

Physically Separate. Always Together.

If someone asked us to plan a virtual synagogue, we would form a committee, spend months studying the question, wring our hands worrying if people would show up, and test various digital platforms to find the right one. Instead, we were thrown headlong into the new world of virtual synagogue life and had days – not months – to move from our physical space into the online world. And it has been great!

Thank you for joining us online for services, programs, our seder, education, and coffee schmoozes. Emanu-El is online and stronger than ever!

As circumstances evolve, we will continue to announce upcoming programs in our Monday email This Week with Emanu-El and our Wednesday Emanumails.

Passover Service: We Came Together As A Community

The first night of Passover this year was certainly a night different from all others! As a community, we came together in a whole new way. We blessed and celebrated the bitter and the sweet together with an online Haggadah, songs, questions and so many familiar faces.



Farewell Rabbi Ross



Jade Ross - a teacher, a mentor, a pastor, a leader, a manager, an organizer, a lifelong learner, a worship leader, a friend - a rabbi. At the end of June, we will say goodbye to this extraordinary woman who began with us as a student rabbi

four years ago and leaves us as an accomplished rabbi and educator. Rabbi Ross has, time and again, helped keep us true to our vision, ensuring that the decisions we make are in line with our highest and best values and consistent with the Jewish tradition that we hold dear. In our school she has put in place curricula, processes, and programs that lay a strong foundation for Naomi Fabes as she takes the helm on July 1st. And, Rabbi Ross has been there for us in times of sadness and in times of joy, in moments of intellectual growth and moments of quiet meditation. She has brought so many blessings to us and we can only wish her joy and success, fulfillment and blessing in all her future endeavors. We will celebrate Rabbi Ross at our Shabbat service on Friday, June 5 at 6:00pm.

Annual Meeting & Shabbat Service

Friday, June 12

6:00pm Annual Meeting/6:30pm Service



The upcoming Annual Meeting on Friday, June 12 will be like no other Annual Meeting our congregation has experienced. Though physically apart, we will be spiritually together! A Zoom link will be circulated via email ahead of the meeting.

At 6:00pm, we will hear an update on the state of the congregation, thank outgoing board members and elect new ones to their leadership positions.

We need to have 10% of our congregant families represented to reach a quorum for this state mandated meeting – please come! Your virtual presence at temple programs and services has been remarkable, and it is important we continue to show up for one another.

Following the Annual Meeting, stay with us for a glimpse of the Congregant Art Show and a 6:30pm Shabbat service that will feature clips from films you know and love – but seen through a Jewish lens.

Purim Services & Celebrations

This Purim was as festive and joyful as any! Our congregation enjoyed an easy-listening evening when Burt Bacharach met the Megillah, and our students of all ages came in their pajamas to celebrate Purim with a shpiel of silly songs and our annual Purim carnival complete with gaga, face painting, a photobooth and prizes.



Mitzvah of the Week: Cards for Heroes and Snacks for Local Nurses



Even from home our students have been supporting our neighbors on the frontlines and those in need in our community. They have sent cards to bring joy to our older neighbors, delivered snacks to nurses who are working to keep our community healthy, donated clothes for children in need, delivered blankets to help local shelters care for animals and so much more.

To get involved in supporting our local community at this difficult time, please look for the Weekly Mitzvah and Community sections of the weekly Emanumail.

Turn to page 8 for other opportunities to do good in our community.



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B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

We would like to honor the following students
who will become B'nei Mitzvah in May and June:

Talia Ifrah

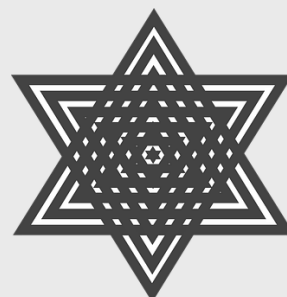
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You Inspire Me

You inspire me. Since the first days of this pandemic our congregation has inspired me with its curiosity, its spirituality, its willingness to experiment and to fail, and to try again and to succeed. You inspire me because you are there for one another through the challenges, pain, and grief and through the small joys, little triumphs, and new discoveries that have marked these weeks. Through our computers and through the phone, through letters mailed and contributions you have made, our congregation has stood together and demonstrated a depth of community, of Jewish spirit, of care and concern – a depth of faith. And, in turn, you have given me faith, faith that Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester – the people and the community and the institution – will not only survive this pandemic, but will be a source of strength that enables us to each make meaning from this challenge that we face.



