than 40 years, will be honored on the occasion of his retirement. Our graduating H.S. seniors will also be honored and called to the bimah. If you would like to participate in this Youth Service, contact Chase at 914-967-4382 x31 or cfoster@congregationmanuel.org.

FAMILY SHABBAT HONORING HINEINI STUDENTS AND B'NEI MITZVAH PARENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 15
6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM SERVICE

Dinner: \$15/child, \$20/adult,
with a family maximum of \$60.

RSVP to Denise at 914-967-4382 x12 or
dburke@congregationmanuel.org.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Our 2015 Annual Spring Benefit and Casino Night is right around the corner on April 11.

Mark the date on your calendars if you haven't done so already, and send back your RSVP cards and journal ads as soon as possible.

This event is our largest fundraiser of the year.

We will be honoring two of our long-time members - Emily Cohen and Dick Hecht - who are this year's Emanu-El Prize recipients. Emily and Dick have devoted countless hours of service to Congregation Emanu-El community and the greater community.



You can show your appreciation for their efforts by purchasing journal ads, attending the Gala, and bidding on auction items.

This is going to be a fantastic night of great fun, terrific food, fine wine, great company, and outstanding games of chance — blackjack, craps, and roulette tables — with smiling dealers and croupiers to help you every step of the way.

Join us on this amazing night!

CALLING ALL CARS!

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



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

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

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

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL MEETING & EMANU-EL ART SALON OPENING

MONDAY, JUNE 1
6:30PM SALON
7:00PM MEETING

Mark your calendars and come meet the current and newly elected Board of Trustees. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the state of the congregation and growth in our community. More details to follow.

NOTE: This year's meeting is on a Monday.

See page 15 for Art Salon information.





KNITZVAH CORPS

THURSDAYS, APRIL 30
& MAY 14
5:30PM

Our Knitzvah Corps meet monthly to knit baby clothing, blankets, and chemo caps to donate to those in need. We enjoy an evening of knitting and schmoozing in our cozy Berger Family Library while performing a lovely mitzvah.

This is a group activity that enables us to experience a true sense of social action.

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



DOROT WESTCHESTER PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

10:00 - 11:30AM

(ORIENTATION FOLLOWED BY A HOME VISIT)



Take part in this wonderful holiday outreach program! Volunteers will attend an orientation session, pack a bag full of Passover goodies at the temple, and head out for a nice hour-long social visit with their assigned senior citizen, Passover goodies in tow.

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

Registration is required by contacting Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED FOR ESL PROGRAM

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND WEDNESDAYS

9:30 - 11:00AM

Volunteers are needed to teach English as a Second Language to a very eager-to-learn immigrant community. No knowledge of Spanish or any other foreign language is necessary and you do not need a teaching background!

You may volunteer for one, two or all three mornings. Come one morning to observe other volunteers and

see what a rewarding experience it is for both tutors and students.

Classes are held at the Don Bosco Community Center, 22 Don Bosco Place, Port Chester, NY (near Costco).

For more information or to volunteer, email:
Doreen Kushel at dkushel@icloud.com or
Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com

DOROT WESTCHESTER VISITING OPPORTUNITY

There are lonely seniors waiting in the following towns for a friendly visitor: Briarcliff - Eastchester - Mt. Vernon - New Rochelle - Rye - Valhalla - Tarrytown - White Plains - Yonkers

Can you visit them? Volunteers are matched with seniors for weekly home visits for a minimum of a

year. Matches are made by a DOROT social worker based on mutual interests, availability, and location. DOROT social workers maintain a supportive presence for the duration of your relationship.

To sign up contact Emily Cohen:
914-381-1260 or email emilydcohen@gmail.com.



B.Y.O.K. (BRING YOUR OWN KIDS) FINAL CONCERT

Our musical guests bring song and dance that is out to rock your wee ones silly and keep you entertained in the process! So whether you are a mom, dad, grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin, pack up the posse and come on in for some tiny tushy-kicking tunes. All concerts are followed by a pizza dinner. These concerts are geared for kids in 2nd grade and younger. We will dine on pizza after the music.



MIL'S TRILLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
4:30PM

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

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

YOM HA'ATZMAUT: HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY ISRAEL!



Yom Ha'atzmaut is Israel Independence Day. On Yom Ha'atzmaut, people celebrate the anniversary of the creation of Israel. This year Yom Ha'atzmaut is celebrated on April 23.

