

GARDEN OF GRATITUDE DEDICATION

FRIDAY, MAY 6
6:00PM



Thanks to the vision of the Klebanoff family, we have created a Garden of Gratitude just to the left of our sanctuary. This beautiful green space is surrounded by flowering plants, the forest and several unique sculptures that have been with the congregation for years. The Garden of Gratitude provides a quiet place to sit and reflect, a sunny spot to chat with a friend, a beautiful view to enjoy while waiting for Religious School pick up, and will serve as a space for outdoor classes and perhaps even the occasional worship service. That evening we will also dedicate one of the beautiful, hand-crafted benches in memory of Steven Klebanoff, a dedicated member of our congregation who touched the lives of so many congregants and members of the community.

ANNUAL MEETING & EMANU-EL CONGREGANT ART SALON OPENING

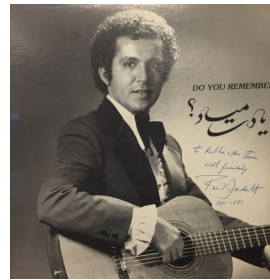
THURSDAY, JUNE 2
6:30PM ART SALON
7:00PM ANNUAL MEETING

This year's
meeting
is on a
Thursday

Mark your calendars and come meet with the Board of Trustees. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the state of the congregation and growth in our community.

ANNUAL CANTOR EARL ROGERS TRIBUTE SABBATH

FRIDAY, MAY 6
6:00PM PRE-NEG & DEDICATION
6:30PM SERVICE



The featured guest at our 30th Annual Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath is the esteemed Hazzan (Cantor) Farid Dardashti.

You will be mesmerized by Farid's fascinating story of his musical journey from east to west. As the first Iranian-born international

concert artist and cantor in the western world, Cantor Dardashti went from hosting a weekly Iranian TV show at age 16 to performing leading opera roles, and singing in 12 languages. Coming from a long lineage of classical Iranian vocal artists, and a father who was known as "The Nightingale of Iran," Cantor Dardashti will share colorful images, music, and stories of the Jews in Iran and the generations of his family. You will hear his opulent singing in the Persian style as he leads us in a brief Shabbat service.

A 6:00 p.m. outdoor Persian pre-neg introduces the flavor of this special spring evening, as we dedicate our lovely, new Garden of Gratitude next to the sanctuary.

Read more about Cantor Dardashti on page 6.



3RD ANNUAL CONGREGANT ART SALON: CALL FOR ARTWORK

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 27
ART SALON: THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 6:30PM



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

We encourage all congregants to participate in this celebration of art and culture. If you are interested in submitting artwork, please contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

SNAPSHOT: SPRING BENEFIT 2016

SPRING BENEFIT CASINO NIGHT

Celebrating Rabbi Emeritus Daniel S. Wolk and our congregation!



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EMANU-EL ICON GUIDE

With myriad ways to engage at the synagogue, our icons make it easy to recognize those things that interest you.



REFLECT & ELEVATE

Find peace and inspiration from these worship, meditative, reflection-filled experiences that will elevate your mind and spirit.



MIX & MINGLE

Connect with others to find true joy. These social and cultural events create the space to gather together around fun, engaging and interesting topics and activities.



FAMILY TIME

Spend a few hours with the people you hold most dear. Our strongest link to Judaism is through our family. Refresh those bonds with your spouse, parents, children, and grandchildren to create memories that will endure for decades to come.



STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

Stand up for the values you espouse and give your time, energy, and resources to the community. There is no better way to express gratitude for the blessings in our lives.



SEEK & DISCOVER

Expand your mind. Find new ways to think about our world rooted in innovative perspectives on our ancient tradition.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

THREE DAYS IN MOSCOW

Seven days before we met her, she did not know she was Jewish. Her mother had called this 14-year-old girl downstairs and said, "I want to tell you something. We're Jewish. Next week, during school break, you're going to a weeklong camp that will teach you about what it means to be Jewish." That was the whole conversation. Now this girl sat laughing with the other adolescents in a bucolic setting just southwest of Moscow. She was still a bit shocked, a bit unsure of what it all meant, but the seed of Jewish identity had been planted and this camp was the Miracle-Gro that would cause her *nesbama*, her Jewish soul, to blossom.



