



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH AUTHOR DAVID LASKIN

FRIDAY, MAY 5 - SUNDAY, MAY 7

Sponsored by the Rabbi Emeritus Daniel S. Wolke Scholar-in-Residence Fund



Events happen around us. Events happen to us. Events make up our lives. The stories that we tell about these events give our lives meaning. Author David Laskin illustrates this truth through the profound story of his family in his moving book, The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century. With programs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Laskin will help us see our Jewish stories and our families' stories in the context of the 20th century and how they continue to impact us in the 21st century.

Our Scholar-in-Residence weekend will conclude Sunday morning with programs for our Religious School families and our annual congregation-wide Mitzvah Day. See pages 12-13 for all the details of this fascinating and important weekend.



2017 SPRING BENEFIT & CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 7:00PM

Come to the Spring Benefit and honor this year's Emanu-El Prize recipients Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit and Congregant John Carton for their 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. Watch an illusionist in awe and amazement, bid on exciting auction items like dinner for four at James Beard House, Yankees and Giants tickets, Broadway shows (and backstage tours!), golf outings, jewelry, and a fabulous evening at the home of Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith!

See page 9 for details on purchasing tickets, ads, and more. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY-WIDE YOM HASHOAH SERVICE AT EMANU-EL HONORING THE WORK OF ELIE WIESEL

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 7:30PM

"Never forget!" These stirring words remind us what can happen if we allow the Holocaust to slip behind the veil of history, if we forget the price that 6,000,000 paid simply for being Jewish. We keep alive the memories of those who perished in the ways we live our lives, the values we uphold, and our commitment to Judaism. We also keep their memories alive through memorial, reflection, and communal prayer.



As we do each year, we will gather with Community Synagogue of Rye, K'TI and the Jewish Community Center of Harrison for a Yom HaShoah service. This year we have the honor of hosting this important commemoration which will focus on the life and work of Eli Wiesel. In the way he lived his life, he ensured the memory of those who perished. Through his life's work he fought against oppression and genocide of other peoples around the world. He embodied the command: "Never forget!" Come to remember this giant of our generation, come to remember all those who perished.

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BOARD BUZZ

As many of you have read or heard, a number of Jewish institutions throughout the country have received phoned-in bomb threats. To date, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester (CEW) has not received any such threat.

The Board of Trustees, on behalf of the congregation, takes our safety and security very seriously. The House Committee, on behalf of the Board, is charged with making every attempt to maintain our safety and security each day.

Due to the on-going potential safety/security concerns for Jewish institutions, CEW has undertaken the following:

- installation of additional external campus lighting.
- installation of additional external security cameras.
- evaluation of our day-to-day security officer needs.

CEW continues to monitor day-to-day security concerns affecting Jewish institutions by participating/partnering with both the Secure Community Network (specifically designed for Jewish institutions) and the Westchester Jewish Council Security Committee.

Still, the safety and security of our congregation remains a collective responsibility. If you see something while at the temple that is out of the ordinary, please immediately alert a member of the staff. The temple maintains a very strong relationship with the Harrison Police Department.

If you have any specific questions/comments about the above message, please do not hesitate to contact Abbie Levitt, Temple Administrator, at (914) 967-4382 x18.

The Board of Trustees and the House Committee have an unwavering commitment to our safety/security needs. We all must remain vigilant together.

Thank you.

The Board of Trustees, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester

DO NOT DENY

Other dolls surrounded the pitiful excuse for a teddy bear that stared out through the glass case. Its brown covering had worn through in spots. The eyes did not quite line up. Leaning at a slight angle, the bear hid its story in its unassuming appearance. But don't be fooled.



This bear saved the soul of a Jewish boy during the Holocaust. When the Nazis had taken or killed everyone who loved him, the bear provided the boy comfort and love. Without the nurture of that little bear, the boy would have surely perished.

Over our people's long history we have known many tragedies...

The bear tells just one heart wrenching story in an exhibit called "No Child's Play" at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial and Museum. Whenever I tour its halls and gardens, its artwork and memorials, I know that I stand as witness to the atrocities of the Nazis and their collaborators. And, while I do believe that this fulfills a sacred obligation, I nevertheless dread each visit. As the descendent of four Holocaust survivor grandparents, the stories of Yad Vashem hit close to home, they fill me with terror for what was, they fill me with dread for what may happen.

Over our people's long history we have known many tragedies: forced conversion and economic discrimination, war and exile, oppression and expulsion. But none of our historic tragedies compare to the systematic attempt by Hitler's Nazi Germany to exterminate the Jews. On January 20, 1942 Nazi ideology reached its logical conclusion at The Wannsee Conference where top-ranking Nazi officials created the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question".

The minutes of this conference confirm that the Nazis intended to use the Holocaust exclusively to target Jews. While other groups tragically got caught up in this machinery of death, the Wannsee Conference minutes mention no other group, ethnicity, nation, or cohort. This does not diminish the horrors of others, it only clarifies the goals of the Nazis: annihilate Europe's Jews.

I do not intend to enter into the debate (see: <http://tinyurl.com/numdebate>) about the number of non-Jews killed in the Holocaust. I firmly believe in the sacred value of each human life. So, whether 500,000 or 5 million, too many others had

their lives snuffed out by the Nazis.

And still, we cannot allow the omission of the unique victimhood of Jews from the story of the Holocaust. In an era when anti-Semitic acts grow in frequency, in an era when intolerance rises around the world, diminishing the impact of the Holocaust on the Jews allows people to forget the horrific logical conclusion of unchecked prejudice.