The celebration takes place each year on the 5th of Iyyar in the Jewish calendar, and it is celebrated both in Israel and by Jews and Zionists around the world.

In Israel, Independence Day is celebrated with fireworks, barbecues, dancing and public concerts — just like our 4th of July celebration in the United States!

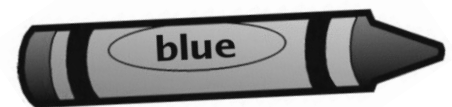
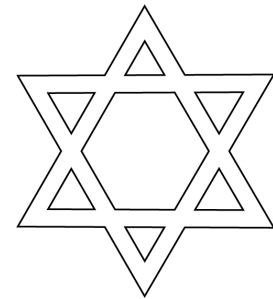
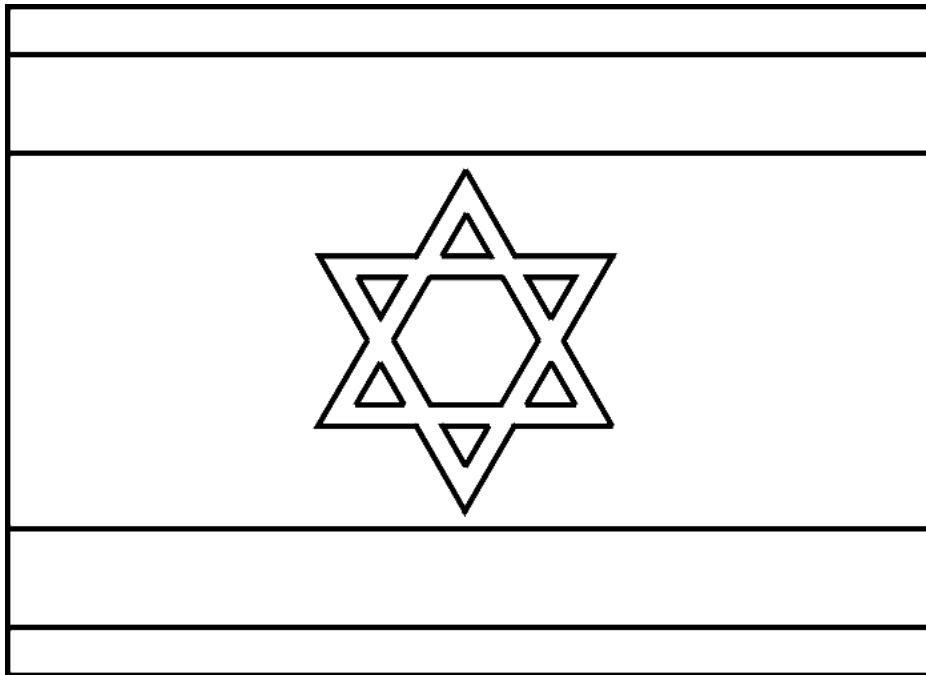
So in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, try your hand at coloring in the Israeli flag (it's blue and white) or our fun word search on the next page!

Don't miss our Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat service on Friday, April 24 at 7:30pm.



ISRAELI FLAG COLORING ACTIVITY

The Israeli flag is white with two horizontal blue bands and a blue Star of David in the center. The colors blue and white were taken from the colors of the Jewish prayer shawl (tallit). The Star of David is a traditional symbol of the Jewish people.



YOM HA'ATZMAUT AND PASSOVER WORD SEARCH

Grab a pencil, pen or crayon, and see if you can find the word list words below.



DREAM
 FALLAFEL(food)
 FIREWORKS
 FLAG
 HEBREW
 HIKE
 HOMELAND
 INDEPENDENCE
 ISRAEL
 JERUSALEM
 KIBBUTZ (collective community)
 KIPPAH
 MENORAH
 ORANGES
 PICNIC
 SIDDUR (prayer book)
 TELAVIV
 TZHAL (IDF army)
 WESTERN WALL
 YOM HAATZMAUT

YOUTH AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

MITZVAH DAY: USING YOUR HEART AND YOUR HANDS

Jewish law is very specific about treating people with kindness. In the Torah we are commanded to love both Jews and strangers and to give *tzedakah* (charity) to the poor and needy. *Gemilut Chasadim* (acts of kindness) are so much a part of Jewish law that the word *mitzvah* (literally, “commandment”) is informally used to mean good deeds.



