

FAMILY SERVICE: MITZVAH SHABBAT & PIZZA TRUCK DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 5:30 - 8:00PM

Don't miss Mitzvah Shabbat! With fun mitzvah projects, a delicious dinner, a wonderful intergenerational community, and a brief, lively service it will be a wonderful and meaningful evening.

Projects will benefit many local and Israel-based organizations.

Remember, with a little bit of time (and fueled by delicious pizza), you can make a real difference!

RSVP to Dan (so we know how much pizza to order) at doconnor@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x11. Or just come!



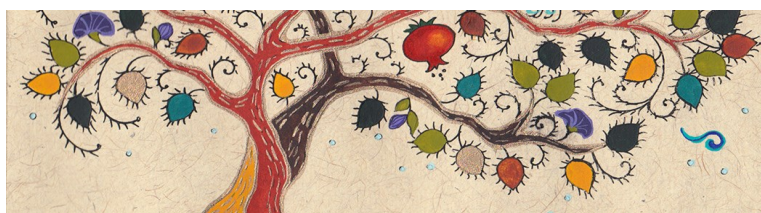
SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING:

5:30 - 6:30 Pizza & Social Action Projects

6:30 - 7:00 Shabbat Service

7:00 - 8:00 Pizza, Dessert & More Social Action Projects

WHAT TO DO WHEN...LIFECYCLE EVENTS AT EMANU-EL



Being there for congregants in times of joy and sorrow is central to our mission at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. Indeed, in addition to regular services and programs, and the desire to support the Jewish community, lifecycle officiation is a primary factor in many congregants' decisions to maintain their membership. And so, we offer this short guide on the best ways to work with us as lifecycle moments arise.

Baby Naming & Bris: Mazel Tov! A new baby is a thrilling moment in the life of a family. Our clergy are available to co-officiate with a moyel, do a baby naming, and help choose a Hebrew name. Call us when you're ready to plan and we can find a mutually convenient date. P.S. It's never too late for a naming... we've done them for children as old as 47 (you read that correctly!).

Bar/Bat Mitzvah: If you're headed for this lifecycle event then you're already in our religious school program and you know many of the details. Additional questions? Call us!

Wedding: One of the greatest joys of clergy life is to officiate weddings. The main thing to remember is to check date availability before booking a venue. Interfaith weddings come up very often and each of us has different guidelines for the types of interfaith weddings that we will officiate so please call and ask.

Conversion: With many deeply engaged interfaith families at Emanu-El, we sometimes have the chance to help a long time congregant (or recent one) who has decided to officially convert to Judaism. We have customized courses of study and religious counseling to ensure a meaningful conversion process culminating in a beautiful conversion ceremony.

Sickness: If you are sick, in the hospital, or suffering from chronic illness, please call and let us know – do not assume that we will just hear about it. We would be honored to come to visit you in the hospital or at home while you recuperate. Not up for a visit? No problem, we can still give you a call to check in.

Funeral: At Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, our clergy officiate funerals for the following relationships: parents, siblings, spouses, and – God forbid – children. This is in accordance with those people who Jewish tradition regards as mourners. If someone is gravely ill, please call us so that we can start to prepare with you and your family. When someone dies, please call Rabbi Goldsmith on his cell phone at 646-957-2692 so that he can assist you in making the proper arrangements. When our clergy are out of town they always ensure full coverage with exceptional colleagues to make sure that our congregants are always taken care of. Having a conversation with any of our clergy about your wishes far in advance saves your family the emotional stress of dealing with some difficult decisions at a very stressful time.

If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Goldsmith.

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B'NEI MITZVAH MAZEL TOV!



We honor Zach Baruch, Jacob Moore, Ellie Goldstein and Eddie Baranowski on becoming B'nei Mitzvah in May and June.

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

ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPENING IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS?

We'd love to share your news in the bulletin!

If you have any exciting announcements that you would like to appear in the bulletin, contact Abbie at 914-967-4382 x18 or alevitt@c-e-w.org.

WHO IS COMMANDING WHO?