You inspire me every Friday night when nearly one hundred congregants and friends join together for Shabbat on Zoom and Facebook and our webpage. You have been patient with us as we learn to use the technology, adjust our background images, work with our microphones, figure out when to show prayers and when to show faces. You listen to our guest musicians and speakers. You accept the honor of lighting the candles or saying kiddush or receiving a blessing or reading a prayer. And through it all, the best part is when we first log on and right before we sign off. When we call across the ones and zeros of cyberspace with “hello” and “how are you” and “what’s the painting in the background” and “did you get a haircut” and “I miss being with you” and “I love seeing you”. Each is really a call of “I love you”.

You inspire me with the deep learning that we have done together. Explorations of Torah and American Jewish history and Israel and theology in the time of coronavirus. Beit Midrash and Single Malt Torah and our Women’s Study Group and Confirmation Class have not only met, they have grown. And, with the regular distractions of life somewhat muted, we really dig into the meaning of it all. How the vagaries of Jewish history or law or custom relate to our very modern lives, our “coronalives”, our American lives. The stunning relevance of our ancient ideas in full display on our screens and coming to life in our

homes and on our walks and when we speak with friends or family.

You inspire me in your joy and your grief and your marking of life and time. B’nei mitzvah and baby namings celebrated together from Westchester and Florida and California and Illinois and Boston. Beloved family and friends surprised by the immediacy of our digital tools to gather and convene and convey tradition from one generation to the next – computers turned into sacred vessels. And we use those vessels, too, to console and to grieve. Not “virtual funeral,” not “zoom memorial service,” not “online shiva” but “funeral” and “memorial service” and “shiva” – real ritual and real feeling and real consolation that turn tech into Torah that eases, soothes, relieves the pain of loss to bring consolation and love.

You inspire me with your dedication to making it all work.

You inspire me when your children and their teachers gather around iPads and Chromebooks and Androids for praying and learning with dedicated clergy and teachers. Their earnest answers to our questions, the laughter of distracted siblings, the shenanigans in the chat box – all of it flooding the screen with the life and joy and energy of children. These children gaze at their screen and see that Judaism can master any medium, that our wisdom can be passed by word of mouth or parchment scroll or hand sown manuscript or printed page or internet glowing with joyous song and funny videos and words of Torah made sweet by smiles of children.

You inspire me with your dedication to making it all work. Volunteers who in the midst of telecommuting and homeschooling get on calls with temple staff and one another to plan the next program, work on our budget, figure out fundraising, work on security, think about membership recruitment, manage our building – all of the hundreds of tasks that you do to make our congregation tick. And those volunteers who call to ask how they can help the community – where to donate, where to give food, where to give time. You have not stopped caring passionately about our world and repairing our world through the temple and through dozens of community organizations – through those efforts you are, indeed, changing the world.

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God Bless My Bissell

I love my Bissell! My husband says that I have Vacuumania, and I suppose he is right: there it stands at the ready, my cordless wonder, for a quick living-room tidy-up or a thorough apartment once-over, depending on my mood and tolerance for dust. I'm sensitive to a host of allergens, so regular vacuuming serves an important purpose. But the truth is that I love the immediate gratification of vacuuming: it makes me feel in control. If I'm helpless against the unpredictable tumult of the world, at least I can maintain a little order and beauty in the sanctuary of home.



These days, our world feels out of control in so many ways. At the time of this writing, in April, we are still sheltered at home, deeply into the quarantine brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. We have no idea when our “normal” lives will resume. Humbled, we face the fact that we are not as in control of our lives as we once thought we were.

Still, our strange circumstances have brought us together in so many ways.

Nevertheless, we have been learning how to navigate our extraordinary circumstances: how to work remotely, how to use technology to connect, how to deal with terrible and sudden loss. Each of us has faced individual hardship, and still we will move forward, forever changed and bound together in community.

We do not know how these changes will affect our lives after the pandemic or how our congregation might evolve as a result. But we do know that Jews have been adaptable throughout history. The ancient Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 586 BCE, then rebuilt and destroyed again in 70 CE. That could have been the end of us, but we persisted in new ways.

We continued to evolve in the modern era. In the 1950s and 60s, American Judaism was all about our buildings: Build it and they shall come! In later decades, the focus became programs, speakers, specially themed services, and a host of activities. In recent years, the Reform movement has shifted toward “relational Judaism,” asking how services and programs can leave congregants feeling more connected to one another and to our community.