Our Social Action committee is committed to making our community a better place. Our award-winning Social Action Committee runs projects throughout the year that further this mission.

Social Action Chairperson Leslie Mook and the Social Action committee have organized many wonderful activities for Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 19. A full list of the day's activities will be mailed soon.

Our community service offerings that day include:

PROJECT LINUS: Our Temple will create “No-Sew” fleece blankets.

DON BOSCO COMMUNITY CENTER: We will address, stuff, & stamp envelopes for a Day Laborer mailing.

GILDA'S CLUB WESTCHESTER: We will assemble “Wellness Day” pampering baskets and create cards.

RYE NATURE CENTER:

Litter clean up at the Rye Nature Center.

FOOD BANK FOR WESTCHESTER:

Sort food at the Food Bank For Westchester.

HOPE HOUSE: Socialize, play games, prepare & enjoy lunch with HOPE House members.

KID'S KLOSET: Sort and organize clothing for distribution by Kid's Kloset.

Mitzvah Day brings our entire congregation (Young Families through L'Chaim) together to volunteer in the community and participate in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. Mitzvah Day strengthens our congregation's commitment to social action and its identity as a caring community.

On Mitzvah Day congregants give their time, rather than their money, to worthwhile local causes. Mitzvah Day also creates deeper links between our community and supporting charities.

What will you do on Mitzvah Day to help better our community?

“If I am for myself alone, what am I?”
– Hillel

Jane

HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT EMANU-EL

Know a loved one who has recently gotten engaged? Planning for a graduation? Does this year mark a special anniversary, birthday, or a new addition to the family? With the Berger Family Library, newly renovated Kaye Family Room, and the Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center, we have beautiful and unique rooms to host an intimate party or grand affair.

Let Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester be a part of your special day! For more information, contact Events Manager Christina Rosenfeld at 914-967-4382 x25 or crosenfeld@congregationemanuel.org for more information.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: SUSHI-MAKING AT EMANU-EL

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
5:00 - 8:00PM



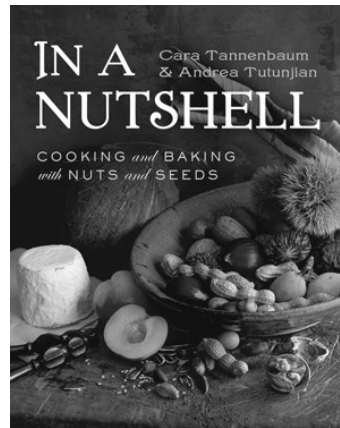
Make it date night at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester's very first Parents' Night Out!

Kids, ages 4 - 10, are invited to spend an evening watching a movie, eating pizza, and sundae-making while parents enjoy a fun evening of food and conversation with other parents in the congregation.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Jane at dubro@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

JBOOMER: COOKING CLASS WITH MASTER CHEF CARA TANNENBAUM

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
7:00PM



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

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

Cost \$50 per person. Space is limited.

RSVP to Jane Dubro at dubro@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

SUNDAY FILM SERIES: FINAL FILM OF THE SEASON

NO PLACE ON EARTH

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
7:00PM

In 1942, 38 men, women and children slide down a cold, muddy hole in the ground, seeking refuge from the war above in a pitch-black underground world where no human had gone before.

Held together by an iron-willed matriarch, after 511 days, the cave dwellers, ages 2 to 76, emerged at war's end in tattered clothes, blinded by a sun some children forgot existed. Despite all odds, they had survived.

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

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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED





SISTERHOOD CHALLAH BAKE

MONDAY, APRIL 13

11:00AM WORKSHOP A

7:00PM WORKSHOP B

Knead some bread after Passover! Learn to bake challah from start to finish with congregant Debra Cohen.

Cost: \$36/person. Space limited to 12 bakers per session.

RSVP with which session you would like to attend to Jane Dubro at dubro@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Bring a Mixing Bowl!



WALK WITH THE RABBI

4/6, 5/4, 5/18

9:00AM

What better way is there to discuss a Torah portion than walking at Playland with our community of energetic, congregants and our fearless walker, Rabbi Goldsmith?

Meet at the Oakland Beach Lot,
94 Dearborn Avenue, Rye.



NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS, MARCH 15 & MAY 17

11:00AM

A group of men in their 60's and 70's meeting to talk about anything but sports, politics and the market!

