



SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: INTERFAITH MARRIAGE IN THE U.S. WITH DR. THEODORE SASSON

Sponsored by the Rabbi Daniel S. Wolk Scholar in Residence Fund

Interfaith Marriage Today

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 7:30PM

Much to the surprise of many, the Pew Research Center's 2013 survey of American Jews documented an increasing tendency among young adult children of intermarriage to identify as Jewish. Why are today's young adult children of intermarriage more likely to be Jewish than in previous generations? How do their Jewish identities differ from their counterparts raised in households with two Jewish parents? What, in light of these changes, does the high rate of intermarriage portend for the future of the American Jewish community?

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Jewish Identity in Interfaith Homes

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 9:30AM

What religious and cultural experiences during childhood most strongly influence the religious trajectories of children of intermarriage? In this lecture, Dr. Sasson will share his new research involving thousands of young adult children of intermarriage. The discussion will explore the possibilities and challenges of raising children Jewish in interfaith families.

RSVP for Sunday's program to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.



MITZVAH DAY

**No matter your age, we want YOU
to be part of MITZVAH DAY!**

Turn to pages 10 - 11 for a list of projects.

"THE ISLAND OF TEARS": An Analysis of the Refugee Crisis and Israel's Response

TUESDAY, MARCH 15
7:30PM

Millions of refugees from the Middle East and Africa have made their way to Europe in the past year, and they are continuing to stream in. This has resulted in a humanitarian, cultural and economic crisis.

Join Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester and the American Jewish Council of Westchester/Fairfield for an in-depth look at this issue and the Jewish/Israeli response.



AJC Global Jewish
Advocacy

ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT & CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
7:00PM



Come to the Spring Benefit and honor this year's Emanu-El Prize recipient Rabbi Emeritus Daniel S. Wolk for his countless contributions to the life of our synagogue. 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.

Try your hand at our casino-themed games including black jack, roulette, and craps. Bid on exciting auction items like dinner for four at James Beard House, a Tampa Bay Rays Experience, a Deer Valley condo vacation, Yankees and Giants tickets, golf outings, jewelry, and a fabulous evening at the home of Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith!

To purchase tickets and journal ads, please go to the temple website and click on the benefit link, or you may send in your reply card. All journal copy should be emailed to templejournal2016@gmail.com by March 7, 2016.

We hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP RETREAT

Despite the weekend blizzard, our 15th annual Women's Study Group Retreat on January 22-23 went on as scheduled at the lovely Blackberry River Inn in Norfolk, Connecticut. Set against the backdrop of this scenic New England venue, fifteen of us explored the theme, *Names and Metaphors: New Ways of Thinking About God*, with guest scholar Rabbi Andrea Weiss. Though our group has "study" in its name, we do much more than that in our 24 hours together - we eat, drink, share, laugh and relax - hunkered down in a truly Norman Rockwell-esque Shangri-la!



CUDDLE UP SHABBAT

Little ones rocked out to musician Matty Roxx and welcomed Shabbat with fun, food and crafts.



PROPHETS FOR PRESIDENT

Our 5th graders put up our ancient Israelite prophets as candidates for president in campaigns that the U.S. presidential hopefuls could learn from!



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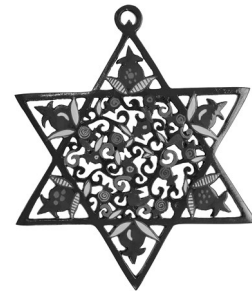
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B'NEI MITZVAH MAZEL TOV!

We would like to honor the following students who are celebrating their B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies in March and April.

It is a pleasure and a joy to welcome them as full members of our congregation.

CHLOE KRASNE
MADISON LANDSBERG
MOLLIE POTKIN
CHARLIE SCHULHOF
ELLA SCHULHOF
TY WYMAN



WELCOME ILENE!

After several years as an accountant in the healthcare industry and at other congregations, Ilene joins Congregation Emanu-El as our new accountant.

Ilene will be available to assist congregants Monday - Thursday during normal business hours and can be reached at 914-967-4382 x16 or ischwartz@congregationemanuel.org.

Please stop by and say "hi" to Ilene!

HOPE IN THE FACE OF BOYCOTTS

I was in college when Yitzchak Rabin was assassinated. I remember the candlelight vigil held outside of the student union. We mourned the loss of a great, courageous leader. We wondered how a fellow Jew could have killed one of Israel's founding fathers. We feared that the peace, so bravely pursued by Rabin, would now face a perilous challenge, a long road to realization. The two-state solution had seemed so close. In that moment, none of us could have imagined that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would still be raging all these years later. Instead, that night, we sat quietly, we sang songs of mourning and of peace, of loyalty to Israel and hope for the future.



Campus gatherings for Israel look very different today. No matter the occasion, when people gather for the sake of the State of Israel, demonstrators show up to protest Israel's right to exist. They point to the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza (and some the Golan Heights), as their excuse to demonize Israel. They do not protest the mass murders perpetrated by Bashar al-Assad, the beheadings carried out by Saudi Arabia, or the deadly policies and provocative actions of North Korea. Instead they claim that Israeli policies in the West Bank and Gaza have moral equivalence to Hitler's Third Reich.