Excluding explicit mention of the Jews from Holocaust history is a form of Holocaust denial. This denies each Jew a painful piece of our history, a piece that shapes our self-understanding. Over the years we have learned to transform our victimhood into work for security and justice. We work on behalf of Israel and secure our place in American society. We convert the horrors of the Holocaust into fuel for efforts to craft a better, more just society. We strive to make certain that "never again" becomes a rallying cry for all people, a rallying cry for the repair of the world. When others deny our specific victimhood, these efforts lose something vital. When others refuse to acknowledge our loved ones who perished, we lose a piece of ourselves.

My grandfather taught that our obligation as survivors of the Holocaust is to live life fully for those who perished, to learn their values and remember their lives. The teddy bear beneath the glass at Yad Vashem tells of our historic victimhood through the tale of one little boy. But it also reminds us of the compassion that humans can create. That boy created a world of love with one little bear. Today we have so much more. Today we have privilege and relationships, traditions and freedoms. If he could survive with a bear, imagine the world that we can create with the blessings that fill our lives. This becomes harder when we are omitted from Holocaust history. We simply cannot allow this to happen again.

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

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

ENGAGING OUR STRENGTHS

Have you ever heard of a dog that surfs? I hadn't, until I saw an astonishing YouTube video called "surfdogricochet". Trained from birth to be a service dog, Ricochet learned all the things a service animal needs to know, but ultimately wasn't able to overcome his doggy instinct to chase squirrels. His trainer discovered, however, that he loved the ocean, and was able to ride a surf board! Today, Ricochet is a superstar "surfice" dog, who makes a huge difference in the lives of disabled children.



What power there is in a community when people bring their individual talents together for the benefit of the whole!

Like Ricochet, we don't always know exactly where our natural talents lie, but discovering them can be transformative. It's relatively easy to describe our acquired expertise, but most of us struggle when asked to identify our natural talents.

Last summer, at my annual cantors' convention, I had the good fortune of being introduced to Gallup's "StrengthsFinder," an assessment that measures the presence of talent in 34 theme categories, and identifies your top 5 "signature" themes, a ranked listing of the five themes that seem to hold your most dominant talents. These themes are a starting point, a tremendous group of clues to where your greatest potential lies. After identifying these raw natural abilities, the idea is to develop them into strengths by adding skills, knowledge and practice.

Decades of research shows that when people focus on strengthening their natural talents, they are more productive, engaged, and happy. It makes sense that doing what you love and what you're good at gives you energy and momentum. When you work in areas in which you are not naturally gifted, you may feel drained. Using your greater strengths to compensate for your

lesser ones is a way to manage your weaknesses.

We are best when we do what God created us to do. Just look at the Torah, which is filled with so many different personalities, people with different feelings, thoughts, behaviors and purposes in life; from Jacob the dreamer, to Esau the ruddy hunter, to Jubal the ancestor of musicians and Bezalel, gifted with artistry, God created each of our ancestors with distinct differences and talents.

The notion that God made each of us a unique masterpiece, with our own specific predispositions, led me to the theme for this year's 16th Annual Women's Study Group Retreat, "Engaging Our Strengths". From February 3-4, fourteen of us immersed ourselves in identifying and exploring our individual strengths, and in acknowledging the diversity of our talents.

What power there is in a community when people bring their individual talents together for the benefit of the whole! That's precisely what we do at the temple, with those on our board, our staff, and among our members who contribute to our community in a multitude of different ways.

By increasing our understanding of how we are "hard wired", that is, how God created us to be - not worrying too much about what God left out, but recognizing what God put in us - we can draw it out to become the best versions of ourselves.

Like Ricochet's trainer, who looked beyond her original expectations of what her dog could do, how much we have to gain by cultivating our own and one another's strengths - in our families and our workplace - allowing and enabling ourselves and others to thrive.

As our tradition has us say when we finish a book of the Torah, "Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek. Be strong and we will be strengthened." May we all be strengthened by bringing our greatest talents into service of God and community.

Meredith Stone, Cantor

REFLECTIONS: AN ONGOING WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR STONE

MONDAY, MARCH 20

DAYTIME: 12:00PM Lunch & Workshop/EVENING: 6:45PM Light Dinner & Workshop

In this workshop, we find out how our daily life experiences, observations and anecdotes can illuminate and give deeper meaning to our prayers. Through writing on various topics, learning about the themes of prayers, and sharing as a group, we will see prayer in a new light and strengthen connections to one another and our tradition. RSVP to Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x19 or mstone@congregationmanuel.org.

GOD IN USUAL PLACES IN UNUSUAL WAYS

In the first Torah portion in the book of Exodus, *Shemot*, God speaks to Moses from the burning bush, and awed by this wonderful, overwhelming appearance of God, Moses answers, “*bineni*, here I am, I am ready.”



In the second Torah portion in the book of Exodus, *Va'era*, again God appears to Moses, but this time Moses skeptically answers, “Even the Israelites, my people, have not listened to me, how then should I speak to Pharaoh?”

In other words, at first, Moses answered, “God, I am here, I know I am meant to hear your call,” but the second time he replies, “Who am I that you, God, should call out to me?”

What do we make of this change in Moses’ answer—at first, confident and then unsure? We know from *Shemot* that Moses has a speech impediment, but that was resolved as God appointed Moses’ brother Aaron to speak on his behalf. So this would not be the cause of such a drastic change.

Perhaps like any of us, Moses has second thoughts, he was excited to begin something new, but maybe now he is realizing it’s just exhausting. But, Moses is a shepherd, so we have to assume he is used to maneuvering large groups, and spends most of his days on his feet and looking out for his flock—it is unlikely that exhaustion would change his mind.