Next Step started with a concern about the transition from work to retired life and has developed into conversations about personal issues in our lives. The group is facilitated by congregant Paul Spindel (retired executive). Join us!

2ND ANNUAL CONGREGANT ART SALON: CALL FOR ARTWORK

MONDAY, MAY 4: SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Showcase your talents in our beautiful, light-filled gallery. This show will highlight the artistic perspectives of the artists in our midst. Paint, fiber, photography, sculpture... all mediums are welcome.

We encourage all congregants to participate in this celebration of art and culture. If you are interested in submitting artwork, please read our submission guidelines.

The opening reception will be held Monday, June 1 at 6:30pm before the Annual Meeting.

Submission Guidelines:

- Submissions must be received by May 4.
- E-mail a JPEG image of one piece of artwork (no larger than 30 inches in any direction).
- JPEG images must be 72 dpi, a maximum of 600 pixels in the longest dimension.
- File size must be 1MB or less.
- Include the title of the piece, medium, dimensions, and name of the artist.

Please send submissions to Jane Dubro at jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Hillel taught “Do not separate yourself from your community.”

I invite you to engage with your temple community and ask you to invite your wider community to join in. During the next two months your congregation is offering meaningful programs for members of every generation from the pre-schooler to the octogenarian!



Do you have friends with school age children who are not yet affiliated with a temple? Let them know about our upcoming pre-k and kindergarten drop-off programs. We have our Passover drop-off program on Sunday, March 22 and our Yom Ha'atzmaut drop-off program on Sunday, April 12

On April 12, prospective families are invited to attend the annual Sample Our Sunday School event to get a taste of our religious school programming. E-mail their names and addresses to me and I will send them an invitation (maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org).

Do you and your friends like to cook? Attend a cooking class with Master Chef Cara Tannenbaum author of [In a Nutshell: Cooking and Baking with Nuts and Seeds](#) on Tuesday, March 24.

...something for everyone, from just beyond the cradle through the entire lifecycle.

Do you want to bond? Bring a friend and participate in our Women's Study Group Seder on Tuesday, March 17 or come to Single Malt Torah on Thursday, April 30.

Do you want to perform mitzvot that will brighten someone's day? Participate in the DOROT Passover Package Delivery to homebound elderly residents on Sunday, March 22 or join us for Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 19.

Are you a bibliophile? Bring a friend to our annual Author Luncheon on Thursday, April 23 with our guest author, Maggie Anton author of the Rashi's Daughters Trilogy, [Rav Hisda's Daughter](#) and [Enchantress](#).

Are you aging sacredly? Join us for a book discussion or if you a retired gentleman or on the verge, come to Next Step, a group of men who talk about anything but sports, politics or the market.

This is definitely not a complete list – peruse this bulletin for workshops with Cantor Stone, movies, Torah Study, learning with our Rabbinic Intern Chase Foster, creative worship services, walks with the Rabbi and much more!

As you can see we have something for everyone, from just beyond the cradle through the entire lifecycle. Share the wealth, bring a friend and join in all that your temple community has to offer.

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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 March, April and May:



AMANDA BORTNER
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JUSTIN MARKS
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PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN DROP-OFF PROGRAM



Introduce your kindergarten & pre-school aged children to their Jewish heritage with Congregation Emanu-El's Sunday morning drop-off programs. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Each class focuses on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling, and arts and crafts. Classes meet eight times during the school year on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:45AM.

Passover Pre-K & K Drop-Off Program

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



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

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

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



HINEINI FAMILIES: DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

10:00 - 11:30AM

Take part in this wonderful holiday senior citizen outreach program!

Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to participate in assembling much appreciated Passover packages – this is a great family activity for parents and children to do together. Adult supervision required for children under 18.

Registration required. See page 10 for more details.



GRADE 6 RETREAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 6:30PM -

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 12:00PM

Families will engage in activities and information sessions to learn about the meaning and practical matters surrounding their children's B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies.

More details to come...



MI ANI/GRADE 6 ARTIFACT MUSEUM

SUNDAY, MAY 3

10:30AM

Parents and our Grade 5 students will tour an exhibit of family history created by our Mi Ani Students.



JR. YOUTH GROUP BOWLING EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

12:30 - 2:30PM

See your friends from 5th-7th grade for a late afternoon of bowling fun. Can you beat Rabbinic Intern Chase Foster?