This demonization is absurd when nearly every mainstream Jewish organization in the United States and in Israel support a two-state solution to the conflict. This consensus within the Jewish community varies on particular policy points, tactics, and strategies. One group may advocate for stronger security precautions in the short-term. Another group may seek more autonomy in Palestinian areas. Groups may differ on which settlements should become part of Israel in a final deal. And still, the goals these advocacy groups seek have more commonalities than differences. Two states for two people living peacefully side-by-side. But if you listen to the anti-Israel protestors on college campuses, you'd think that the American Jewish community sought the annihilation of the Palestinians through genocide.

At a recent lecture at Vassar College sponsored by several academic departments (including the Jewish Studies Department), Rutgers Associate Professor Jasbir Puar accused Israel, among other things, of maiming and stunting Palestinians. This is simply

modern re-casting of the ancient blood libels – Jews using the blood of non-Jews to accomplish a nefarious end. Throughout 2015, swastikas appeared at many universities including Drexel, Stanford, University of Missouri, Vanderbilt, UCLA, just down the road from the temple at SUNY Purchase, and many others. A swastika is not a civil objection to a particular Israeli policy, a swastika is anti-Semitic – full stop.

We are not a people of despair. We are a people of hope and engagement.

One of the main tools used by anti-Israel groups is a strategy of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) – economic pressure by companies, governments and NGOs against Israel. Most BDS platforms fail to recognize Israel's right to exist and ignore (and in some cases reject) Israel's role as the national home of the Jewish people. Many in the BDS movement also demand the return to Israel of Palestinian refugees from 1948 and their families, a demand that is incompatible with the goal of two-states for two-people. It is important to point out that *all* of the major pro-Israel organizations in the US reject BDS including the ZOA, AIPAC, J-Street, and the New Israel Fund.

We are not a people of despair. We are a people of hope and engagement. Hope inspired Jews persecuted in Europe to move to the Land of Israel in the 19th and 20th centuries. Engaging with their neighbors and the world powers helped them overcome all odds to build a modern state. Hope saw many of our forbearers come to the United States. Engaging with others helped them overcome poverty to reach levels of success and acceptance that Jews had never before experienced. We cannot despair in the face of BDS, we cannot use it as an excuse to shut ourselves off from the world. Instead, we can use our natural tendency towards hope to help us envision a healthier dialogue on college campuses and forums of civil discourse. We can engage with others to help them see the dangers of BDS and the ways that we can work together to lay the groundwork for a two-state solution. Laying that foundation will ensure that when the time is right, when all the stakeholders are ready, we can realize our ultimate hope, Yitzchak Rabin's hope, our hope for peace.

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

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi



BARUCH ATA ADONAI – MAKING THESE WORDS OUR OWN

Many of us remember the Maxwell House Haggadah of our youth. It was readily available, but not particularly inspiring! Nowadays, thankfully, there are new Haggadot published every year – for families, for women, for special interests of every kind. Thanks to the world wide web, a multitude of ideas and resources are out there to make our seders fun, interesting, meaningful. You can keep everyone engaged by acting out the plagues with props, singing funny Passover songs (easy to find on Google) and even freshen up the look of the seder table (as one of my friends did) with bento boxes at each place setting!



“....what we name God says more about the power of our imagination than it does about God.”

The essence of every seder, of course, is the same story. In every generation we remember that we were slaves in Egypt and now we are free. And we always say the same blessings that open with “*Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam...*”

Through our blessings we acknowledge that God is the source of all things, and that it is God who provides the conditions to create the fruit of the vine, or the matzah, or the maror. Interestingly, Moses, the presumed hero of the Exodus story, is never mentioned in the Haggadah, lest we be tempted to worship people instead of God. Reciting blessings in English therefore reminds us that we are not blessing wine, per se, but The Creator.

Not only do most Jews not talk about God very often, but it can also be difficult to relate to God in the language of our old translations: Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe. These days “King” is often replaced by “Ruler,” and “Praised” by “Blessed.” Still, most of us rattle off this blessing as a rote phrase, which doesn’t necessarily capture our attention or our personal experience of the divine. Some words have so much cultural baggage that it is impossible to breathe new life into them.

In a recent article, “In the (Size 12, Men’s) Footprints of My Forefathers,” Ayelet Wenger, an orthodox woman raised in a yeshiva, speaks of the disconnect of praying in masculine language. “I pray in man. In false pronouns. Your texts trapped me in the voice of a man.” Naming God to begin with is problematic, as liturgist Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman points out:

“The deeper issue is how we dare name God altogether – yet worship requires our calling God something or other. The solution lies in understanding that what we name God says more about the power of our imagination than it does about God.”

In other words, we need new words!