We don't know what comes next, though some have speculated. A few years ago, Rabbi Goldsmith and I attended a series of seminars envisioning the future of Judaism. Could we imagine a congregation without a building? What seemed incomprehensible then has become our new reality. It is indeed possible to have a vibrant congregation without a building, but clearly nothing can substitute for sitting together in our own sanctuary.

Still, our strange circumstances have brought us together in so many ways. Our Zoom Shabbat services are heavily attended. Each week, we interact with our students in virtual Hebrew-school services and with congregants in informal online coffee and cocktail Zooms. Our virtual *beit midrash* sessions continue to enrich the experience of a lively group of adult learners, and our online Passover seder and Women's Study Group Passover event allowed us to celebrate the holiday together. We have even had the first of our virtual b'nei mitzvah ceremonies.

We do not know what the future will bring. But we do know that our temple remains strong because of the people that make it up. Our congregation will be resilient, flexible, and vital! Let us continue to be anchored and heartened by our connection to one another. From the shelter of our homes, we control what we can, and surrender to the rest.

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

Meredith Stone, Cantor

Kedoshim t'hiyu - You Shall Be Holy

Following the miraculous exodus from Egypt, the next book in the Torah, Leviticus, can be a tough read. Leviticus contains more than a third of the 613 commandments, many of them related to priestly procedures and ancient animal sacrifices. With so many commandments and laws and so little narrative, it is hard to find meaning and personal connection in these Torah chapters. This year however, more than in any other year, we can see ourselves in our biblical ancestor's shoes. We, like our ancestors, are wandering in an unknown wilderness. Like the Israelites of the Torah, we too have been living in a modern-day Leviticus—a new reality.



As our biblical ancestors experienced, learning to live in a new reality can be extremely challenging. However, the book of Leviticus has one main lesson for us as we learn to adapt to our new circumstances: *“Kedoshim t'hiyu—You shall be holy, for Adonai, your God is holy.” Throughout our wandering in an unknown wilderness, we can be more keenly aware of the holiness of every moment and the need to continually build sacred community.*

Together, our Congregation Emanu-El community has shared in so many holy moments this year. We opened religious school, began a new curriculum, shared the High Holy Days, built a community sukkah, sang with Shira Klein and made art with Michael Albert, made a difference in our community, state, nation and world through social action and social justice, celebrated our simchas and rejoiced together during the holidays from Chanukah to Purim. And the holy moments this year have not all been celebratory times, we also found holiness in the ways that we held each other up, gathered together to mourn terrible losses, created cards to bring comfort, supported our neighbors through dark times, prayed for the healing of our own loved ones and of people across the country and the world.

Since March, both beginning the book of Leviticus and moving into a new wilderness of social distancing, I have been inspired by the ways we have continued to come together, build community and share in so many more holy moments. We have continued to support each other in mourning, grief, loneliness and loss. We have celebrated b'nai mitzvah on Zoom, named babies, and shared Passover seders that brought together tens or hundreds of guests from every time zone. We have even continued to build our synagogue community

moving our committee meetings online and continuing to impact our local community through Mitzvah Shabbat and weekly social action projects. We have made calls, sent cards, delivered supplies, shopped for others, sent meals and more. Simple interactions that we might have taken for granted before have become holy at this time of isolation. We have called our neighbors, family members and reconnected with friends near and far. We have shared coffee, baked challah, prayed, sung, attended concerts and learned with incredible teachers and experts, all online. We have found holiness, like our biblical ancestors, even in the wilderness.

We, like our ancestors, are wandering in an unknown wilderness.

Over the past four years, I have come to understand that finding holiness everywhere is one of Congregation Emanu-El's strengths. From creating a welcoming community that truly meets each and every individual where they are, to supporting learners and community members with many varied interests and at every stage of life, you recognize holiness in every individual and in every moment. Though the beautiful building at 2125 Westchester Avenue with its garden, gallery and repaired roof is important and we cannot wait to fill the halls once again, these last couple of months navigating the wilderness of COVID-19 have proven that what defines Congregation Emanu-El is not the roof, the walls, the classrooms or anything physical. Rather, what defines this special community is the way that your equanimity, grace, dedication and love radiates beyond the walls, through the roof and into our world. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from and with you. Thank you for bringing me into your sacred community.