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The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) ran the camp that I visited as part of a UJA-Federation Rabbinic mission to Moscow. Before visiting the campers we met with Roman Polonsky, the head of the Russian Speaking Jewry Unit for JAFI (no, not the filmmaker). He explained that over 8,000 young people from the Former Soviet Union (FSU) participate in a 1 or 2 week camp each year. Where JAFI originally used these camps to encourage *aliyah* (emigration to Israel), they now use them to help students build a sense of Jewish identity.

Identity is an interesting thing in post-Soviet Russia. Previously, everyone subsumed their distinctiveness in order to embrace (at least outwardly) the Soviet project. In the years since the fall of the Soviet Union, people have struggled to find expression for their unique attributes, for their historic heritage. Young Jews are finding cultural, spiritual, and national identity by reclaiming a Judaism that they did not even know they had. The JAFI camps fill this unique need by combining interesting programming (e.g. sports, new media, art, etc.) with a unique identity informed by Jewish heritage. In other words, instead of Soviet sameness, they give the participants a feeling of belonging to a distinct group with a deep history.

After an impressive introduction to the work of JAFI in the FSU, we broke up into small groups and joined

the fun. During the hour we spent with the campers we discussed the traits central to a Jewish identity, we danced, we sang, we watched a skit, we made art projects, we talked about *tzedakah*, took selfies, posted them to Facebook, and marveled at being with people from so far away who were somehow still part of us. All of these activities helped to build a sense of community and Jewish identity. Most strikingly, all of the activities were designed and implemented by counselors in their late teens and early 20s. The counselors had been campers just a few years earlier, and now they are the Jewish leaders.

After the program we enjoyed lunch with some of these counselors. Psychologists, artists, marketing professionals, computer scientists – these counselors were on the fast-track to success in Moscow. They had never experienced anti-Semitism. They were excited about the possibilities for a Jewish future. They were ready to create Jewish life as they grew, to form a Russian Jewish landscape that would meet their needs. They were ready to lead the way. To see vibrant Jewish life blossom in that strange soil was a blessings, a true miracle.

In every encounter I had in Moscow: with JAFI, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Moscow JCC, the nascent Reform movement, even with Chabad, it was young people who were out in front, bringing their parents along with them, creating the future of Jewish life in Russia. It called to mind the words of the prophet Joel as interpreted by the late Debbie Friedman:

And the old shall dream dreams, and the youth shall see visions,

And our hopes shall rise up to the sky.

We must live for today; we must build for tomorrow.

Give us hope, give us strength, give us love.

May we all learn from the vibrant remnant of our people who live in Russia to inspire our young people to take the mantle of Jewish tradition and leadership. We will then ensure that Joel's words ring true all around the world.

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

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi



A MOTOWN PURIM: THE HAMILTON OF PURIM PLAYS

Written by Doreen Kushel and Meredith Stone



Did you Hear it Through the Grapevine?! Purim met Motown at Congregation Emanu-El's annual Purim Shabbat extravaganza. The "service" was led by the dynamite duo, WCEW's "shock jock" Rabbi Goldsmith and Cantor Rock 'n Rollin' Stone. They were ably assisted by our own fabulous

Estherettes (Shelly Benerofe, Ilana Patel Costello, Kathy Marks) and our smokin' live band, the Persian Playboys, souped up 5 pieces for the evening, with music arranged by our pianist/band leader, Seth Farber.

The witty "screenplay", a radio call-in show broadcast live from WCEW, was conceived, written and produced by Rabbi Goldsmith and Cantor Stone, with your favorite Motown hits adapted to the Hebrew words of our venerable prayers:

Can't Hurry Love (*Lecha Dod*), ABC (*Barchu*), My Girl (*My God/Shema*), Proud Mary (*Mi Chamocha*), I'll Be

There (*Mi Sheberach*), Stand By Me (*Oseh Shalom*), Heard It Through the Grapevine (*Adon Olam*), Dancin' in the Shul.

Cameo appearances, coaxed out of audience members by Abbie Levitt, were given by Terry Schwarz, John Schwarz, David Marks, Sandy Grundman and Tony Aiuvalasit as the famous Vashti, Esther, Mordy and Haman. Outta sight party favors for the entire congregation were baked by Kathy Marks (record album motif cupcakes - how cool is that?!) and distributed by Janet Mayrsohn.

By the end of the evening, congregants were Dancin' in the Shul, in the aisles, and on the bimah.

This lively and engaging show had a short run, but if you are lucky, we might see a revival in say, 10 or 15 years. Fortunately, you can reserve seats for our 5777/2017 Purim Shabbat Extravaganza, whatever it might be, in less than a year from now!