To this end, the fifteen participants of this year’s annual Women’s Retreat explored myriad names and metaphors for God, even creating some of our own.

We also came up with a number of alternate ways to translate “*Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam*” such as:

- I come before you in gratitude, Infinite Source of Strength...(who creates the fruit of the vine, e.g.)
- Praised be the Sacred Spirit of time and space...
- Blessed be the Holy Energy that runs through all creation...
- In gratitude for the Universal Spirit that guides us through the vastness...
- Blessed is the Divine that inspires us...

The possibilities are limitless! One of the beauties of Reform Judaism is that it is okay to break away from customary language and find words that speak to us, that are meaningful on a personal level.

This year at your Passover seder, consider substituting a new translation (or several) for “*Baruch ata Adonai...*”. By using the language of your own heart and mind, may this year’s seder be one that brings you and your family closer to an experience of our people’s journey, and to the God who continues to inspire it.

Meredith

Meredith Stone, Cantor

AT STONE BARNs BY RABBI GOLDSMITH

"Ask the beasts and they will teach you;
The birds of the sky, they will tell you,
Or speak to the earth, it will teach you;
The fish of the sea, they will inform you.
Who among all these does not know
That the hand of God hath wrought."

- Book of Job 12:7-9

I saw a young student on a class trip at Stone Barns. He gazed skyward at the birds listening for their secrets. He mingled with the cows and sheep, knee deep in February mud, seeking their teaching. "Come on!" his teacher yelled. "You're falling behind. Come into the greenhouse with the rest of the class or you'll miss the lesson." He gave a last look over his shoulder towards the wisdom-filled, wooded hills. Then, eyes dimmed a bit, he followed the class into the glassed-in hot house, even warmer than February's fifty Fahrenheit.

No class for me. I played hooky to walk bright-eyed among the downed, brown leaves in winter's respite. My boots crunched Stone Barns' wide gravel pathways. I passed the chicken coups and cow fences, piles of compost waiting for spring planting. Swan Lake still lay under a crust of ice, except in spots where water rippled. The solid ice seemed to move with starburst cracks and air trapped within. Perhaps "the hand of God hath wrought" that hard ice and muddy path?

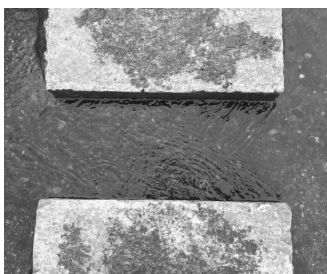
Crossing back onto Rockefeller State Park I climbed one hundred vertical feet up Overlook Trail. A grand tree crowned a hillside meadow highlighted against the gray-white sky. The grasses of the field lay low and yellowed from the recently melted snows. On my approach, a flock of small brown birds took wing, momentarily leaving their unexpected feast of this field's seeds. But a blue jay on a limb of that grand tree just looked at me down its beak; as if it knew something I could not.



Gory Brook Road Trail took me under the roar of Route 117. The brook flowed through a low valley, the trail with too many bridges to count. The water flowed strongly from the melting snow and yesterday's rain, the smell fresh and earthy. I heard no sound but my steps and the gurgling brook. No shadow of death needed in that valley to find waters of repose. As my body strained and my breath quickened, my mind found a sort of wholeness. Tranquility.

Throughout my hike I looked for the letters of my name in the things of the woods. Stones and flowing water formed an H. An O outlined where a branch once came out of a root. A delicate W waved in the lake grasses. Lichen traced an I on a tree's trunk. The E proved elusive. I sought it in the whorl of a tree's exposed root, the branches of a pine, the steel beams of 117's overpass. I settled for a post and split rails.

But seeking my name had narrowed my vision, like the teacher who dimmed the student's wonder through a lesson's rigid structure. When I stopped seeking my name - loosened the self-imposed constraints on my vision - I could feel instead the hand of The Name - God - in nature's creatures and mud, its streams and birds. At that moment my head cleared, my eyes opened, my spirit lifted and I could smile at the crocus shoots and short sleeves on a February day.





RITUAL CORNER: WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVER SHIVA FOOD

The custom of providing a meal of condolence is ancient in origin. When a family returns from burying a loved one at the cemetery, they need both emotional and physical sustenance. When friends and neighbors provide that first meal, it is truly life-affirming for the mourners. We can imagine that when this was the only food in a house of mourning, it would have been unseemly to remove that food from the shiva home. Our more superstitious ancestors may also have feared that taking home part of the meal of condolence would bring the evil eye upon them, turning their home into a house of mourning as well.

Food at shiva has now evolved from a simple meal for the mourners into trays and platters of deli, appetizing, and desserts. Rather than just feeding the mourners, all who come to express their condolences partake in the spread of delicious food. Between what the family

orders and what others bring, there are often more leftovers than any mourning family could hope to eat.

Given this change in the purpose and quantity of food, the original reasons for not taking food from a house of mourning are no longer valid. Indeed, with so many hungry people in the world, it would be a sin to let that food go to waste. One organization in our community that will take leftover food from a shiva home is HOPE House in Port Chester. Give them a call before you drop off and know that you'll be making some people very happy. What a wonderful way to honor the memory of loved one!