Can you name all Ten Commandments? Try it.

Most people cannot name them all. (See Ritual Corner on page 7 for a full list.) And still, people point to them as an important touchstone in their Jewish lives. We like the idea that Judaism – in some way – can be boiled down to ten essential items. And not just Judaism, we often imagine that these Ten Commandments can guide all aspects of our lives, lead us down a path of righteousness, ensure we stay on the straight and narrow.



Rather than get us off the moral hook with simple rules, our commandments force us to look deep within and become the best people that we can be.

Life, of course, cannot be boiled down to any simple list or aphorism. Life is filled with intricacies: family and work, friendships and social obligations, children and world events, electoral politics and more social media than anyone can handle. Each situation requires a different set of guides and norms. The ways that we interact with our families ought to be different than the ways that we interact with our co-workers. We read the news about the world with a different level of investment than the way we read the news about our children's schools. We behave one way at a restaurant with friends and a different way when we enter the sanctuary in the synagogue. Our level of generosity changes depending on how closely we feel impacted by a particular charity rather than its utility to the world as a whole. Sometimes we – appropriately – place ourselves at the center, and sometimes we place others above our own needs and desires.

It would be great if the Ten Commandments gave us simple steps to deal with each and every one of the situations outlined above. Some of the commandments can be applied – at least in part – to many situations. For example, the tenth commandment is Do Not Covet. Being less jealous in any situation would make us more content and so fulfilling this commandment is an admirable goal

– but probably impossible to ever fully achieve in every situation. On the other hand, most of the other commandments do not apply in our daily lives: Do Not Murder probably does not come up very often. And the first commandment, I Am The Lord Your God, well... I just don't know how to fulfill that commandment since it's about belief rather than action.

So what good are the Ten Commandments if they do not provide a consistent road map, if they do not provide guidance for all the situations we'll come across? Like the rest of our religion, the Ten Commandments raise more questions than answers. And, it turns out, it's the questions that matter more than the answers. Take, for example, the Fifth Commandment, Honor Your Father and Mother. Sure, sounds good. But how? Does that mean we should buy them a house or does it mean we should be nice to them? Does it mean that we should fulfill their every wish or does it mean that we should simply do our best? What about a parent who is narcissistic or mean? Do we need to honor a parent like that? We discover, very quickly, the commandment itself is just the tip of the iceberg. And that tip spurs us to **ask questions whose answers can shape our lives for the better** if we let them. Rather than get us off the moral hook with simple rules, our commandments force us to look deep within and become the best people that we can be.

Shavuot, our Jewish festival which we will celebrate at Shabbat services on Friday, May 18, celebrates receiving the Torah from God. Whether we understand that literally or in some more metaphoric way, our conviction that there is a good and right and true way to live our lives is one of the hallmarks of the Jewish people. And, we have no better tool for asking the questions to lead us to that right and good path than our Torah and the many, many commandments contained within.

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Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

NATIONAL DECISION DAY, OR DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

May 1 is National Decision Day, the day when college deposits are made, and high school seniors proudly don the brand new sweatshirt from the college they will soon attend. As the parent of a high school senior, I've spent weeks discussing college choices, and as April draws to an end, have been commiserating with friends and family whose 17 year-olds have been wrestling with agonizing decisions.



Decision-making is complicated when we listen to others more than our own inner voice, even if the decision makes sense rationally.

While some of us are more decisive than others, everyone, in the course of a lifetime, has to make difficult decisions, be it over career, relationships, partner, or where to live. People decide in different ways. I was raised in a household in which the Scientific Method was respected, so it seemed to make sense to make decisions with one's head. This rational approach sometimes involves making a list of pros and cons, and consulting experts.

As a teenager alone in a department store dressing room, I remember deliberating between bathing suits, a green one and a navy one. I couldn't make up my mind, as both met the criteria for style, fit and price. My "decision fatigue" was relieved by a woman who liked the green one better, because it was cheerier. So I bought it. But even as I carried it out of the store, it wasn't with joy, as deep down I preferred the less "cheery" one. Decision-making is complicated when we listen to others more than our own inner voice,

even if the decision makes sense rationally. Trusting your "gut", as the expression goes, implies a physical sensation of rightness, yet we are not always taught to listen to the still, small voice within.