Our Purim mixologist Tony Aiuvalasit whipped up some delicious Purim-inspired drinks with names like The Rise of Mordechai, The Esther, Haman's Heart, Haman's Fall, Esther's Second, and The Grogger.

THE ANNUAL CANTOR EARL ROGERS TRIBUTE SABBATH: A PERSIAN MUSICAL JOURNEY

Late at night, after my waitressing shift, I'd come back to the dorm and pop an album on the record player that my brother had recently passed on to me. My Iranian roommate Naimeh and I, both graduate students in Los Angeles, would top off the day by dancing to the rhythmic, infectious middle eastern strains of the handsome young singer, Farid Dardashti, pictured on the record jacket. It was 1981 and the Shah had toppled; so had Naimeh's scholarship stipend from the Iranian government. Though she was now living hand to mouth, Naimeh had usually cooked up some meat and Persian rice with butter and tadiq, upon which we'd dine, along with whatever scraps I could convey out of the restaurant.



Imagine my surprise to find myself face to face with the same Farid Dardashti some 25 years later at a meeting of Westchester cantors! He must have had an interesting journey prior to his position as hazzan (cantor) at Temple Beth El in New Rochelle. But perhaps more fascinating was the incredible journey from east to west years before that.

Please come and bring your friends to a unique and wonderful Shabbat experience when we'll hear the story from Cantor Dardashti himself - the early evening 30th Annual Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath, Friday, May 6 which begins at 6:30pm, and is preceded by a delicious Persian pre-neg in the Garden of Gratitude at 6:00pm.

Meredith

Meredith Stone, Cantor



Farid, then



Farid, now



MISHKAN HANEFESH: OUR NEW HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOK

About 10 years ago I celebrated the High Holy Days in Jerusalem, watching the walls of the Old City turn to gold as the sunset and the new year began. The music lifted my spirit. The sense of community connected me to our people. The words of our prayers allowed me a glimpse of holiness. The quiet of Jerusalem brought a sense of peace.

Each year as Cantor Stone and I plan our High Holy Day worship at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, I have that service in the back of mind. I seek to create those feelings for our entire congregation set in our beautiful sanctuary, with our warm sense of community, and the blessing of Cantor Stone's beautiful voice. This coming year we will make a change that I believe will help us to realize this goal in more profound ways than ever. This year, we will transition to the Reform movement's **new High Holy Day prayer book, Mishkan HaNefesh**.

The new *machzor* (Hebrew for High Holy Day prayer book) will help to elevate our worship experience in several meaningful ways: 1) The **gender neutral language** acknowledges the mystery of God's nature and includes all members of our congregation. 2) Every Hebrew prayer has a side-by-side **transliteration** that makes it easy for everyone to participate in all aspects of our worship. 3) The English translations use a more **contemporary idiom**, better capturing the essence of the Hebrew text for the modern-day worshipper. 4) The **interpretive readings** allow for greater exploration of the Holy Days' themes through moving poetry and narrative. 5) Added material for **reflection and meditation** allow worshippers room to consider the ways the High Holy Days might impact their lives in the year to come. In addition to the above deeply meaningful "features", Mishkan HaNefesh also has a **right to left** orientation and has a layout consistent with our Shabbat Prayer Book, Mishkan T'filah.

Those of you who prayed with us on Rosh Hashanah morning this past year experienced an excerpt from Mishkan HaNefesh during a portion of the service. The positive response we received encouraged the Ritual Committee to move ahead with adopting the new text. Over the summer and into the fall we will offer a variety of classes, articles, and other opportunities to familiarize congregants with this powerful new book. The Ritual Committee, Cantor Stone, and I believe that this will allow us to add even more meaning and depth to this most holy time of year.

- Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

Tradition, tradition! Tevya is back on Broadway, and he's still wrestling with how to uphold tradition in a constantly changing world, "for without our traditions, life would be as shaky as, as,a fiddler on the roof!" In several months, our congregation, along with many other Reform synagogues, will adopt the new *Machzor* (High Holy Day prayer book), **Mishkan HaNefesh, published last year by the Reform movement**. While this may not feel like a big change to those congregants already familiar with Mishkan T'filah, the Shabbat prayer book we have been using for the past three years, it does signal a shift in the tradition of our congregation and Reform Judaism. Still, you may wonder, why?