HOPE House contact:

Donna Rosado, Program Coordinator, 914-939-2878
100 Abendroth Ave., Port Chester, NY 10573

BOARD BUZZ

It's difficult to believe that we are in full swing for 2016 at the temple. Below are some highlights of what's happening behind the scene in the temple office:

Temple Staff

In our effort to transition to a new staff model we have made steady progress. We appreciate your ongoing support and patience during this change. Just to review, here's a snapshot of our in-house staff:

- Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator
- Jen Berman, Religious Educator's Assistant
- Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director
- Abbie Levitt, Temple Administrator
- Enrique Torres, Director of Facilities
- Dan O'Connor, Administrative Assistant: Dan is supporting the rabbi and Abbie in the day-to-day operations of the temple office.
- Ilene Schwartz, Accountant: Ilene is our new full-time accountant.

We thank Lori Bluberg for her dedication as our part-time accountant. Our needs now require a full-time staff person, so Lori's tenure with us is coming to an end.

ShulCloud Synagogue Management System

In the next few months we will be rolling out a new cloud-based synagogue management system called ShulCloud. With our new system you will be able to update your personal information, Yahrzeits, and register for events. You will also be able to renew your membership, and pay your membership and school fees online through a secure payment portal. Our staff will be on hand to help congregants with questions about this new system.

New Capital Campaign and Vision Statement

We will also be officially launching our new Capital Campaign, "L'Dor V'Dor: Our Home Our Future" as well as working on a new Vision Statement.

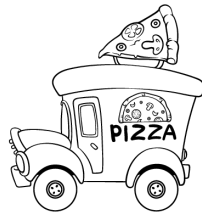
You can often find me at the temple office and I am always available via cell at 914-672-4117 or email at susan.amkraut@gmail.com.

All the best,

Susan Amkraut, President, Board of Trustees

PIZZA TRUCK FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 11
5:30PM DINNER
6:30PM SERVICE



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

RSVP for dinner to Jen at 914-967-4382 x12
or jberman@congregationemanuel.org.

EARLY SHABBAT SERVICE WITH MEGILLAH READING

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
6:00PM PRE-NEG
6:30PM SERVICE

Hear the story of Queen Esther and the evil Haman on this Shabbat closest to Purim.

And don't forget to join us for our musical Motown Purim celebration on March 18. See page 9 for all the details!

FAMILY SERVICE: YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
7:30PM

Our graduating high school seniors will be honored and called to the bimah and we'll celebrate with our annual chocolate fountain oneg!

If you would like to help plan this year's Youth Service, contact Chase at 914-967-4382 x31 or cfoster@congregationemanuel.org.

SAVE THE DATE CANTOR EARL ROGERS TRIBUTE SABBATH

FRIDAY, MAY 6
7:30PM

PASSOVER SERVICES

EREV PESACH LAY LED SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 22
4:30PM

We will share a brief Shabbat service before the first Seder led by our Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit.

PASSOVER MORNING SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
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 morning service. Use this moment of reflection between seders to appreciate the blessings of freedom that we all enjoy.

PASSOVER YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
7:30AM

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.

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

There will be one more Yizkor service following this one in the Hebrew year 5776. The Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, June 12 at 9:00AM



GET YOUR GROGGER ON!

Purim 5776 at Emanu-El

Kindergarten and Pre-K Purim Program

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

Children learn about this fun, fanciful festival with age-appropriate activities, music, snacks and art projects. Drop off your children with our outstanding teachers and pick them up happy and full of Purim treats. Parents can join their Pre-K and K students at 11:00am for the Purim schpiel and carnival. RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.

Religious School Purim Schpiel

Sunday, March 13, 11:00 - 11:30AM

Our religious school students and parents will enjoy a fun (and age-appropriate!) re-telling of the most scandalous tale from our ancient past. We will celebrate with favorite Purim songs and a parade by our youngest students. We are commanded to hear the story of Esther each year and this is a fun, family-friendly way to check that commandment off your annual to-do list.

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 13, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Games! Prizes! Food! Excitement! After the schpiel, enjoy our annual Purim Carnival sponsored and run by our Youth Group. The Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center will overflow with popcorn, bake sale items, face painting, prizes and much more! \$5 for 25 tickets, all proceeds go to tzedakah. Friends and relatives welcome.



Purim Mixology Class

Friday, March 18, 7:00PM

Learn to “pour ‘em for Purim” at our first mixology mixer! Then boogie on down to the sanctuary for our Motown Purim service.

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

Motown Purim

Friday, March 18, 7:45PM Cocktails

8:00PM Service

Our very own clergy and our smokin’ live band, with lyrics on the big screen, lead us in a sing-along featuring your Motown favorites. Prizes for everyone who comes in costume whether traditional Purim, Motown chic or anything that “just your imagination” dictates!