Deciding what to do is especially challenging when we reach an impasse, when we simply feel stuck. Several weeks ago, we recounted at Passover the story of the Exodus from Egypt, with that iconic Cecil B. DeMille moment when Charlton Heston, as Moses, parts the Red Sea. Biblical legend tells of a character named Nachshon, who took the original "leap of faith". With the Egyptian chariots pursuing the Israelites from behind, and the sea in front of them, Nachshon plunged into the water and only then did the sea part.

Taking the plunge can be scary because it involves an element of risk and a relinquishing of control. We may never get all the information we need to assure us that our decision is the best one. Accepting and embracing that uncertainty can be empowering. Even if things don't go exactly as we'd imagined, something is always gained from having weighed the options and chosen a course of action. Not all decisions are irrevocable, and sometimes there is value in just getting "unstuck" and then correcting course if necessary. When we have faith that we will ultimately be okay, that we can own and deal with the outcome of our decisions, we become stronger and wiser.

The best we can do is to make decisions based on the information we have, trusting our judgment and our inner wisdom. Though we cannot ultimately control our destiny, we can forge ahead with the courage and faith of Nachshon.

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Meredith Stone, Cantor

REFLECTIONS: A WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR STONE

MONDAY, MAY 14

12:00PM LUNCH & WORKSHOP

In this workshop, we will 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@c-e-w.org.

THE GOOD PLACE

In NBC's new comedy series *The Good Place*, we meet Eleanor Shellstrop in the afterlife. She is surprised and relieved to learn that she is in the good place, but quickly realizes that she must be there by mistake. With the help of her seemingly perfect neighbors, Tahani and Jianyu, and her soul mate Chidi, Eleanor realizes that it is never too late to change her behavior and become a truly good person.



The Good Place asks its audience the same fundamental question as the bible: “Can the leopard change his spots (Jeremiah 13:23)?” In other words, can we ever truly change who we are? Our tradition and this hilarious series offer us three answers.

The first answer is no, we cannot truly change. Radak, Rabbi David Kimhi, a medieval bible commentator and philosopher, posits that just as we cannot change our skin tone, we cannot change other traits that are natural to us (Radak on Jeremiah 13:23:1). He says that, if we are steeped in evil and so accustomed to it that we act in evil ways subconsciously, then it is as if evil is built into our DNA, and we cannot change.

The second answer is that although we may not be able to change certain parts of ourselves, Jewish tradition teaches us to be continuously self-reflective and strive for change. Each year on the High Holy Days we do *teshuvah*, reflect on the past year to identify places where we missed the mark. Once identified, we take action in order to renew ourselves in the New Year: *tefilah* (prayer), *teshuvah* (repentance), and *tzedakah* (charity). Through these three actions we have the ability to change our fate. Though we may not be able to change who we essentially are, we can change how we live in the world.

Not only are we reminded of this opportunity for renewal during the High Holy Days, we also see it with the start of each new month and even every day! *Kiddush levana*, the ritual of blessing the new moon at the start of each month, reminds us that just as the moon begins its cycle anew, we too have the opportunity to start the month with a clean slate. Additionally, each morning we say the words of *yotzeir or*, praising God for renewing creation each day. With each rotation of the earth our tradition teaches us to see the world and ourselves, all of God's creation, with fresh eyes. Of course, the moon is still the moon continuing its cycle, the earth still the

earth in its constant rotation, and we are still who we are, but nevertheless, we always have the opportunity to reflect on who we were yesterday and live today as we hope to be tomorrow.

“Can the leopard change his spots
(Jeremiah 13:23)?”