Why change?! I like our High Holy Day services, you may say. So do we! As my mechanic says, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Let me explain: **Prayer books change, historically, when a book no longer reflects the culture of its users.** Notwithstanding our brethren who practice a form of Judaism frozen in the era of *shtreimels* and long black coats, Judaism has survived since ancient days precisely because we are adaptable! Jewish worship has always, remarkably, withstood even radical changes. When the ancient temple was destroyed, Judaism would have disappeared, like all the other civilizations that came and went, except for our ancestors' flexibility and wise decision to shift from animal sacrifice to prayer. Our congregation was deeply attached to the 1940's Union Prayer Book. But by the mid 80's we had to let it go and move on. While it is wonderful to treasure the Jewish memories of our past, we must ever engage our youth, keeping tradition vibrant, and giving them their own meaningful Jewish memories.

Think of how much American society and the Jewish community have changed in the past 40 years since Gates of Repentance was published. In the business and technological worlds it is unthinkable to remain static, even briefly. How can our spiritual growth keep pace if the book we are using as a vehicle for self examination reflects a world we no longer live in?

As we carefully consider how we can deepen the experience of every worshiper, **Rabbi Goldsmith and I fully intend to keep alive the precious traditions of our congregation's High Holy Days – such as our melodies, choir and instruments.**

On May 2nd and 3rd I will travel to Chicago to attend a clergy workshop about using Mishkan HaNefesh. Rabbi Goldsmith and I, along with the ritual committee, are excited by the opportunities this new book opens up for us, to make the High Holy Days ever more meaningful for every congregant.

- Cantor Meredith Stone

REFLECT & ELEVATE

YOM HASHOAH SERVICE AT COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
7:15PM

Congregation Emanu-El joins Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel, Jewish Community Center of Harrison, and Chavurat Tikvah in commemorating Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The service will take place at Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Ave, Rye.

ANNUAL COUNTYWIDE YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

THURSDAY, MAY 5
12:00PM

Our community comes together for a daytime Yom Hashoah commemoration at the Garden of Remembrance in White Plains.

This year's commemoration features a procession of Westchester's rescued Holocaust Torahs, with Holocaust survivor Stanley Berger as the keynote speaker. Congregant Larry Rutkovsky will do the honor of carrying Congregation Emanu-El's rescued Torah.

The Garden of Remembrance is located at 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains. For more information about this event, please call the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center at 914-696-0738.



FAMILY SHABBAT: YOM HA'ATZMAUT AND HONORING HINEINI STUDENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 13
6:30PM DINNER/7:30PM SERVICE

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

RSVP to Marcie 914-967-4382 ext. 15
or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org

STORAHTELLING SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MAY 20
7:30PM

Our Torah is filled with stories whose themes and messages echo in our day. Using the Torah-through-arts method of Storahtelling, Rabbi Goldsmith will bring the Torah to life with drama and humor, discussion and ritual.

CONFIRMATION & SHAVUOT SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
7:30PM SERVICE

Come celebrate the accomplishments of our tenth grade students, and their years of learning at our Confirmation Ceremony and Shavuot Service. Their dedication deserves our admiration. For a list of Confirmation students, see page 9.

SHAVUOT YIZKOR SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
9:00AM

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.



Please note the 9:00am start time.

SACRED STORIES SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JUNE 17
7:30PM

The joyful music of our band and the Temple Tones fills this uplifting service. We're inspired by the sacred sparks we see in ordinary and extraordinary stories congregants share with us. This service inspires as it connects us to each other and our tradition.



RITUAL CORNER: SHABBAT CANDLES

Each week we have the opportunity to bring a glimmer of holiness and peace into our lives by lighting Shabbat candles. Big plans for your Friday night? Don't let them be an excuse not to take a few moments to reflect on our week, to meditate on the blessings in our lives, and to spend a moment with those we love while lighting candles.

Tradition teaches that lighting the candles fulfilled the mitzvot of honoring and delighting in the Sabbath by creating an atmosphere that is festive, peaceful, and bright. While traditional Judaism considered the mitzvah of lighting candles the special responsibility of women, men were also required to light them if no woman was present. In our Reform context, needless to say, anyone may light them, no matter the gender.

Candles are commonly lit 18 minutes before sundown but, again, in a Reform context, do not let the clock stop you from fulfilling the mitzvah. If the sun has already set – or won't set for a few hours – go ahead and light them anyway.