Young Families Purim Celebration

Saturday, March 19, 9:30

Celebrate Purim with your children through story, song, snacks, crafts and a brief, joyful Shabbat morning service. In the spirit of the holiday, parents are invited to enjoy mimosas (non-alcoholic option is available, too) while their kids spin groggers to make joyful noise! Admission is free. *Please bring a new container of chewable children’s multi-vitamins to donate to the Afya Foundation.*

For children 6 months - 2nd grade. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Early Service with Megillah Reading

Friday, March 25, 6:00PM Pre-neg

6:30pm Service

Hear the story of Queen Esther and the evil Haman on this Shabbat closest to Purim.

MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 9:30AM



Come with your friends, come with your families, but whatever you do...come! We welcome participation at Mitzvah Day no matter what your size or age.

Passover is a time for Jews to celebrate our freedom from Egypt as slaves, a moment that has inspired countless social action movements across the globe throughout history. We honor our commitment to social action on Mitzvah Day, a day where our values and ideals are put into action. This is a day about YOU making a difference!

Please take a few minutes to read about the Mitzvah Day projects listed on the next couple of pages. These projects are chosen because they directly benefit our temple and community at large.

TO SIGN-UP FOR MITZVAH DAY, YOU MAY:

1. Visit the temple website - click on the Mitzvah Day icon and register through our online form.
2. Email Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com.

Please sign-up for your Mitzvah Day activity by April 4.

Questions about Mitzvah Day? Please email Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com or call 914-414-0636.

MITZVOT AT THE TEMPLE

NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

Captain: Ann Spindel

Since early 2005, our community has lovingly created no-sew fleece blankets. This year the blankets will be donated to the mother's group at the Church of the Holy Rosary.

- Create no-sew fleece blankets
- Adults and families

DON BOSCO WORKERS INC.

Captain: Doreen Kushel

Since 2006, Holy Rosary Church has welcomed workers to assemble on its property as an informal hiring site. A designated site was a great benefit to both workers and employers in addition to the Village of Port Chester since it reduced the number of "on the corner" day laborers.

- Address, stuff & stamp envelopes for day laborer mailing
- Adults and families

GARDEN OF GRATITUDE BEAUTIFICATION

Captain: Patty Bottomley

Just to the left of the sanctuary, this restored space provides a place where congregants can sit and reflect, enjoy times with friends or simply take a break from the rush of our day-to-day lives.

- Activity weather-dependent
- Prepare a bed and plant hardy pansies
- Adults and families

MY SISTER'S PLACE

Captain: Meredith Stone

My Sister's Place strives to engage each member of society in its work to end domestic violence so that all relationships can embrace the principles of respect, equality, and peacefulness.

- Create a lace and burlap luminary to be given on Mother's Day to the women living in My Sister's Place shelters
- Adults

PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR YOUR MITZVAH DAY ACTIVITY BY APRIL 4



MITZVOT AT THE TEMPLE (CONTINUED)

GRACE CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER SOUP KITCHEN

Captain: Deb Uhlfelder

The Grace Church Community Center Soup Kitchen is the largest soup kitchen in White Plains and is the only soup kitchen where the hungry can regularly get a free meal every Monday through Friday and on all holidays throughout the year.

- Prepare and cook food to be delivered to GCCC Soup Kitchen
- Adults and families with children ages 10+

SOUL RYEDERS WELLNESS PACKAGES

Captain: Peggy LoCastro

Soul Ryeders is a volunteer-driven charitable organization, based in Westchester, committed to empowering those in our community who are affected by cancer. From diagnosis through treatment, recovery and survivorship, Soul Ryeders offers practical resources and nurturing support services that provide dignity, confidence, hope, and compassion.

- Pack wellness bag with age appropriate gifts
- Create a card and handmade bracelet
- Adults and families with children 8+

KIDS' KLOSET

Captain: Jane Dubro

Kids' Kloset is a program of Westchester Jewish Community Services. Donations of gently worn children's clothing are given to families in need to be used again.

- Please donate gently worn spring and summer clothing sizes 2T – teen for boys & girls
- Sort and organize clothing for distribution by Kids' Kloset
- Adults and families with children ages 10+

MITZVOT OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE

DOROT WESTCHESTER PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

Captain: Emily Cohen

Since 2004, DOROT's Westchester programs have effectively combated social isolation among older adults in the county with food deliveries, weekly volunteer visits, intergenerational Shabbat celebrations, youth programs, teleconference classes and support groups.

- Pack a bag full of Passover goodies at the temple
- Deliver and visit with a local senior in their home
- Adults and families
- Additional registration required through the DOROT website (information will be provided once you have signed up for this event with the temple)

RYE NATURE CENTER

Captain: Margie McCabe

The Rye Nature Center is located on 47 acres of wildlife preserve, with over two miles of hiking trails, ponds, streams and granite outcroppings.