Finally, the third answer our tradition gives in response to the question of whether we can fundamentally change is yes. Rabbi Elimelekh of Lizhensk, a founder of the Hasidic movement (an 18th century movement for Jewish spiritual revival), explains, “The holy people of Israel cannot possibly remain forever on the same spiritual level... That is the meaning of, ‘You shall be holy, for I Adonai your God am holy (Leviticus 19:2),’ i.e., because I, the Holy One, dwell within you and arouse you always [to new heights]. This makes it virtually impossible for you to be stationary...” As R. Elimelekh describes, humans are capable of moving ever higher on the ladder of holiness because we are always changing. Our sources describe human beings as *holechim* (“moving”). “If you will walk in my ways then I will give you access (*meholechim*) among these that *omedim* — stand by (Zecharia 3:7).” While constant change and movement characterize humans, only angels are described as stationary. Not only are humans capable of change on a daily basis, our actions transform us spiritually, allowing us to constantly reach new heights.

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Jade Sank, Student Rabbi

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AS THEY APPEAR IN THE TORAH: CHAPTER 20



God spoke all these words,
saying:

1) **I the Lord am your God**
who brought you out of the land
of Egypt, the house of bondage:

2) You shall have no other gods besides Me. **You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image**, or any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I the Lord your God am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generations of those who reject Me, but showing kindness to the thousandth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

3) **You shall not swear falsely** by the name of the Lord your God; for the Lord will not clear one who swears falsely by His name.

4) **Remember the sabbath** day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God: you shall not do any work — you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, or your cattle, or the

stranger who is within your settlements. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

5) **Honor your father and your mother**, that you may long endure on the land that the Lord your God is assigning to you.

6) **You shall not murder.**

7) **You shall not commit adultery.**

8) **You shall not steal.**

9) **You shall not bear false witness** against your neighbor.

10) **You shall not covet** your neighbor's house: you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female slave, or his ox or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

FAMILY SERVICE: YOUTH GROUP SHABBAT HONORING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 7:30PM

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

SHAVUOT YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 8:30AM

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.

This is the final Yizkor service for the year 5778.

CONFIRMATION & SHAVUOT SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 7:30PM

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.

On this day we also mark the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai with a reading of the Ten Commandments.

CONFIRMATION MAZEL TOV!

Caroline Antonacci	Noah Malin
Chloe Barnett	Zoe Miller
Amanda Bortner	Matthew Pariser
Josh Cooper	Victoria Rosenstock
Matthew Cooper	Lara Schechter
Jackson Gaynor	Hannah Tanenbaum
Spencer Gordon	

2017-18 SOCIAL ACTION CALENDAR

We are committed to *tikkun olam*, the repair of our world. Help make our community a better place! Whether you donate your time or provide items to those in need, there are so many ways to get involved. Contact Social Action committee chair Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com for more information.

Brunch Run with Hineini

Sunday, May 6, 7:30am

Mitzvah Shabbat (see page 1 for details)

Friday, May 11, 5:30pm

Upcoming for 2018-19:

Gently Used Backpack Collection

June 1 - June 29

DOROT VISITING OPPORTUNITY

DOROT's programs provide isolated seniors with friendly volunteer visitors, intergenerational connections and holiday celebrations, all making a difference in the lives of older adults. These programs include ongoing and occasional opportunities for volunteers of all ages, providing companionship and lifelong connections across generations.

For more information contact congregant and DOROT Westchester Committee Chair Emily Cohen at 914-414-0636 or emilydcohen@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DON BOSCO COMMUNITY CENTER ESL PROGRAM IN PORT CHESTER

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 any foreign language is necessary, nor is a teaching background! 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 in Port Chester. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jaime Morris at jaime-morris@hotmail.com.

MIDNIGHT RUN BRUNCH RUN

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 7:30AM

Adult congregants are invited to come on the last run of the year. Bring food and clothing to the homeless living in New York City with our Hineini and Youth Group.

We will return to the temple around 10:30am after distributing supplies. Friends are welcome!

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Can't come but would like to donate supplies? Our wish list is below (all items should be adult sized). Please deliver items by May 3 so our teens can sort items ahead of the trip to the city.