Perhaps the difference between *Shemot* and *Va'era* has nothing to do with Moses at all, but rather God. Perhaps it is not Moses who has changed, but it is God, and perhaps Moses’ reaction is only in response to this shift.

In *Shemot*, God appears in a burning bush. Moses sees this, an ordinary bush, transformed into something awesome, and unusual. He hears God’s voice calling to him and knows that there is something special happening.

If God were to appear to me, I would definitely expect there to be something awesome about the moment to clue me in that something spectacular was happening.

In *Va'era*, it’s totally different, Moses meets God face to face for the first time. God simply says, “*Ani Adonai*, I’m God.” God gives this introduction as if meeting God face to face is a casual thing. “You remember me right? You know... the God of your ancestors, Abraham, Sarah etc.” For Moses, this face-to-face meeting changes everything.

What would it be like to meet God face to face, and how would that experience change us?

I found a book in the kindergarten classroom entitled, “Where is God?”

Where is God?
God is in the beginning.
In the first red tomato,
And in cookies fresh from the oven.
In the first day of summer,
And in the tiny hands of a baby.

Where is God?
God is in the end.
In the last bite of birthday cake,
And in your worn, torn baby blanket.
In the last wave goodbye,
And in the last years of life.

Where is God?
God is in the way people come together.
In the sharing of a morning,
And in the band-aid fix-up after a fall.
In homemade gifts,
And in morning hugs and goodnight kisses.

Where is God?
God is in the world.
In birdchirp, frogsong and chattering squirrels,
And in the fly caught in the spider’s web.
In caterpillars chewing daisy’s
And in worms turning leaves into earth.

Where is God?
God is everywhere.
God is wherever we look.

We do not often look for God right in front of us, and Moses, before *Va'era*, never had before either. The first time, in *Shemot*, Moses needed the fire, the awe and the wonder. If not for these things, Moses may have missed God’s call. The second time though, in *Va'era*, Moses does not need the fanfare. Moses is able to see God face to face in his everyday life. Now that he has begun to notice, it is so clear that God has been there all along.

Unlike Moses, most likely none of us will be called from a burning bush. However, once we begin to notice beginnings, and endings, the people all around us, and the tiny miracles in our world, we too may find that God has been here all along, and we just had not noticed.

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

Jade Sank, Student Rabbi



RITUAL CORNER: SPRUCED UP SEDER

Bring back the spirit of the Haggadah! What is this “spirit”, you ask? Well, the ancient rabbis devised the Passover seder as a way to engage people in the story of the exodus. The dry passages of the Haggadah which we still read today were, in fact, quiet engaging in ancient times. Unfortunately, they’re not as engaging for many of us today. So, here are some suggestions for sprucing up your seder this year.

Passover Parodies: Divide your guests into small groups. Give each group a well known song (e.g. Blowing in the Wind, Cat’s in the Cradle, etc.). Have each small group write lyrics for that melody which tell the story of Passover.

Passover Pictionary: Have pieces of poster board and markers ready to go in a separate room. Divide your guests into small groups. Have each small group illustrate one part of the Passover story. Then, have each group present its part to the larger group in order.

Historic Hike: If you’ve got an adventurous group, especially if you have kids, get up and go outside. Set up several stations before your guests arrive: a pyramid building station, a burning bush station, a plagues station, a crossing the Red Sea station, a Mt. Sinai station (swing sets work well for this one). Dress up as Moses and lead your guests through the Exodus in your backyard.

Table Telephone: Instead of reading the story out of the Haggadah, pass the story around the table. The first person begins the story with a sentence. For example, “After Joseph died the Israelite population in Egypt grew and grew”. The next person adds to the story: “A new Pharaoh took power who did not trust the Israelites”. And so on, around the table until the whole story has been told.

Whatever you do, have fun and make sure to really celebrate the blessings of freedom that we recall on this special festival.

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!

NICOLE HERMANN

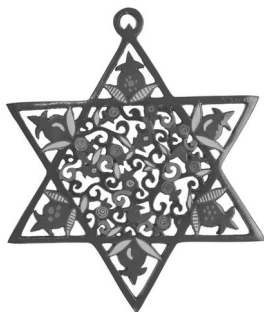
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MAZEL TOV AND THANK YOU!

We recognize and honor the wonderful work of our teens here at Emanu-El.

Congratulations to *Karen Bender* who was named co-winner of the Young Jewish Leadership Award from Congregation Sulam Yaakov.

Thank you to our Hineini students who volunteered at the Friendship Circle Special Needs Tu B’shevat Party: *Mac Wyman, Maddy Newman, Zach Grann, Luke Montone, Lucy Rosenblut, Michael Gentrini, Jackson Klein, Zach Grann, Sloane Englander, Nicole Hermann, Jack Miller.*

Thanks to *Ben Stein, Rachel Schmaier and Matthew Griff* for lending their technology expertise at our Teens Teach Tech sessions.

Thank you to coaches *Ben Stein, Sam Tanenbaum, Rose Baranowski, Ari Daniels, Shoshi Daniels, Becca Daniels and Maddie Gaynor* who led a program for our 8th and 9th grade teens on the Civil Rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s featuring personal reflections from those who participated in the November Civil Rights Journey to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham.



GET YOUR GROGGER ON: PURIM AT EMANU-EL

Purim Shabbat: Simon & Garfunkel

Friday, March 10

7:15PM Cocktails/7:30PM Service

Mellow out with Meredith, Jade and our temple band, when Coffee House culture meets the Persian Casbah with Simon and Garfunkel nostalgia, trivia and more!