When we finish a book of the Torah, or mark a milestone in our learning, we say *“Chazak! Chazak! v'nitchazek!—Be strong! Be strong! And may we strengthen one another!”* As we finish the book of Leviticus and as I finish my last months as your Assistant Rabbi, I wish you chazak, chazak v'nitchazek—May you, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, go from strength to strength. May you continue to strengthen one another in every wilderness and at all moments of holiness and may you be blessed with community, love and peace.

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

Jade Ross, Assistant Rabbi

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik

Be strong, be strong, and we will strengthen one another

Chazak – Be strong. The COVID-19 virus has created communal challenges beyond our wildest imagination. Our efforts to remain safe and healthy have forced us to stay home and distance ourselves physically from our friends, family and community members. Yet we remain strong, chazak. In spite of the physical barriers, our inspired and inspiring Emanu-El leadership has implemented opportunities for us to connect with and support each other and those around us who are in need. Whether we socialize during Zoom coffee get-togethers, participate in learning sessions, or engage in Mitzvah of the Week projects, we are connecting and we are strong.

The Zoom learning opportunities reach all members of our entire community, including our youth. The offerings are frequent, interesting and varied. In addition to clergy-led sessions, we are fortunate to have congregants who lend their expertise to the mix. For instance, Debra Cohen has been leading Challah workshops from her kitchen and Janelle Berger leads meditative practice from her home.

I am especially proud of our Mitzvah of the Week projects. To date we have delivered car loads of cereal to Hope Community Food Pantry, sent virtual cards to The Osborn in Rye and the New Jewish Home Sarah Newman, cleaned out our closets for Kids' Klostet, made cards and wrote letters of gratitude to first responders, and delivered snacks to nurses temporarily housed at Doral Arrowwood.

Chazak – We are strong. Our families and our community are a source of strength. From our living rooms we attend beautiful weekly Zoom Shabbat Services, meaningful Passover Seders (women's and communal), Beit Midrash learning and Hebrew School Tefillah Services. So while we cannot enter our temple building, our success and source of strength is that we have brought the temple into our homes and our lives.

V'nitchazek – We must strengthen each other. I know first-hand how special our community is and how our members reach out to support one another. And the current situation is no exception. Members reach out to one another just to check in or to ask if help is needed. Yes, we are facing significant challenges, but I am filled with pride to be part of this community, a community



whose members share their strengths and come together, even if virtually, to support one another.

We must strengthen each other.

Soon, God willing, we will, once again, resume communal life in person. Our experiences during this crisis will make us stronger than ever, and we will be able to rely on our collective strengths to persevere, lead, and form new meaningful connections.

We are “Am Yisrael Chai,” which translates to “the nation of Israel lives.” We are strong, we overcome adversity with determination and confidence and with the knowledge that we will be able to meet any challenges the future may bring.

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director

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I am not the first to say that we are in extraordinary times. It is no surprise that we have met these times in extraordinary ways. We've pulled together to support one another intellectually, communally, and spiritually. This will not only ensure Emanu-El's ability to sustain itself, it will ensure that we can help one another across this narrow bridge, through this split sea, around this desert and into the promise of better days ahead.

Thank you for all you do for each other and this congregation. Thank you for inspiring me.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

Marking Time with a Place in Time



These days it is harder than ever to distinguish one day from the next. Work-life boundaries have completely fallen to the wayside. Rituals of dress and commuting and school and social life have

ceased. This uninterrupted flow can be disorienting, even anxiety producing. Luckily, Judaism has a cure for this.

About Shabbat, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: “The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned

to holiness in time. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation, from the world of creation to the creation of the world.”

Help to mark time by declaring the holiness of Shabbat. How? When a student posed this question to Heschel he said, “Start by lighting candles.” We can bring the spirit of Shabbat into our homes by lighting candles on Friday evening. Do it with us on Zoom or do it on your own. Either way, use this ancient ritual to add texture, joy and holiness to your weeks, to your time.

STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

It is more important than ever that we continue with our acts of tikkun olam (repairing the world) in our communities. With social distancing as our new norm, volunteering looks a lot different than it did even two months ago, but there is no shortage of opportunities to help those in need of support at this time.

DOROT Westchester: Caring Calls to Homebound Seniors



More than 300 New York-based volunteers and seniors have been paired to date for Caring Calls, DOROT's new program bringing warmth, conversation and social connection to older adults in isolation due to COVID-19.

Volunteers are matched with DOROT elders for phone visits once or twice a week over a four-week period. The calls take the place of in-home visits that were suspended in March.



This is a significant and meaningful opportunity for intergenerational connection and friendship.