WISH LIST (NEEDED BY MAY 3)

Blankets

Coats

Jeans

Sweatshirts

Socks

Boots/sneakers

New underwear

Soft luggage/backpacks

Toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, moisturizer, dental care items and women's sanitary napkins

PAJAMA PROJECT COLLECTION FOR MITZVAH SHABBAT

THROUGH MAY 11

In preparation for Mitzvah Shabbat on May 11 (see page 1 for details), we are collecting *new pajamas and new books* for children of all ages, particularly needed are pajamas and books for young adults.

Pajama Project offers at-risk children the unconditional, magical gifts of new pajamas so that they can enjoy the greatest benefit of a loving bedtime and peaceful good night.

Collection bins will be located in the main lobby throughout the month. Contact Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com for more information.

GENTLY USED BACKPACK COLLECTION

JUNE 1 - JUNE 29

The school year is coming to a close, and if your child will not be using the same backpack next school year, we will gladly take their gently used backpack off your hands! These bags will be used during the Midnight Run in the fall.

Collection bins will be located in the main lobby in June. Contact Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com for more information.

MITZVAH SHABBAT

“A good man does his fellow a favor for no reason save that he is a good man.” Zror Hamor

On May 11 (5:30 - 8:00pm), we will share our very first Mitzvah Shabbat as a congregation. This new twist on celebrating Shabbat gives us the opportunity to sanctify Shabbat through worship, community and the performance of acts of kindness (Chesed).



With the holiday of Shavuot around the corner, I am thinking about Mitzvot, big and small.

The evening will begin with a delicious pizza truck dinner (pizza and salad) accompanied by a series of Mitzvah projects that will help so many in meaningful ways.

Choose to:

- Bake Challah with Debra Cohen
- Prepare ‘Pampering Baskets’ for Gilda’s Club
- Assemble care packages for lone soldiers serving in the Israeli Army (IDF)
- Make fleece blankets for Don Bosco
- Prepare letters and envelopes for Don Bosco
- Color and laminate bookmarks and prepare gift bags for the Pajama Program
- Make pet toys for the local animal shelter
- Plant in our beautiful garden
- Make reusable shopping bags to help protect the environment
- Write letters at the Social Justice Advocacy table

At the beautiful Shabbat service (6:30-7:00pm), we will salute the spirit of volunteerism by honoring our very own Congregation Emanu-El volunteers. Through our prayers, we hope to strengthen our connection to God and to one another.

Following the service, we will continue to enjoy dinner and complete our mitzvah projects.

With the holiday of Shavuot around the corner, I am thinking about Mitzvot, big and small. On Shavuot, the Jewish people received the Ten Commandments.

There are a total of 613 commandments that branch out from the initial ten. They form our system of beliefs and behavior. We live a life of ethical choices and each mitzvah we fulfill intrinsically connects us with God.

There is a beautiful Mishnah from the Ethics of our Fathers that summarizes the centrality of Mitzvot in life, from a very young age through to our later years. “At five a person is ready to study Torah; at ten one is ready to study Mishnah; at thirteen one is ready to be responsible for the Mitzvot; at fifteen one is ready to study Talmud; at eighteen one is ready to marry; at twenty one is ready to pursue a living; at thirty one reaches full strength; at forty one reaches understanding; at fifty one is able to give counsel; at sixty one reaches maturity” (Pirke Avot, Ethics of our Fathers 5:24).

I feel privileged to be able to perform Mitzvot with you, and look forward to sharing the experience through all stages of life.

Shalom,



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director

**LADIES NIGHT OUT PAINT NIGHT WITH
ART MASTER TERRY KESSLER SCHWARZ**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 7:00PM

While you're sipping a glass of wine, our art master Terry will guide you through painting your own unique masterpiece. It's all simple and completely stress free! Everyone gets a gold star! Absolutely no painting experience is needed.

We will provide everything you need: canvas, paints, brushes and even a smock. We will use acrylic paint in primary colors and provide 16 x 20 canvases.