Join in the fun and find out.

\$35/person - includes bowling, shoes and pizza.
RSVP to Chase Foster at 914-967-4382 x31 or
cfoster@congregationmanuel.org



MNP/YOUTH GROUP PASSOVER SEDER WITH GERMAN SCHOOL

MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:15PM

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

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



YOUTH GROUP MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 13

6:45 - 7:15PM

Brainstorm and have fun at our monthly meeting.

Upcoming events to plan for: JTeen JServe National Day of Service Event, Youth Group Service, Midnight Run Brunch Run, Car Wash, and the School's Out Carnival.

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



JR. YOUTH GROUP MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9:15AM

Come join in the community-wide fun of Mitzvah Day as the Junior Youth Group does its own part to help mend the world!

We will have a few projects specifically for the grades 5-7. Make sure you bring your friends and help the youth of CEW represent.



YOUTH GROUP: JTEEN JSERVE NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

12:00 - 3:00PM

J-Serve is the International Day of Jewish Youth Service when teens fulfill Jewish values of *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness, *tzedakah*, just and charitable giving, and *tikkum olam*, the responsibility to repair the world. Across the globe, teens will join each other to make their community and the world a better place. More details to come!

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



YOUTH GROUP/YOM HA'ATZMAUT SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:30PM

Plans are underway for a fun and meaningful Youth Group Service. Our theme will be on Yom Ha'atzmaut: Israel Independence Day.

We will be honoring MNP teacher Neil Ginsburg on the occasion of his retirement. Our graduating high school seniors will also be honored and called to the bimah.

If you would like to participate, please contact Chase Foster at cfoster@congregationmanuel.org or 914- 967- 4382 x31.



YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER



SUNDAY, MAY 10
9:30 - 11:45AM

All proceeds will be donated to Tzedakah!

Get your car clean, eat some home baked goodies, and raise money all at the same time.

Cars: \$7 SUV's and Vans: \$10

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



YOUTH GROUP: SCHOOL'S OUT CARNIVAL AND END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION!



SUNDAY, MAY 17

11:00AM - 1:00PM

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Hineini & Youth Group volunteers please sign up with Jane at jdubro@congregationemanuel.org or call 914-967-4382 x21.



2015 YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR



Saturday, March 21, 8:00PM
Movie Night



Sunday, March 22, 10:00AM
DOROT Passover Package Delivery



Monday, March 23, 7:15 - 8:45PM
Teen Seder with German School



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



Monday, April 13, 7:15 - 8:45PM
Miles Forma



Sunday, April 19, 12:00 - 3:00PM
Mitzvah Day J-Teen National Day of Service



Friday, April 24, 7:30PM
Youth Group Shabbat Service



Sunday, May 3, 7:30 - 11:00AM
Midnight Run Brunch Run



Sunday, May 10, 9:30 - 11:45AM
Car Wash and Bake Sale for Pediatric Cancer



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



TORAH STUDY

Saturday morning. A time of rest. A time of study. A time for conversation. A time to discuss the Torah with Rabbi Goldsmith and other congregants. Our sessions include a brief worship service with an opportunity to recite Kaddish and celebrate the Sabbath. No need to sign up - just drop by!

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| Saturday, March 14 with Rabbi Wolk Achrei Mot - Kedoshim 9:00 - 10:15AM | Saturday, April 11 Special Passover Portion 9:00 - 10:15AM |
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WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP PASSOVER SEDER

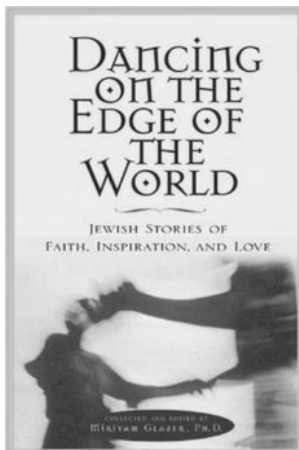
TUESDAY, MARCH 17
6:30PM

Share a delicious dinner and enjoy one another's company at this very special Passover Seder.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org and let her know what you would like to bring to the Seder.