The ancient rabbis taught that we only need to kindle one light, but later tradition teaches that we ought to light two, one corresponding to the commandment to “remember the Sabbath” and the other to the commandment to “observe the Sabbath”. Some families choose to light one candle for each member of the



family. It is proper to light the candles first and then recite the blessing.

Finally, some people choose to cover their eyes while they recite the blessings so that when they remove their hands they reveal the light and blessing of Shabbat.

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.**

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu, melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the light of Shabbat.

B'NEI MITZVAH MAZEL TOV!

We would like to honor the following students who are celebrating their B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies in May and June. It is a pleasure and a joy to welcome them as full members of our congregation.

Lily Baranowski	Brandon Groothius
Emily Cohen	Connor Griff
Jared Cohen	David Griff
Eliza Fogel	Rachel Griff
Alex Glaser	Matthew Siegel
Ben Groothius	



MAZEL TOV TO THE 2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

We would like to congratulate the following students who are celebrating their Confirmation on June 3, 2016.

Rose Baranowski	Alex Kaplan
Karen Bender	Quinn Perini
Sarah Birnbaum	Lila Rutishauser
Ari Daniel	Jason Sheppard
Rebecca Daniels	Ben Stein
Shoshi Daniels	Sam Tanenbaum
Ryan Kahn	



YOUTH AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

ACTS OF KINDNESS

The Book of Ruth is a beautiful and inspiring story, a story of highs and lows, featuring two amazing women, Ruth and Naomi. Naomi suffers many trials and tribulations, and her daughter-in-law Ruth stays by her side, even though Ruth has to leave her home and family behind. The two women are down and out until Boaz enters the picture and saves the day. The Book of Ruth is a great story with a happy ending, but it is much more. The main characters in the Book of Ruth teach us about love, loyalty, compassion and kindness to all, especially those at a disadvantage. For example, the story reminds us to help the widowed and the orphaned, the stranger, and the poor.

The holiday of Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Torah to Israel at Mount Sinai. The Torah, in addition to containing laws and commandments, is a value system, a way to live our lives. Values are so important that the rabbis of the Talmud



taught us that goodness, courtesy, and compassion precede Torah.

By making Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz our role models, we can make a difference, even a small one. Judaism views all seemingly small things as being great and important in their own right, for no one can estimate the consequences of even the smallest act of courtesy to others. We can pursue this vision through the actions that we exhibit towards others.

Our *Kehillah* - community - is involved in so many *Chesed* (acts of kindness) projects. From our Social Action Committee, to our teens and our Young Families Committee, we fulfill this vision of helping those in need. I am truly inspired by our wonderful and thoughtful community.

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director

**TURN TO PAGE 23 FOR A GLIMPSE OF THIS
YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL MITZVAH DAY!**

STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK

DOROT WESTCHESTER VISITING OPPORTUNITY

There are lonely seniors waiting in neighboring towns for a friendly visitor. Can you visit them? Volunteers are matched with seniors for periodic home visits. DOROT social workers maintain a supportive presence for the duration of your relationship.



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

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FOR ESL PROGRAM

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 a teaching background is necessary. 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.





FILM: RAISE THE ROOF

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:00PM

They set out to reconstruct a lost synagogue, and they recovered a lost world.

This film details the fascinating story of the reconstruction of the Gwozdziec synagogue by artists Rick and Laura Brown, a 10-year pursuit to reconstruct the elaborate roof and painted ceiling of the Gwozdziec synagogue. The Browns grapple not just with the echoes of World War II when these buildings were destroyed by the Nazis, but also with warped timbers, tricky paints, and period hand tools. In 2014, the Gwozdziec roof was unveiled as the centerpiece of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw.

Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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



WALK WITH THE RABBI

FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:00AM

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

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



NEXT STEP

SUNDAY, MAY 15

11:00AM

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

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



SUNDAY FILM SERIES: THE OTHER SON

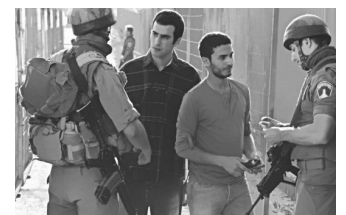
SUNDAY, JUNE 5

7:00PM

Two babies are born at about the same time in an Israeli hospital. One is Israeli. The other is Palestinian. They're evacuated during a missile attack, accidentally switched and raised by each other's families for the next 18 years. *Directed by Lorraine Levy. Subtitles. Rated PG13.*

Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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



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Many thanks for the generosity of all listed here. Your support made the Annual Spring Benefit honoring Rabbi Emeritus Daniel S. Wolk an overwhelming success.