Esther, Ahasuerus, Mordechai and Haman get stuck on a "Bridge Over Troubled Waters". Not to worry though, when Esther goes "Homeward Bound", we'll all be "Feelin' Groovy"!

Come, in your coffeehouse duds, and enjoy drinks, desserts and your favorite Simon and Garfunkel tunes, at this one of a kind Shabbat "service".

Kindergarten and Pre-K Purim Program

Sunday, March 12, 9:30 - 10:45AM

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 10:45am for the Young Families Purim Celebration. RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.



Young Families Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 12, 10:45 - 11:30am

Celebrate Purim with your children through story, song, snacks, crafts and a brief, joyful Shabbat morning service. Families are invited to take part in the Purim Schpiel and carnival following the program. *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.

Religious School Purim Schpiel

Sunday, March 12, 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 12, 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.

PASSOVER SERVICES

PASSOVER MORNING SERVICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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

MONDAY APRIL 17, 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 5777. The Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service will take place on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30am.



CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WESTCHESTER

SPRING BENEFIT AND CASINO NIGHT

APRIL 1, 2017

7:00PM

HONORING EMANU-EL PRIZE RECIPIENTS
MARCIE AIUVALASIT & JOHN CARTON

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ACE OF HEARTS: \$3,000

12 TICKETS

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FULL PAGE JOURNAL AD

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please visit our homepage
or <http://tinyurl.com/CEWSB2017>.**

For more information, please contact Abbie at 914-967-4382 x18.



**FAMILY SERVICE:
PIZZA TRUCK SHABBAT**

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

5:30PM DINNER/6:30PM SERVICE

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

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



**FAMILY SERVICE:
YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT**

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 7:30PM

Our graduating high school seniors will be honored on the bimah. After, we will celebrate with our annual chocolate fountain oneg!

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

SAVE THE DATE: CANTOR EARL ROGERS TRIBUTE SABBATH

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30PM

STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK



DOROT WESTCHESTER PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 10:00 - 11:30AM

- ◆ 10:15AM & 11:00AM NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS
- ◆ WALK-INS WELCOME AFTER 11:00AM



We are pleased to be the host location again for the DOROT Passover Package Delivery program in Westchester. We hope that you will consider being a part of this very important and special outreach effort.

Please contact Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com or 914-414-0636 if you are interested in learning more about this program.

Registration is required for students, adults and families online at www.dorotusa.com. Click on the DOROT Passover Package Delivery link in the News & Events section, and choose the Westchester location on the next page. You may register as a family or as one person.

After picking up a bag of Passover goodies from the temple, adults and families (friends are welcome to participate too) are asked to deliver them to a senior on DOROT's list, followed by a visit in the home of that senior



THANK YOU FROM WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES!

You gave. They smiled. Thank you to all who donated to the WJCS Heave a Heart Holiday Gift Drive. Congregation Emanu-El, along with other WJCS partners, donated toys and gift cards valued at nearly \$25,000.

2016 - 17 SOCIAL ACTION EVENTS

We are committed to tikkun olam, the repair of our world. Help make our community a better place! Whether it's donating your time or providing items to those in need, there are so many ways to get involved. Interested in participating in any of these great efforts? Contact Social Action Committee Chair Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com.

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE - DONE!

OCTOBER

COATS FOR HOPE - DONE!

OCTOBER

MIDNIGHT RUN WITH HINEINI - DONE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER:

TEAM EMANU-EL - DONE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

COMMUNITY MEAL AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH - DONE!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

HAVE A HEART TOY DRIVE - DONE!

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 2

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT HOPE HOUSE - DONE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

FOOD PANTRY CEREAL DRIVE: DONE!

JANUARY

AFYA WITH OUR YOUTH GROUP: DONE!

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PANTRY: DONE!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

KIDS' KLOSET COLLECTION

MARCH 1 - 31

DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

BRUNCH RUN WITH HINEINI

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

COLLECTION FOR AFYA

APRIL

MITZVAH DAY: DAY OF LEARNING AND DOING

MAY 7

KIDS' KLOSET UNDERWEAR AND DIAPER COLLECTION

MARCH 1 - MARCH 31

Kids' Kloset is seeking donations of new underwear (toddler to adult sizes) and new packages of diapers. Collection bins will be in the lobby throughout March.

WJCS Kids' Kloset is a volunteer-driven program that provides Westchester County children and families in need with donated clothing and related items free of charge. Since Kids' Kloset was opened in 2011, it has provided over 7,000 local children with clothing and diapers (diapers are not covered by food stamps).

For more information, please contact Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com.

AFYA COLLECTION

APRIL 1 - APRIL 30

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

Because Afya's needs change based on critical needs around the world at any given time, we will notify congregants of which items Afya is requesting on April 1.

For more information, please contact Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com.

MIDNIGHT RUN: BRUNCH RUN

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30AM

See page 19 for RSVP details and list of needed items.

ESL PROGRAM: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS

9:30 - 11:00AM

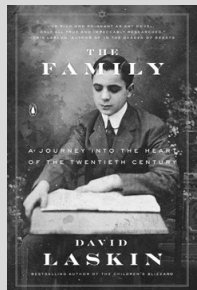
Volunteers are needed to teach English as a Second Language to a very eager-to-learn immigrant community. No knowledge of Spanish or any other foreign language needed. Come one morning to observe other volunteers and see what a rewarding experience it is for both tutors and students. You may volunteer any or all three mornings.

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.