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
10:30AM

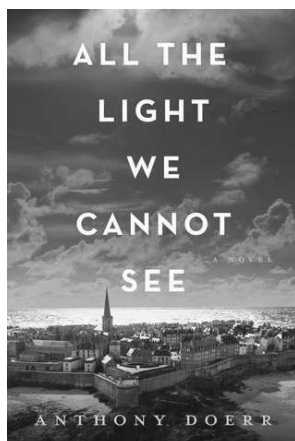


Dancing on the Edge of the World

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

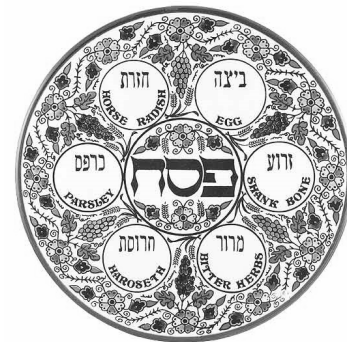
Guest facilitator
Rabbi Goldsmith.

THURSDAY, MAY 21
10:30AM



All the Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr



FORBIDDEN TORAH WITH RABBINIC INTERN CHASE FOSTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
12:00PM

Did you know the Talmud proscribes that portions of the Torah are not to be translated or even read in public? Join our Rabbinic Intern Chase Foster to explore parts of the Torah that are deceitful or salacious, known or unknown, confounding or eye-opening.

RSVP to Chase at 914-967-4382 x31 or cfoster@congregationemanuel.org.



KNOW ANY FAMILIES THAT ARE SHUL SHOPPING?

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

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

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

OUR PATH: JEWISH ETHICS DISCUSSION WITH RABBI GOLDSMITH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
10:45AM

For graduates of our Chai Mitzvah program and anyone else interested in discussing how thousands of years of Jewish wisdom can play a meaningful role in our lives today.

Text and discussion, commentary ancient and modern, debate and reflection, and plenty of questioning will guide our search for meaning and rootedness in the faith and traditions of our ancestors.

No prior knowledge needed for these sessions, just an interest in the topic and an open mind.



ANNUAL AUTHOR'S LUNCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
12:00PM

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

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



SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, MAY 7
8:00PM

Men of the congregation gather in Rabbi Goldsmith's study for some Torah learning and refreshments.

Explore the wisdom of our tradition and enjoy some fine scotch.

Meet and spend time with other men in the congregation.



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Roberta Staymen on the death of her husband, Sidney Staymen

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CALENDAR: MARCH 2015

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CALENDAR: APRIL 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 No Religious School | 6 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 6:45PM - 8:45PM Monday Night Program (AFYA) 7:15PM - 8:45PM Confirmation | 7 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School | 8 | 9 | 10 7:30AM 7th Day of Passover & Yizkor Memorial Service 7:30PM Samuel L. & Jane L. Friedman Lecture on Peace and Understanding with Aaron David Miller | 11 9:00AM Torah Study: Special Passover Portion 4:30PM B.Y.O.K. Concert: Mil's Trills 7:00PM Spring Benefit Casino Night |
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SNAPSHOT

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP RETREAT

Each year, members of the Women's Study Group gather for learning, bonding and enjoying a special off-site, overnight retreat. We returned this year to the Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield, MA.



SAMPLE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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Marcie can be reached at
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PROPHETS FOR PRESIDENTS

Fifth Graders and their parents concluded a unit of studying the Prophets by electing Amos our Prophet President. Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah campaigned hard but the votes went to Amos - a very worthy candidate!



MARCH - APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

- March 20 **Sacred Stories Shabbat**
7:30 Service 🎵 🖥️
- March 27 **Shabbat Service**
8:00 Service
- April 3 **Early Shabbat Service**
4:30 Service
- April 10 **Samuel L. & Jane L. Friedman
Lecture on Peace and
Understanding with
Aaron David Miller**
7:30 Service
- April 17 **Early Shabbat Service**
6:00 Pre-neg
6:30 Service
- April 24 **Youth Group
Yom Ha'atzmaut
Shabbat Service**
7:30 Service 🎵 🖥️

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MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
9:15AM

It's the time of year to come together and perform mitzvot in our community!

There is no easier way to fulfill our Jewish obligation to give of our time than to volunteer for a meaningful Mitzvah Day activity.

Just imagine: congregants joining together to make a difference for our community - bringing joy to children, encouraging those who protect Israel, supporting the immigrant community, beautifying our towns and so much more.

A Mitzvah Day booklet will be mailed to you soon. We hope you will join us!

Coordinated by the Social Action Committee.