Space is limited. \$35/person, includes refreshments.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21
or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

**ENGAGING AGING: CREATING LIFE
STORIES, A PRELIMINARY GUIDE
AND DISCUSSION**

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 7:30PM

Life stories can be simple annotations to family photos (who, what, where), a collection of life's highlights, or a life history for descendants and relatives to read. The hardest part in creating life stories may be starting, and there are many guides and tools to help.

With congregant Tim Alexander, we will explore a range of such tools, draw upon Tim's own experience in getting started, and provide handouts and references to take home.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or
maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.

TEENS TEACH TECH

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 11:00AM

Learn to use your smartphone, laptop and other technology. Our terrific teens will teach you to use your devices! Sign-up with Marcie at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS, MAY 6 & JUNE 10, 11:00AM

This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed this group to continue for many years. Next Step is facilitated by congregant Paul Spindel (retired executive).

WALK WITH THE RABBI

MONDAY, MAY 7, 9:00AM

What better way is there to discuss a Torah portion than walking at Playland with our community of energetic congregants led by Rabbi Goldsmith?

Meet in the Oakland Beach parking lot.



MAH JONGG & CANASTA

MONDAYS, MAY 7, 14, 21, 6:45PM

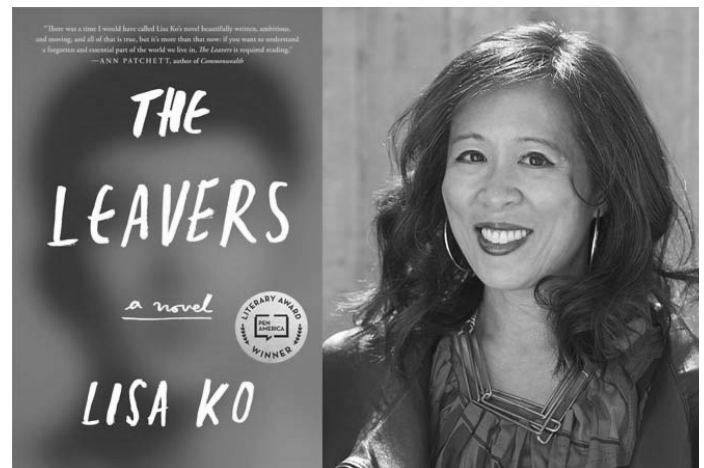
All levels of players are welcome; friends are invited too! If you are interested in playing, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

AUTHOR LUNCHEON WITH LISA KO

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 12:00 - 2:00PM

Author Luncheon with guest speaker Lisa Ko, author of *The Leavers*, winner of the Pen/Bellweather Award for Socially Engaged Fiction and a finalist for the National Book Award.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or
maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.



BOOKS & BITES

AT NORTH STREET TAVERN

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 6:30PM

If All the Seas Were Ink: A Memoir by Ilana Kurshan

To RSVP and for more information, contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.

BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 10:15AM

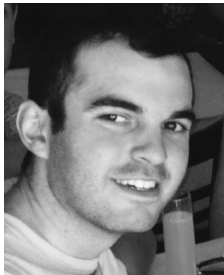
Book to be announced.



FIRST ANNUAL GAME NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF THE JARED DUBRO LEGACY FUND

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 6:30 - 9:00PM

Come play Mah Jongg, Canasta, or other fun games in support of the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester.



Jane, Alan and Alex Dubro have established this fund to support programs, initiatives, and experiences that will bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world.

Suggested donation: \$36/person. Open to the community, bring friends! Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/cewgame>

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 8:00PM

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

Explore the wisdom of our tradition and enjoy some fine scotch. Bring a friend!

TORAH STUDY



Saturday morning. A time of rest.

A time of study. A time for

conversation. A time to discuss the

Torah with Rabbi Goldsmith and other congregants. Our sessions include a brief

worship service with an opportunity to

recite Kaddish and celebrate the Sabbath. No need to sign up - just drop by!