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH DAVID LASKIN A DAY OF LEARNING AND DOING & MITZVAH DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 5 - SUNDAY, MAY 7



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT WITH DAVID LASKIN

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 7:30PM

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

History becomes more powerful for us when understood as part of our own stories. Author David Laskin brings the Jewish history of the 20th century to life in his riveting book [The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century](#). “A modern-day scribe, Laskin honors the traditions, the lives, and the choices of his ancestors: revolutionaries and entrepreneurs, scholars and farmers, tycoons and truck drivers.

[The Family](#) is a deeply personal, dramatic, and emotional account of people caught in a cataclysmic time in world history.” Laskin will speak to us on this Shabbat about his journey of writing this incredible book and help us consider how the choices we make interact with the events around us to forge a future for ourselves and our descendants. In other words, how will our stories shape the stories of the future?



TORAH STUDY WITH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE DAVID LASKIN

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 9:00AM

If the Torah is the history of our extended Jewish family then we could not ask for a better teacher than Scholar-in-Residence David Laskin. Laskin will bring his family history expertise to our study and help illuminate the family secrets of our sacred text.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DAY OF LEARNING AND DOING & CONGREGATION-WIDE MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Stories matter a great deal in Judaism. Still, our ancient prophets taught that stories, ritual activity and study are not enough: we need to act in the world. With this in mind we've combined our traditional Scholar-In-Residence Weekend with Mitzvah Day. In this culminating morning we will come together as a congregation to learn and to do, to immerse ourselves in Jewish ideas and then go out to make the world a better place. Using our minds, we will deepen our connection with our history, our stories. Using our hands, we will deepen our connection with our community and with one another. Don't miss this important and fun day!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: DAY OF LEARNING (9:30 - 11:00AM)

Families come together to worship and take part in learning experiences throughout the morning. The morning will begin with a family service in the sanctuary, and be followed by learning experiences that families will attend together. Learning experiences will include: telling the stories of biblical ancestors through Torah Telling and Object Theatre; sharing family stories through favorite recipes; Reflections Workshop for parents and kids; searching your own family tree with Scholar-in-Residence David Laskin; and recording your story with the help of our Teen Tech Squad. More details and sign-up information will be circulated in the coming weeks.



CONGREGATION-WIDE MITZVAH DAY (11:00AM - 1:00PM)



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. We honor our commitment to social action on Mitzvah Day, a day when 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 offered this year. These projects are chosen because they directly benefit our temple and community at large.

To sign-up for Mitzvah Day, or if you have questions about participating, please email Emily Cohen at mitzvahday2017@gmail.com or call 914-414-0636

PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR YOUR MITZVAH DAY ACTIVITY BY APRIL 28

NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

Captains: Emily Cohen & 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 and to Project Linus.

- Create no-sew fleece blankets
- Adults and families

DON BOSCO WORKERS INC.

Captain: Doreen Kushel

Since 2006, the Don Bosco Community Center 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: Jennifer Lerner

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

IDF CARE PACKAGES

Captain: Jane Dubro

The courageous soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces are putting their lives on the line every day. It is essential that we let them know that we all deeply appreciate their bravery and their heroic defense of the Jewish homeland.

- Create personal care packages and write cards of gratitude for protecting the land of Israel
- Ages 10 and up

KIDS' KLOSET

Captain: Hedy Cardozo

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. Space is limited.

- 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+

RYE NATURE CENTER/HOPE HOUSE

Captains: Bruce Freyer & 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.

- Join with HOPE House members for a light litter clean up – wear closed toed shoes & bring utility gloves
- Adults and families

MARCIE'S STORY

This year, we have chosen to focus on the theme of “telling our story”. To that end, we have heard the story of Lev Golinkin, whose book [A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka](#) tells his family's immigration story from Soviet Ukraine to the West.



May 5-7 during our Scholar-in-Residence weekend programs, we will hear the story of [The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century](#) told to us by author David Laskin. His book traces the incredible journey of a Jewish family from Russia.

There is another very special story that I would like to share with you. Marcie Aiuvalasit has been the religious educator at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester for 30 years. Marcie's story of commitment to our community is one for the books. However, that is not all she has to say! Marcie could also tell you the story of every family in our community. Her knowledge of goings on at Emanu-El spans geography and generations.

Marcie grew up in a cultural non-observant Jewish home in Roslyn, NY. From her mother, Marcie derived her ethical beliefs about honesty and trust. Her parents enrolled Marcie and her two brothers at Temple Sinai for religious school, where Marcie became very involved. The Rabbinic leaders inspired her and her overall experience as a confirmation student was very positive. Marcie was selected to give the confirmation class Drasha (speech) about Ruth & Naomi to over 1,000 that attended the ceremony. Historically, these were the days of civil rights and social action and both issues have been the underlying theme of Marcie's beliefs.

Marcie brought Jewish rituals into her home. As a teen she ran the family Passover Seder. She would assign parts to all that attended. She loved the textual and hidden meanings found in the Haggadah.

Marcie studied at Skidmore & Adelphi. Her passion for teaching led her to get a master's degree in urban education. While in college, Marcie started teaching religious school. While she taught middle school English for many years, Marcie knew that her calling was in Jewish Education.

Marcie met her husband Tony at a summer program at Harvard. They married and moved to Washington D.C. During this time Marcie was employed by the Legislative Counsel for the House of Representatives. Her work there brought her in close contact with important legislative issues. Marcie was very inspired by this work

and this is where her deepest feelings for social justice were seeded. Marcie shares stories about her time there with our 9th grade students on the annual Religious Action Center trip to Washington, D.C.

Marcie and Tony started their family and moved back to New Jersey. Marcie is very close with her children, Sharon and Tony. She takes great pride in the kind of people they are.