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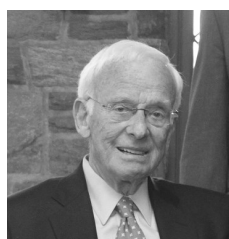
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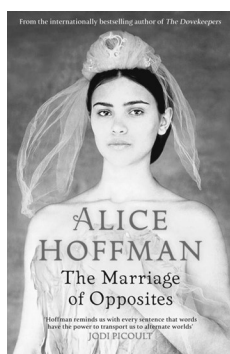
Rabbi Wolk's final adult education class of the year focuses on values and ethical wills.

Lunch \$10 per session/person.

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

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MAY 19
10:30AM



The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman

Interested in speaking to someone about the Book Club?
Call Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15.

LAST SESSION OF THE YEAR! SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, MAY 19
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!

AUTHOR LUNCHEON WITH NINA WOLFF FELD

THURSDAY, JUNE 9
12:00PM



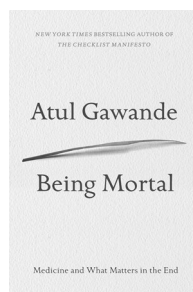
Someday You Will Understand: My Father's Private World War II by Nina Wolff Feld

A daughter's compelling account of her father's wartime journey – a sensitive exploration of a family's hidden history.

\$20/person. Books will be available for purchase and signing. RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org.

ENGAGING AGING BOOK DISCUSSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
7:00PM (LIGHT DINNER SERVED)



Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

This New York Times best seller examines lifestyle and health choices that aging and terminally ill patients face as they try to maintain their quality of life.

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TORAH STUDY

Saturday morning. A time of rest. A time of study. A time for conversation. A time to discuss the Torah. 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, MAY 21, 9:00AM
Torah Portion: Emor

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 9:00AM
Torah Portion: Naso

FAREWELL CHASE!

When Chase joined us as rabbinic intern in September 2014, he brought with him an energy and enthusiasm unique to an engaged student. As you will read below in the messages from our Religious School students and teachers, Chase made a meaningful impact as he fully involved himself in all activities with a smile and gusto. Chase also brought a fresh approach and style to our Friday night Shabbat services and adult education classes. We watched him learn and grow in the role of pulpit rabbi and teacher as he shared his thoughts and interpretations of our prayers and text. It has been a blessing to our community to have had Chase work and worship with us, and we wish him all our best as he completes his studies and moves on to his professional life. (Written by Emily Cohen)

Chase helps at AFYA by throwing us medical supplies to sort them. Chase is amazing! We love you!

Marisa and Rachel

The number of memories that I have made with Chase are endless. From going to D.C., to working in 6th grade with him for two years. He brings so much energy to everything, and I will miss him when he is no longer at the temple. I hope that Chase will continue on his journey of becoming a rabbi.

Karen

I remember when Chase hosted a cooking event. Josh and some girls versus me and Luke. First round we won. We lost second round due to bad cheese (really!). I left during the finale, and Luke won. Chase, you were a good judge, teacher, and friend.

Jackson Klein

You have been a great advisor and someone I can look up to. You will be missed at the temple, and it will be very hard to find someone to replace what you brought to the temple. Best wishes to where your career takes you next. (P.S. The Bengals will win one day!)

Sam

Good luck being a rabbi, I hope you do well. I had a great time at the retreat with you.

Jack Miller

Memory: Bubble soccer.

Funny story: When we dance at MNP.

Something I admire: Always enthusiastic.

Learned with Chase: Be interactive with the kids.

Impressed me: With his Purim skit.

Amanda Bortner, Caroline Antonacci,

Marissa Alkalay



What a great experience it has been – first commuting with you, and then watching you in action with our pre-teens and teens. You are so relaxed and relate so well to them. I learned a lot from you about patience, chilling and creating interesting activities (sometimes at the last minute!). Your warmth and caring will always be an asset in your rabbinate. Please keep in touch next year.

Marcie Aiuvalasit

Chase and I were judges together for the annual Maccabee games. It was really fun because we would make little funny comments about the presentations (and also Chase had an amazing outfit on that day).

Jessica

I hope you have a successful career as a rabbi. You were very funny at the retreat.

Michael Genitrini

I remember when Chase and I were at the retreat. Chase was really funny and made it fun.