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 9:00AM - BAMIDBAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 9:00AM - BEHA'ALOTCHA

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ONE LAST BULLETIN ARTICLE

Thirty-one years ago as a wife, mother of two and experienced Jewish educator, I began my career as the Religious Educator at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. I joined a warm and welcoming professional staff that included Margie McCabe, Rabbi Dan Wolk, Cantor Meredith Stone, dedicated teachers and two years later Jane Dubro. We shared a vision to joyfully meet the needs of all of our congregant families.



I was welcomed immediately at a September Shabbat family dinner and felt supported and encouraged as I created family programs, teen engagement and educational experiences reflecting our Jewish values, history and traditions. A favorite memory: At one of my first Sunday family programs a parent said to me, "This is great but I already went to Sunday School!" She became one of my biggest supporters! One more vivid memory: Before the addition of the Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center, having only the old Social Hall (now known as The Kaye Family Room) – I had to set up our Chanukah family dinner with extra tables in the archeological gallery to handle the overflow of families!

I am blessed to call this temple my Jewish home. My passion for L'Dor V'Dor – passing on our Jewish faith to the next generation was shared by a dedicated

teaching staff, many of whom I worked with for more than 20 years. I shared my own spiritual growth with our adult congregants through teaching, working with our Adult Bat Mitzvah students, our Women's Study Group, Book Clubs and now our Engaging Aging participants. My husband and I have forged deep relationships with so many of you and my children and granddaughter have experienced important life cycle events in our sanctuary.

On June 1 I will "pass the baton" to Rabbi Jade Sank – a woman, Rabbi and Educator who shares the vision of L'Dor V'Dor and who will be a caring, smart and inspiring leader. I will still live in my Jewish home – as a participating congregant, attending services led by our dynamic Rabbi and wonderful Cantor, leading our Book Clubs, Engaging Aging events and working with our Social Justice Advocacy group to make the world a better place for all to live.

Thank you to every family, child, lay leader and staff member for allowing me to fulfill my passion for Jewish Education and for welcoming my family and me into your lives.

Love,

Marcie

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator



MI ANI 6TH GRADE ARTIFACT MUSEUM

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 11:00AM

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

MIDNIGHT RUN BRUNCH RUN

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 7:30AM

Hineini, Youth Group, and parents will travel to NYC on a bus and will make one stop to serve breakfast, engage in conversation with the homeless and give out supplies. Friends are welcome! This is always a very meaningful experience.

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

WISH LIST (NEEDED BY MAY 3)

Blankets

Coats

Jeans

Sweatshirts

Socks

Boots/sneakers

New underwear

Soft luggage/backpacks

Toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, moisturizer, dental care items and women's sanitary napkins

YOUNG FAMILIES EVENTS



Celebrate Jewish life with your little ones at these celebrations! These events are free and open to the public, friends are always welcome.

For more information, contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday, May 11, 5:30PM

School's Out Carnival (details below)

Sunday, May 20, 11:00AM



YOUNG FAMILIES & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: SCHOOL'S OUT CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 11:00AM - 1:00PM

We will celebrate the end of another wonderful religious school year with our annual carnival: Carnival Golf, 3 in a Row, Clown Bowling, Duck Pond, Cake Walk, face painting & tattoos, ring toss, Donuts on a Rope, jumping castle, basketball, and cotton candy.

Hineini and Youth Group volunteers: please arrive at 9:30am for set-up.

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Lyle Steinberg on the death of his brother Spencer Evan Steinberg
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CALENDAR: MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	2 7:00PM Ladies' Night Out: Painting with Terry Schwarz	3 7:30PM Engaging Aging: Creating Life Stories	4 7:30PM Family Service: Youth Group Shabbat	5 11:00AM Zach Baruch Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
6 7:30AM Hineini Brunch Run 9:30 - 11:30AM Religious School 11:00AM Mi Ani Artifact Exhibit 11:00AM Teens Teach Tech 11:00AM Next Step	7 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	8 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Board Meeting	9	10	11 5:30PM Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner	12 4:00PM Confirmation Picnic at Rabbi Goldsmith's home
13 9:30 - 11:30AM Religious School	14 12:00PM Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation Rehearsal	15 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School: Last Session	16	17 12:00PM Author Luncheon with Lisa Ko	18 7:30PM Confirmation & Shavuot Service	19 9:00AM Torah Study: Bamidbar 5:00PM Jacob Moore Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
20 8:30AM Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service 9:30 - 11:00AM Last Session of Religious School 11:00AM - 1:00PM School's Out: Carnival	21 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta	22	23	24	25 6:30PM Lay Led Service Temple office will close at 1:00pm for Memorial Day	26
27	28 Temple Closed for Memorial Day	29	30	31		