How did Marcie find her way to our community?

When asked to sum it up succinctly, Marcie stated: “I was a teacher who wanted to stay home with my children. Being a religious educator gave me an opportunity to teach and express my Jewishness. It was my calling”.

Marcie knew, as a graduate of a religious school program, how important the religious education experience is in developing a lifelong commitment to living a Jewish life. Marcie wanted to provide this kind of positive educational experience to the families of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. She wanted to make sure that every student in our community, regardless of age, had only positive learning experiences. She knew that the key to securing the future of Jewish life in our community was to combine top-notch teachers with an impactful and relevant curriculum.

Indeed, Marcie has played a nurturing role in the Jewish journey of every student, adult and family in our community. Her warmth and kindness is felt by all that have come in contact with her.

That's not all! Marcie plays a crucial role in the lives of the teaching staff. She is a supportive friend and a collaborative partner to each educator. She is a wonderful mentor who encourages teachers to be creative in the classroom and to forge connections with their students.

Marcie's favorite quote is from Mark Twain, “If you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life”. It has been an honor to “work” with Marcie for the last 28 years. She is a mentor and a dear friend. I am thrilled to see her honored at this year's gala.

Kol HaKavod- all the honor and gratitude to Marcie for her dedication and love and for all that she has given to our community.

Shalom,



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director

SUNDAY FILM SERIES: **PHOENIX**

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 4:00PM



Nelly, a German-Jewish nightclub singer, has survived a concentration camp, but with her face disfigured by a bullet wound. After reconstructive surgery, Nelly emerges with a new face,

one similar but different enough that her former husband, Johnny doesn't recognize her. Rather than reveal herself, Nelly walks into a dangerous game of duplicity and disguise as she tries to figure out if the man she loves may have betrayed her to the Nazis. Directed by Christian Petzold. German with English subtitles. *Rated PG.*

Free and open to the public. Friends welcome! Refreshments and snacks served. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

TEENSTEACHTECH

SUNDAYS, MARCH 5, APRIL 2, APRIL 30, 11:00AM

Learn to use your smartphone, laptop and other technology with one of our teens as your personal tech guide. Please let us know beforehand what you would like help with. Our terrific teens will teach you to use your devices and become tech savvy!

Sign up with Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.

MAH JONGG

MONDAYS, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27
& APRIL 3, 24, 7:00PM

How did a 19th century Chinese parlor game come to be a favorite pastime for Jewish women?

From the tenements of New York City to the bungalows of the Catskills and the vast American suburbs, Jewish women have kept this game alive enjoying the betting and matching domino-like tiles into rummy-like patterns.

For more information contact Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 10:15AM

No God but God, by Reza Aslan. Rabbi Goldsmith will be facilitating this session.

AUTHOR LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 12:00PM



At this year's luncheon, we welcome Annette Libeskind Berkovits, author of In the Unlikeliest of Places: How Nachman Lieskind Survived the Nazis, Gulags and Soviet Communism.

\$20.00/person includes lunch. RSVP or for more information, contact Marcie at maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

DRINKSWITHTHE RABBI IN NYC

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 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@congregationemanuel.org.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP PASSOVER SEDER WITH JUNE HERSH

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 6:30PM



Share a delicious dinner and enjoy one another's company at this very special Passover Seder with June Hersh, author of Recipes Remembered: A Celebration of Survival. The book is a moving compilation of food memories, stories about food and families, and recipes from Holocaust survivors from Poland, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and Greece.

To RSVP or for more information contact Marcie at maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org or call 914-967-4382 x 15.



TORAH STUDY

Saturday morning. A time of rest. A time of study. A time for conversation. A time to discuss the Torah with Student Rabbi Jade Sank 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!

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 9:00AM, VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 9:00AM, SHMINI

ADULT HEBREW LESSONS

TUESDAYS, 1:00 - 2:00PM

Adults who are interested in learning or freshening up their Hebrew are invited to our beginner and intermediate level classes.

Emphasis will be on prayer reading skills to enhance your worship experience.

To sign up for the classes contact Marcie at or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

WALK WITH THE RABBI

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 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.

MOSAIC MEETING AT EMANU-EL

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 4:45PM

These gatherings provide creative and meaningful ways for LGBTQ Jewish teens to foster a deeper connection to Jewish life and potentially strengthen both their Jewish and LGBTQ identities.

This is a wonderful opportunity to for LGBTQ teens and allies to build community, get to know each other, make new friends, share, learn, and have fun together in a safe and supportive setting.

For more information, contact Bina Raskin binaraskin@mosaicofwestchester.org.

GALLERY OPENING: JANET KLION RETROSPECTIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1:30PM



Janet Tucker Klion was an active member in our community until her passing last year. Janet worked in publishing, libraries and commercial bookstores, and was an accomplished artist and photographer.

In 1992, she accompanied the US Paralympics Team to Barcelona to photograph the athletes. (Janet liked to photograph athletes with special disabilities.)

For more information, contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.

SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 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. Bring a friend!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ENGAGING AGING DISCUSSION WITH RUTH ROSENBLUM

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 7:00PM

More information to follow. A light dinner will be served.

ANNUAL CONGREGANT ART SALON: CALL FOR ARTWORK

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, APRIL 30

ART SALON: THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 6:30PM

Showcase your talents in our beautiful, light-filled gallery! This juried 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.

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

TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

“This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man.” - Hamlet, by William Shakespeare.