Zachary Grann

Chase always sacrificed his Sunday for us.

Sam Sindell

Chase is one of my favorite teachers. He is enthusiastic about everything. He is a phenomenal teacher. He made Sunday school fun.

Ryan Rosenberg

Thank you for being my teacher. You always are lively and have lots of energy. Good luck becoming a rabbi.

William Kosann

Chase has a good sense of humor.

Good luck as a rabbi.

Abby Roth

Chase is my Hamilton gossip buddy! Going to miss you at MNP! Come visit!

Rachel Schmaier

RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

YOM HASHOAH

On Wednesday, May 4th Jewish people around the world will commemorate the Holocaust on Yom HaShoah, The Day of Holocaust Remembrance. In Israel a siren is sounded and the entire country stops for a moment of silence. As a Jewish educator and parent I have grappled with the challenge of when and how to talk about this tragic time in our history. How do I present the horrific facts, personalize the human degradation and allow our students a window into the richness of the communities that were destroyed?



A framework that I recommend is focusing on the perpetrators, victims, bystanders, and upstanders. I use this framework with the learners in age appropriate ways. Children in our first and second grades are shown two boxes, one that looks like it was run over by a truck and one that is beautifully wrapped with a big bow. They are told that there is something for them in each box and they have to vote on which box they would like to open. Most choose the beautiful box which contains an old garden glove, while the other has a bag of candy. The message of this exercise is about judging others – the foundation of prejudice and the slippery slope to the kind of hatred that produced the perpetrators.

Our third and fourth graders begin the conversation about who were the victims. They read a book entitled The Tattooed Torah about a rescued Torah found in Prague and brought to this country. The children connect with this scroll and through it to our European ancestors.

In the fifth grade our L'Dor Vador students learn about Jewish heroes from Biblical times to Sandy

Koufax. They especially revere Wladyslaw Misiuna, Righteous Gentile from Poland, who risked his life to save four women working as slave laborers on a rabbit farm during the Holocaust. Why did upstanders make the choices that they made and how can we emulate their heroic behavior?

Beginning in Mi Ani (sixth grade) we help the students connect their family stories to those who perished. They go to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park and examine artifacts and imagine what these items tell them about life in Europe before the Holocaust. They create their own Artifact Museum with family items that tell their own family stories – thus connecting their lives with the lives of those who perished.

During Hineini (seventh grade) our students participate in a Kristallnacht Walk with a Holocaust survivor. In addition, they invite Moshe Avital to share with them his inspiring story of years in the concentration camps. It is not until our Monday Night Teen program that we delve into the facts surrounding the roles of perpetrator, victim, bystander and upstander. This year our eighth and ninth graders created a special Seder dedicated to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

How, when and what do we discuss about this recent history of our people and its aftermath with the next generation? The guiding principle in making that decision should be the “why.”

We want our children to feel proud of their heritage, to understand our values and to grow into adults who live by the adage, “NEVER AGAIN”. I am always here to help parents and to provide excellent children's/ adolescent literature and other materials.

On May 4th please take a moment to *zachor* – remember.

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

PRE-K & K PROGRAM: YOM HA'ATZMAUT

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

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 and crafts. Open to the public. Bring friends!

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

MI ANI/6th GRADE ARTIFACT MUSEUM

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

Artifacts tell family stories. 6th grade families should come and learn from our students what is meaningful in their own family's lives.



HINEINI BRUNCH RUN

SUNDAY, MAY 1
7:30AM

Hineini & Youth Group Members will travel to NYC on a bus and will make one stop. We will serve breakfast, engage in conversation with the homeless and give out much needed clothing and supplies.

HINEINI & YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER

SUNDAY, MAY 8
9:45 - 11:45AM



All proceeds will be donated to Tzedakah! Get your car cleaned, eat some home baked goodies, and raise money all at the same time.

Cars: \$7 SUVs and Vans: \$10

HINEINI & MI ANI SOUP BOWL

SUNDAY, MAY 15
11:00AM - 12:30PM

Bowl for Food To Grow On! Come bowl and bring along a few cans of food or other non-perishable items to donate to this wonderful local non-profit.

Cost: \$20/child & please bring up to 4 cans of food or non-perishable items

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



SCHOOL'S OUT CARNIVAL & BBQ

SUNDAY, MAY 22
11:00AM - 1:00PM

Students, parents and friends - come to our annual carnival and barbecue immediately following Religious School.