- Litter clean up – wear closed toed shoes & bring utility gloves
- Adults and families

HOPE HOUSE

Captain: Bruce Freyer

Having Opportunities for People Everyday:

A rehabilitative clubhouse where adults recovering from mental illness find the support and resources they need to pursue their goals and dreams. Our history with HOPE House is long and meaningful. We support its members throughout the year.

- Socialize and enjoy a picnic lunch with HOPE House members
- Adults and families
- Picnic will be at either Oakland Beach or PepsiCo Sculpture Garden

PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR YOUR MITZVAH DAY ACTIVITY BY APRIL 4

KOL BO - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Passover will soon be here. It is the most celebrated holiday and brings families and friends together. In the Haggadah we read "Once we were slaves in Egypt, now we are free people." When our people left Egypt, however, they initially did not realize the obligations that accompany being a liberated people. With freedom comes responsibility, and the responsibility that we bear goes as far back as the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah describes our task "to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness."



Our youth group creates many opportunities for our students to help others; from five teen Social Action Sundays, to semi-annual Midnight Runs, to name just a few. While these programs help those less fortunate, they also have a tremendous impact on both our students and their families.



Ryan & Harris Baker, Noah Marks, Jeffrey Soloman, and Matt Mendelson have chaired our annual *Families Feeding Families* food drives for the past five years. They collect cereal and deliver cars full of food to Hope Community Services, as well as serve dinner to the homeless.

They are also the "five giving guys" that we all admire at the Sisterhood boutique. Their mason jars with the cookie mix sell out every year with the proceeds going to Midnight Run and Hope Community Services (don't forget the fun they have had at their annual flour fight - see picture below). Their enthusiasm and energy is boundless and leads them above and beyond.

For instance, they don't wait for the cereal donations to come in, they go out and set up tables at supermarkets to collect more cereal and to raise additional money for Hope Community Services. This year they will graduate and they will pass the baton to our 8th through 11th grade students. I know that in college they will continue to help and volunteer.

We are also so proud of our senior girls who have enthusiastically organized and chaired our Midnight Runs: Callie Fried, Danielle Mehlman, Samantha Schmaier, and Dani Lerner. They are warm and caring to the homeless that they meet on the runs. They represent our community in the best possible way. I feel such gratitude to their parents for encouraging their children's involvement in our youth group.

Our *Kehillah*, community, has so many opportunities to participate in *Chesed* - acts of kindness. Our DOROT Passover package delivery to home bound seniors, and our congregation-wide Mitzvah Day (see pages 10-11) are inter-generational community events that are on Sunday, April 10. I hope that you will participate.

The Torah teaches us to serve God and one another: "Let our people go that they may serve me."

Freedom can be found in service to others and celebrating the gifts that we have been given.

Shalom,

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

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director



CHAI LIFER EVENTS: FOR OUR POST-COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Chai Lifers is a community of vibrant and energetic young adults participating in a variety of cultural, social, learning, and Tikum Olam activities.

DRINKS WITH THE RABBI IN NYC

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00PM

Have a grown child living in Manhattan who wants to meet for drinks, food, old friends and new friends - and the opportunity to toast "L'Chayim" with Rabbi Goldsmith?

Let them know that drinks and bites are on us at The Crooked Knife, 29 E. 30th Street, New York.

RSVP to Dan at doconnor@congregationmanuel.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR VOLUNTEER AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SOUP KITCHEN IN NYC

MONDAY, APRIL 25

TIME TBD

PURIM MIXOLOGY CLASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7:00PM

Learn to "pour 'em for Purim" at our first mixology mixer!



Afterwards we'll head on down to the sanctuary for our musical Motown Purim service.

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

NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS, MARCH 20 & APRIL 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.

GALLERY OPENING: FAMILIES OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS CARRY ON THE TRADITION OF TELLING THEIR STORIES

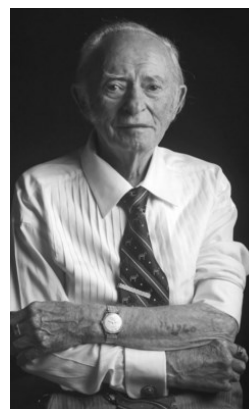
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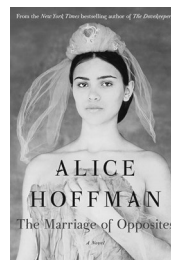
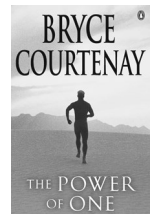
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Photojournalist Seth Harrison will show his photos, a series of portraits of local Holocaust survivors and their families. They were profiled in a story for The Journal News that examined the role of second- and third-generation survivors in continuing to tell the stories of the Shoah.

A screening of the artist's documentary "L'Dor V'Dor" will follow the gallery opening. In the film, families of local Holocaust survivors discuss how a lifetime of hearing the experiences of their parents and grandparents has affected their own lives.

Free and open to the public. Friends welcome.