Our January Book Club selection My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg and our inspiring Women's Study Group Retreat gave me opportunities to reflect on my own strengths and on the brilliance and talents of Justice Ginsburg. In 2015 she wrote: "...like to be remembered as someone who used whatever talent she has to do her work to the very best of her ability. And to help repair tears in our society, to make things a little better through the use of whatever ability she has."

From February 3 - 4, fourteen women participated in a retreat entitled "Engaging Our Strengths". In advance we each took the Clifton Strength Finders challenge and were given a list of our five strength themes. Using specific descriptions of these strengths and how they apply to our own personalities, we explored accepting our talents and understanding our limitations. Many of us overlapped but no one had the same list.

Our student rabbi Jade Sank took the list of all the themes that were represented in our group and connected Biblical texts to them. We concluded the retreat by thinking about action steps that we can take to more fully develop these talents and to use them to help us achieve our personal goals.

I think that Justice Ginsburg would have loved this retreat! In her book she credits her mother with inspiring her to be independent and to fully realize her potential. She graduated number one in her class from Columbia Law School in 1959 and was not offered a position in any of the top NY law firms. She utilized her talents teaching first at Rutgers and then at Columbia Law School, establishing the ACLU's Women's Rights Project and eventually becoming a Circuit Court/Supreme Court Justice. She refused to allow others to put limits on her talents or to prevent her from living up to her potential.

My take-away from reading the words of this "pathmarker" and from reflecting on my own strengths is to quote an ancient rabbi "... that you are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it." We all have personal goals that reflect our true selves and it is our responsibility to pursue them. Thank you to Cantor Stone, Jade Sank and the insightful and talented women who made our time together inspirational.

Marcie

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator



YOUNG FAMILIES PURIM CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 10:45AM

YOUNG FAMILIES PASSOVER EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 10:45AM



RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.

Young Family events are free and open to the public. Friends welcome! For children 6 months - 2nd grade. Please bring a new container of chewable children's multi-vitamins to donate to the Afya Foundation.

SPRING 2017 YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE EVENTS:

Mitzvah Day: Day of Learning and Doing, Sunday, May 7, 9:30AM

School's Out Carnival, Sunday, May 21, 11:00AM

GRADES 3 & 4: HAMENTASCHEN MAKING WITH MARCIE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 11:45AM - 1:00PM

Students will keep some for themselves and fill Purim Shalach Manot gift bags for members of HOPE House in Port Chester.

Pizza will be served. RSVP to Marcie at maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.



PRE-K & K PROGRAM: PURIM

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
9:30 - 10:45AM



PRE-K & K PROGRAM: PASSOVER

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
9:30 - 10:45AM

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 & crafts.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Marcie at maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

PURIM CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:30-10:45AM – Religious School & Pre-K/K classes

10:45 - 11:30AM - Young Families Purim Celebration

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



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 Hamantaschan shell game, Plinko, Monkeying Around, Ping Pong, prizes, and a bake sale!

Lunch and snacks sold by our Hineini students.

HINEINI & YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers will receive community service forms.

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT: MNP/YOUTH GROUP PASSOVER SEDER WITH GERMAN SCHOOL

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 6:45PM

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.

Thank you to the UJA Jewish Education Project for the generous grant that makes this program possible.

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

YOUTH GROUP: DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 10:00AM

See page 10 for details and registration information.

SAMPLE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 9:45 - 11:00AM

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.

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

FAMILY SERVICE: YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 7:30PM

See page 10 for details.

MIANI 6TH GRADE ARTIFACT MUSEUM

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 11:00AM

Parents will “tour” the exhibits of special family artifacts from each of our sixth grader’s families.

BRUNCH RUN

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30AM

Hineini & Youth Group members will travel to NYC on a bus. At one location, we will serve breakfast, engage in conversation with the homeless and give out much needed supplies.

For additional information email Sharon Aiuvalasit at saiuvalasit@yahoo.com or 347-683-2425.

ITEMS NEEDED

Please only donate new or gently used items
from the list below.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. All items should be adult sized.

- Blankets
- Warm coats
- Jeans or heavy weight pants
- Sweatshirts/sweaters
- T-shirts
- Long underwear
- Boots/sneakers
- Socks
- Soft luggage pieces/backpacks
- Toiletries: bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, moisturizer, dental care items, women’s sanitary napkins



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FAMILY SERVICE: YOM HA'ATZMAUT & HONORING HINEINI STUDENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 7:30PM

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CALENDAR: MARCH 2017

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			1	2 12:00PM Adult Ed: Trivial Jewish History with Rabbi Emeritus Volk	3 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat Service	4 5:00PM Jack Miller Bar Mitzvah
5 8:30AM - 1:00PM Mi Ani Heritage Museum 9:00 - 10:30AM Grade 5 at Food Bank For Westchester 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 11:00AM Teens Teach Tech 11:00AM 1 & 2 Grade Synagogue Discovery Program 11:45AM - 1:00PM 3 & 4 Grade Kehillah Program 4:00PM Sunday Film Series	6 6:30PM Knitzvah Corps 6:45 - 7:45PM Youth Group 7:00PM Mah Jongg 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation No MNP: Mitzvahmonth	7 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Board Meeting	8	9 12:00PM Adult Ed: Trivial Jewish History with Rabbi Emeritus Volk	10 6:00PM Current & Former Board Member Dinner 7:15PM Pre-Purim Cocktails 7:30PM Purim Shabbat: Simon & Garfunkel	11
12 9:30 - 10:45AM Religious School and Pre-K & K Program: Purim 10:45 - 11:30AM Young Families Purim Celebration 11:00 - 11:30AM Purim Schpiel 11:30AM - 1:00PM Purim Carnival 4:00PM Westchester Chamber Music Concert	13 7:00PM Mah Jongg 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation No MNP: Mitzvahmonth	14 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	15	16 10:15AM Temple Book Club 7:00PM Drinks with the Rabbi in NYC	17 7:30PM Union Prayer Book Service: A Tribute to Our Reform Heritage	18
19 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 11:00AM Next Step	20 12:00PM Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone 6:45PM Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone 7:00PM Mah Jongg 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation No MNP: Mitzvahmonth	21 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 6:30PM Women's Study Group Passover Seder with Author and Chef June Hersh	22	23	24 5:30PM Pizza Truck Dinner 6:30PM Family Shabbat Service	25 9:00AM Torah Study: Vayakhel-Pekudei 11:00AM Nicole Hermann Bat Mitzvah 5:00PM Abby & Emily Lerner B'not Mitzvah
26 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 10:45AM Chai Mitzvah 11:15AM Grades 3, 4 & 5: Drop in with the Rabbi 12:00PM Junior Youth Group Event	27 7:00PM Mah Jongg 6:45PM Confirmation, Hineini, MNP and Youth Group Passover Seder with the German School	28 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	29	30	31 6:00PM 6th Grade Retreat 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat Service	