Jumping castle, delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, ice cream truck, games and face painting



Hineini and Youth Group volunteers, please arrive at 9:30AM to set-up the carnival. Let Jane know if you will be volunteering at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.

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CALENDAR: MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:30AM Brunch Run 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 9:30 - 11:45AM Pre-K & K Yom Ha'atzmaut 9:30 - 11:45AM Mi Ani Artifact Museum	2 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	3 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	4 7:15PM Community Yom Hashoah Service	5 12:00PM Adult Ed with Rabbi Wolk 12:00PM Annual Countywide Yom Hashoah Commemoration 7:00PM Movie: Raise the Roof	6 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 6:00PM Garden of Gratitude Dedication & pre-neg 6:30PM Annual Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath	7 9:00AM Matthew Siegel Bar Mitzvah Ceremony 11:45AM Lily Baranowski Bat Mitzvah Ceremony
8 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 9:45 - 11:45AM Car Wash	9 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	10 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:00PM Board Meeting	11	12 12:00PM Adult Ed with Rabbi Wolk	13 6:30PM Shabbat Dinner 7:30PM Yom Ha'atzmaut & Honoring Hineini Students	14 11:00AM Alex Glaser Bar Mitzvah Ceremony 5:00PM Emily and Jared Cohen B'nei Mitzvah Ceremony
15 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 11:00AM Soup Bowl	16 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	17 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School (last session)	18	19 10:30AM Temple Book Club 8:00PM Single Malt Torah	20 7:30PM Storahtelling Shabbat	21 9:00AM Torah Study: Emor 11:00AM Eliza Fogel Bat Mitzvah Ceremony
22 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School (last day) 11:00AM Carnival	23 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation Rehearsal	24	25	26	27 6:30PM Lay Led Early Shabbat Service Submission deadline for Art Salon	28
29	30 Office closed for Memorial Day No Confirmation	31				

CALENDAR: JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30PM Gallery Opening 7:00PM Annual Meeting	3 7:30PM Confirmation & Shavuot Shabbat Service	4
5 7:00PM Sunday Film Series: The Other Son	6	7	8	9 12:00PM Author Luncheon	10 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat Service	11 5:00PM Ben & Brandon Groothuis B'nei Mitzvah Ceremony
12 9:00AM Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service	13	14	15	16 7:00PM Engaging Aging Program	17 7:30PM Sacred Stories Shabbat	18 9:00AM Torah Study: Naso 11:00AM Connor, David & Rachel Griff B'nei Mitzvah Ceremony
19	20	21	22	23	24 6:45PM Lay Led Summer Shabbat Services Begin	25
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This year's Mitzvah Day on April 10 brought together congregants of all ages to perform a number of meaningful and important mitzvot (plural of mitzvah) both here at the temple and at a few other locations in our community. Thank you to all who worked to make this day an overwhelming success!



MAY - JUNE SHABBAT SERVICES

- May 6 **Annual Cantor Earl Rogers
Tribute Sabbath**
6:00 Pre-neg
6:30 Service
- May 13 **Family Shabbat Service:
Yom Ha'atzmaut
& Honoring Hineini Students**
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Service 🎵
- May 20 **Storahtelling Shabbat**
7:30 Service 🎵 📺
- May 27 **Lay Led Early Shabbat Service**
6:30 Service
- June 3 **Confirmation & Shavuot
Shabbat Service**
7:30 Service 🎵
- June 10 **Early Shabbat Service**
6:00 Pre-Neg
6:30 Service
- June 17 **Sacred Stories Shabbat**
7:30 Service 🎵 📺
- June 24 **Lay Led Early Shabbat Service**
6:45 Service

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Life just got a little easier! Beginning May 16, congregants can manage their **family information** and make **payments or donations online** through our secure online member portal.

Who can use it?

Any congregants who have provided the temple with an active email address will receive an email from us on May 16 with a special link to an online member portal for your family. We are here to help walk you through logging in - technical support information will be included with your special link.

Why should I use it?

Your member portal is an easy and quick way to securely update your family's emails, phone numbers and addresses; add or change yahrzeit information on file; and you can view billing activity, pay bills or make donations through your account.

Eventually, you will be able to RSVP for events through your member portal, too. Easy!

Where do I access my member portal account?

Once we send you a link for logging in, you can use your desktop, laptop, tablet or handheld device to go to the temple homepage and log in from there.

Do I have to use my online member portal?

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