CALENDAR: JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00PM Congregant Art Salon Gallery Opening 6:30PM Annual Meeting 7:30PM Sacred Stories Shabbat: Rhapsody in Jew	2 9:00AM Torah Study: Beha'alotcha 11:00AM Ellie Goldstein Bat Mitzvah Ceremony
3	4	5	6	7 8:00PM Single Malt Torah	8 7:30PM Shabbat Service	9 9:00AM Torah Study: Sh'lach 11:30AM Eddie Baranowski Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
10	11	12 6:30PM Books & Bites at North Street Tavern	13	14	15 7:30PM Shabbat Service	16
17	18	19	20	21 10:15AM Book Club	22 6:30PM Lay Led Summer Shabbat Services Begin	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 6:30PM Lay Led Summer Shabbat Service	30

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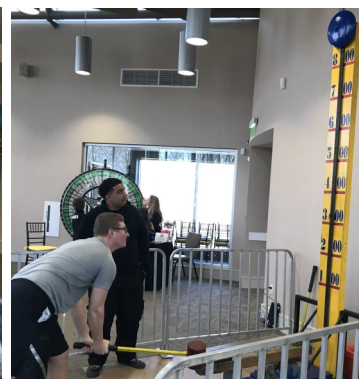


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MAY - JUNE SHABBAT SERVICES

- May 4 **Family Service:**
Youth Group Shabbat
7:30 Service 🎵 🖥️
- May 11 **Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner**
5:30 **Pizza Truck Dinner**
& Service Projects
6:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️
7:00 **More Pizza Truck Dinner**
& Service Projects
- May 18 **Confirmation & Shavuot Service**
7:30 **Service** 🎵
- May 25 **Lay Led Shabbat Service**
6:30 **Service**
- June 1 **Sacred Stories Shabbat:**
Gershwin's Rhapsody in Jew
7:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️
- June 8 **Shabbat Service**
7:30 **Service**
- June 15 **Shabbat Service**
7:30 **Service**
- June 22 **Lay Led Summer Shabbat Service**
6:30 **Service**
- June 29 **Lay Led Summer Shabbat Service**
6:30 **Service**



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CONGREGANT ART SALON, ANNUAL MEETING AND SACRED STORIES SHABBAT: GERSHWIN'S RHAPSODY IN JEW

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

6:00PM ART SALON/6:30PM ANNUAL MEETING
7:30PM SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday June 1 is an important night for our congregation and you'll be glad to be a part of it.

The evening kicks off at 6:00pm with the opening of our annual member art salon in our gallery. Congregants of all ages submit pieces to display their talents in a range of media: photography, painting, drawing, sculpture, fabric. What counts is their intention and their message and the result every year is a beautiful collection expressing our collective muse. Have a piece to show? Contact Jane and get in the show!

Following the art show, we will gather for our Annual Meeting at 6:30pm. This is an important time to come together to get an update on the state of the congregation, thank outgoing board members and welcome new ones to their leadership positions. We need to have 10% of our congregant families represented to reach a quorum for this mandated meeting – please come!



After the Annual Meeting it is on to our beautiful Shabbat service: *Rhapsody in Jew!* After a successful first-run at Purim a couple of years ago, this all-Gershwin Shabbat returns to Emanu-El for a well-deserved encore! Some think that services are boring, but *It Ain't Necessarily So. It's Wonderful* to set our prayers to these beloved tunes as *Summertime* begins. So *Strike Up the Band* and enjoy a service with some *Fascinating Rhythm*. The service begins at 7:30pm. See you on June 1!