CALENDAR: APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30AM - 12:00PM 6th Grade Retreat 7:00PM 2017 Spring Benefit
2 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School and Pre-K & K Program: Passover 9:45 - 11:00AM Sample Our Sunday School 10:00AM DOROT Passover Package Delivery 10:45 - 11:45AM Young Families Passover Event 11:00AM Teens Teach Tech	3 12:00PM Adult Ed: Mystery from History with Rabbi Goldsmith 6:30PM Knitzvah Corps 6:45 - 8:30PM MNP: Pizza Night 7:00PM Mah Jongg 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	4 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	5	6	7 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 7:30PM Sacred Stories Shabbat	8
9 4:00PM Westchester Chamber Music Concert No Religious School	10 No MNP & Confirmation	11 First Day of Passover 9:00AM Passover Morning Service No Hebrew School Office Closed for First Day of Passover	12	13	14 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat Service	15
16 No Religious School	17 Seventh Day of Passover 7:30AM Passover Yizkor Service 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation No MNP - will meet on 4/20 at 7:15PM Office Closed for Last Day of Passover	18 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Board Meeting	19	20 12:00PM Author Luncheon 7:15 - 8:30PM MNP Last Session 8:00PM Single Malt Torah	21 7:30PM Shabbat Service	22 9:00AM Torah Study: Shmini 5:00PM Jenna Kamin Bat Mitzvah
23 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 9:30 - 11:45AM L'Dor V'Dor Trip to the Holocaust Memorial 11:00AM Next Step 7:30PM Community Yom HaShoah Service at Emanu-El	24 7:00PM Mah Jongg No Confirmation: Students will attend 4/23 Community Yom Hashoah Service at Emanu-El	25 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	26	27	28 7:30PM Family Service: Youth Group Shabbat	29 5:00PM Mac Wyman Bar Mitzvah
30 7:30AM Youth Group Brunch Run 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 11:00AM Mi Ani Artifact Museum 11:00AM Teens Teach Tech 11:15AM Grades 1 & 2 Drop in with the Rabbi						

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP RETREAT: BLACKBERRY RIVER INN

FEBRUARY 3 - 4



RETREAT REFLECTIONS AND TESTIMONIALS

The Woman's Study Group retreat is always a special treat. It's a time of learning, connecting with other women, prayer, and fun! I don't remember how many of them I have attended, but they have been something I've looked forward to annually since I started attending. I especially enjoyed this year's theme of finding our personality strengths and think we all learned something helpful about ourselves. Thanks to Meredith, Marcie, and Jade for making this year's retreat so great!

- Diana Schaefer

My family knows that the weekend of the Women's Study Group Retreat is "sacred" on my calendar. It's 24 hours of spiritual and emotional enrichment, along with a healthy dose of laughter, fun and wine. Each year, I think it can't get any better. But it always does. Brava Meredith, Marcie and Jade!

- Wendy Rowden

First of all, what tremendous women we have in our congregation, both in our leaders and our members. I felt welcomed on my first ever Women's Study Group retreat. By the end I had a room full of new friends, women I really admire, as well as additional insight into myself and Judaism.

- Lisa Krissoff Boehm

I think this is my 15th retreat, and it truly feels like each year is better than the last! This one was no exception. Thank you to Rabbi Jade, Cantor Meredith and Educator Marcie. You did so much work to make this amazing. It was much appreciated.

If ever there was a time that we needed Shabbat - this is it! It was wonderful to unplug, decompress and just enjoy one another's company. These retreats are an outstanding opportunity to learn and share and build community in a very unique way.

- Hinda Bodinger

MARCH - APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

- March 3 **Early Service**
6:00 **Pre-neg**
6:30 **Service**
- March 10 **Purim Shabbat:**
Simon & Garfunkel
7:15 **Pre-Purim Cocktails**
7:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️
- March 17 **Union Prayer Book Service: A**
Tribute to Our Reform Heritage
7:30 **Service**
- March 24 **Family Service: Pizza Truck Shabbat**
5:30 **Dinner**
6:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️
- March 31 **Early Service**
6:00 **Pre-neg**
6:30 **Service**
- April 7 **Sacred Stories Shabbat**
7:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️
- April 14 **Early Service**
6:00 **Pre-neg**
6:30 **Service**
- April 21 **Shabbat Service**
7:30 **Service**
- April 28 **Family Service: Youth Group Shabbat**
7:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️

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