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FAMILY TIME/RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WESTCHESTER YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE

CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE WITH YOUR LITTLE ONES
AT THESE 2016 HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 13, 11:30AM

Purim & Shabbat Celebration

Saturday, March 19, 9:30AM

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, April 10, 9:30AM



Passover Celebration

Friday, April 15, 5:30PM

School's Out Carnival

Sunday, May 22, 11:00AM

RSVP for Young Families events to Jane at
jdubro@congregationmanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

2016 SPRING PRE-K/K CLASS SCHEDULE

Introduce your kindergarten & pre-school aged children
to Jewish life and celebration at Congregation Emanu-El

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 on Sunday mornings, and are open to the public. Bring friends!

PURIM

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
9:45-11:30AM



PASSOVER

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
9:45-11:30AM



YOM HA'ATZMAUT /ISRAEL'S BIRTHDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 1
9:45-11:30AM



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

During the next two months we will be celebrating Purim and Passover. I have been thinking: "What do they have in common besides the letter 'P'?"



A few ideas: a rescue from an oppressive monarch, a female heroine (Queen Esther and Miriam), but the one I like the best is "audacious hospitality." To save her people, Esther had to give quite a few banquets to the drunken King Ahasuarus and his evil Prime Minister Haman. To celebrate Passover we have two seders in which we eat, pray and learn with family and friends. Like Esther, we spend days preparing; but unlike her, we do not dread our guests' arrival but relish the opportunity to welcome them into our homes.

...we share a sense of pride in our heritage and a desire to be with others who appreciate all that it means to be Jewish.

Welcoming is the essence of audacious hospitality. When I stand in the doorway on Sunday mornings and smile at the entering students, I feel so lucky to receive their "sometimes tired" smiles in return. They walk to their classrooms where their teachers, teaching assistants and fellow students are glad to see them. Engaging in small group work with different classmates each week, they forge new friendships and create a class community.

If you peruse your Jewish Journeys catalog or glance at the Friday Evening Shabbat Service magnet, you will learn about numerous opportunities to come to temple, feel welcomed and be part of our warm Jewish community. Worshipping, learning, socializing, laughing and performing mitzvot together will make you feel connected to an amazing group of congregants.

Our congregation consists of members from different ethnic/racial/gender backgrounds, ages, sexual orientations and generations. We come together for a variety of reasons but when we are here, we share a sense of pride in our heritage and a desire to be with others who appreciate all that it means to be Jewish.

Esther hid her faith, felt threatened, and then finally found the courage to speak up for her people. Miriam hid her brother in a basket and sent him down the Nile to save his life. Resulting from both of these courageous women is a people who know the importance of standing up for others and of audacious hospitality.

Please celebrate Esther's banquets and our deliverance from the evil Haman on Friday, March 18 at our always unique Purim Shabbat service. I also hope that you discover some new recipes for macaroons and enjoy your Passover Seders!

Marcie

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator

SAMPLE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 - 11:30AM

Know any families that are Shul Shopping?

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 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.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

PURIM CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

9:30-11:00AM – Religious School & Pre-K/K classes

11:00-11:30AM – Purim schpiel in the sanctuary, parents are welcome to attend

11:30AM -1:00PM – Purim Carnival led by the temple Youth Group

**PURIM FUN
GAME TICKETS:**
4 FOR \$1
25 FOR \$5



FUN AND GAMES AT THE CARNIVAL:

Guess How Many, Baseball Pop, Basketball, Duck Pond, Frog Toss, Lollipop Tree, Black Jack, Popcorn, Face Painting/Tattoos, Pin the Hat on Haman, Find the Hamantaschen shell game, Plinko, Monkeying Around, Ping Pong, prizes, and a bake sale!

Lunch and snacks sold by our Hineini students.
Proceeds go to tzedakah.

MI ANI 6TH GRADE RETREAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 -
SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Sixth grade families will participate in a 36 hour retreat at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford to experience the meaning of becoming b'nei mitzvah at our temple.

KEHILLAT CHASADIM

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
12:00 - 1:00PM

For 1st - 4th graders, pizza and fun led by Marcie
More details to follow...

TEEN SOCIAL ACTION SUNDAYS

Join with teens from Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation KTL, and The Jewish Community Center of Harrison to earn community service hours and perform mitzvot. All 8th-12th graders are welcome.

AFYA FOUNDATION SUNDAY, MARCH 6

12:00 - 1:30PM

Afya collects and delivers critically needed surplus medical supplies, hospital equipment, and humanitarian provisions for acute and ongoing health crises worldwide.

OUR NEW WAY GARDEN SUNDAY, APRIL 17

12:00 - 1:30PM

Our New Way Garden's mission is to utilize gardens to educate the public about locally and naturally grown food and to increase access to healthy organic produce to those who otherwise would not have access to such foods in their communities.

RSVP to Jane for these events at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

JR. YOUTH GROUP EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
12:00 - 1:30PM

Come to a fun spring event planned by the temple's *Madrichim*.

RSVP to Chase at cfoster@congregationemanuel.org.

HINEINI DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
9:30AM

Take part in this wonderful holiday senior citizen outreach program! Pack a bag full of Passover goodies at the temple, and deliver and visit with a local senior in their home. This is a program for families, all ages are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Registration required. See page 11 for more details.

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CALENDAR: MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	2	3	4 12:00PM Adult Ed with Chase Foster 6:15PM Current & Former Board Member Dinner 7:30PM Scholar In Residence Shabbat Service with Dr. Theodore Sasson	5 5:00PM Chloe Krasne Bat Mitzvah
6 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 9:30AM Scholar in Residence: Jewish Identity in Interfaith Homes 10:45AM Chai Mitzvah 12:00 - 1:30PM Teen Social Action Sunday: Afya 4:00PM Westchester Chamber Music Concert	7 12:00PM Ethics Class with Rabbi Goldsmith 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation No Monday Night Program	8 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	9 7:30PM Board Meeting	10 7:00PM Engaging Aging Event	11 5:30PM Pizza Truck Dinner 6:30PM Family Shabbat Service	12 9:00AM Torah Study: P'kudei
13 9:30 - 11:00AM Pre-K & K: Purim 9:30 - 11:00AM Religious School 11:00 - 11:30AM Purim Schpiel 11:30AM - 1:00PM Purim Carnival	14 12:00PM Ethics Class with Rabbi Goldsmith 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation No Monday Night Program	15 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:00PM Books & Bites 7:30PM AJC: Refuge Crisis Program	16	17 10:30AM Temple Book Club 8:00PM Single Malt Torah	18 7:00PM Purim Mixology 7:45PM Pre-Purim Cocktails 8:00PM Purim Shabbat: Motown	19 9:30AM Young Families: Purim Celebration 5:00PM Madison Landsberg Bat Mitzvah
20 No Religious School 11:00AM Next Step	21 12:00PM Ethics Class with Rabbi Goldsmith No Confirmation No Monday Night Program	22 No Hebrew School	23	24 5:30PM Knitzvah Corps 7:00PM Drinks with the Rabbi in NYC	25 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat with Megillah Reading	26
27 No Religious School	28 No Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	29 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	30	31		

CALENDAR: APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30PM Friedman Lecture on Peace and Understanding with Former US Ambassador Robert Ford	2 7:00PM Annual Spring Benefit
3 9:30 - 11:45AM Pre-K & K: Passover 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 9:45 - 11:00AM Sample Our Sunday School 12:00PM Gallery Opening	4 7:15 - 8:45PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	5 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 6:30PM Women's Study Group Passover Seder	6	7 5:30PM Knitzvah Corps	8 Mi Ani Retreat 5:45PM Pre-neg 6:00PM Early Shabbat Service	9 Mi Ani Retreat 5:00PM Charlie & Ella Schulhof B'nai Mitzvah
10 9:30AM Mitzvah Day & DOROT Passover Package Delivery 4:00PM Westchester Chamber Music Concert	11 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 7:15 - 8:45PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	12 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Board Meeting	13	14 8:00PM Single Malt Torah	15 5:30PM Young Families Passover Celebration 7:30PM Family Service: Youth Group Shabbat	16 9:00AM Torah Study: M'tzora 11:00AM Ty Wyman Bar Mitzvah
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24 No Religious School	25 No Confirmation 12:00PM Soup Kitchen at Hebrew Union College	26 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	27	28	29 Office closed for 7th day of Passover 7:30AM Passover Yizkor Service 8:00PM Shabbat Service	30 11:00AM Mollie Potkin Bat Mitzvah

MARCH - APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

- March 4 **Scholar in Residence:
Interfaith Marriage in the U.S.**
7:30 Service
- March 11 **Family Service:
Pizza Truck Shabbat**
5:30 Dinner
6:30 Service
- March 18 **Motown Purim Shabbat**
7:45 Pre-Purim Cocktails
8:00 Service 🎵 🖥️
- March 25 **Early Shabbat Service with
Megillah Reading**
6:00 Pre-neg
6:30 Service
- April 1 **Friedman Lecture on
Peace and Understanding:
Syria & Iraq Today**
7:30 Service
- April 8 **Early Shabbat Service**
5:45 Pre-Neg
6:00 Service 🎵
- April 15 **Family Service:
Youth Group Shabbat**
7:30 Service 🎵 🖥️
- April 22 **Lay Led Early Shabbat Service
Erev Pesach**
4:30 Service
- April 29 **Shabbat Service**
8:00 Service
🎵 Band 🖥️ Handsfree/Prayers projected



MOTOWN PURIM

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7:45PM COCKTAILS

8:00PM SERVICE



Did you hear it through the grapevine? Are you dancin' in the streets? Do you feel good?

Our very own clergy and our smokin' live band, with lyrics on the big screen, lead us in a sing-along featuring your Motown favorites.

Prizes for everyone who comes in costume whether traditional Purim, Motown chic or anything that "just your imagination" dictates!

For a full list of Purim activities and celebrations, turn to page 9.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:30PM



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