To volunteer, contact Mindy Perez at mperez@dorotusa.org or call Cippi Harte at 914-485-8356.

RideConnect: Recruiting Volunteers to do Grocery & Medication Delivery for Seniors



RideConnect, a not-for-profit program of Family Services of Westchester, is dedicated to providing transportation resources for older adults, and it is mobilizing quickly to meet the new demand for delivery services to seniors.

RideConnect's vast database of seniors in Westchester and Southern Putnam Counties allows them to quickly match volunteers with isolated seniors in need.

To volunteer or to inquire about receiving grocery or medication deliveries, email Karen Ganis at kganis@fsw.org for details.



Baby Bank Westchester Diaper Drive

Baby Bank's mission is to help local families in need keep their babies clean, healthy and happy. In response to the needs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Baby Bank Westchester has transformed into a “diaper bank”.

Support their effort by dropping off or shipping diapers to Baby Bank Westchester, 901 North Broadway, North White Plains, NY 10603; or making a monetary donation online at <https://www.914cares.org/donation>.

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Our community offers condolences to:

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Emanu-El Relief Fund

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our anonymous Emanu-El Relief Fund

The Emanu-El Relief Fund

The economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are impacting people across our society and in our congregation. Keeping in mind the Talmudic teaching that **כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה** *Kolyisrael arevim zeh baze* All Israel is responsible for one another." (Talmud, Shavuot 39a), we have established the Emanu-El Relief Fund to ensure that congregants can meet their basic needs.

The fund will help to subsidize the costs of: food, utility bills, rent, childcare, tutoring, funeral expenses and other immediate needs. Requests for assistance and donations to the fund will be completely anonymous.

If you are in need of assistance with the types of expenses outlined above, please email Rabbi Goldsmith directly at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or call his cell phone at 646-957-2692. To donate to the fund, please mail a check to the synagogue made out to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester with the words "Relief Fund" in the memo line, or visit the online donation page at www.c-e-w/relieffund.

As we take care of one another spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually, we will also care for physical needs.

Family Learning Shabbat with Artist Michael Albert



Our second Family Learning Shabbat for our religious school students and families was an incredible success! Families worked with local pop-artist Michael Albert to create a custom collage for our congregation in honor of Rabbi Goldsmith's 10th year! The collage features the central commandment from the Torah, "Love your neighbor as yourself." We are looking forward to welcoming Michael back in the fall with an exhibit in our gallery.

Special Shabbat Musical Guest: Yoni Battat



Boston-based multi-instrumentalist, vocalist and composer Yoni Battat, joined us via Zoom for a special musical shabbat and shared the sounds of the Middle East.

Charlie Silverstein: A Zoom Bris with the Kornreich Family



Jewish life does not stop for anything! Jim and Meredith Kornreich joined with family from across the country to welcome their grandson, Charlie Silverstein, into the covenant of Israel. Mazel tov to the parents, Jenny and Josh Silverstein!

Mazel Tov to the Tanenbaum Family!



Rebecca Tanenbaum was our first bat mitzvah student to take the plunge onto zoom for her bat mitzvah ceremony. The joyful morning - with over 200 attendees - culminated with Rebecca's reading of Torah (which Rabbi Goldsmith delivered earlier in the week!) and offering a beautiful reflection on its meaning. And then her siblings threw candy at her!

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Anat Hoffman - Women of the Wall: From the Back of the Bus to the Top of the Agenda

Sunday, May 17, 9:00am



Should the Ultra-Orthodox in Israel control when and where women can be seen and heard? Does the Jewish character of the state mean applying Ultra-Orthodox modesty standards in the secular realm? In recent years, Israel has faced these

questions and Anat Hoffman has been on the front lines protecting women from discrimination and segregation. She leads this important work with cases involving: segregation on public transportation; exclusion of women in public ceremonies and events; discrimination at the Western Wall against women wishing to pray; and girls wishing to have a Bat Mitzvah ceremony; and silencing of women singers on religious radio and in army ceremonies.



Anat Hoffman is an Israeli activist and serves as Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, also known as IRAC. She is the director and founding member of Nashot HaKotel, also known as

Women of the Wall. Women of the Wall is an organization fighting for the right of women to pray aloud, with Torah scrolls and tefillin, at the Kotel.

Registration is required and space is limited. Visit our website to register.

Co-sponsored by Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, The Israel Religious Action Center, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation B'nai Yisrael, Community Synagogue of Rye, Greenwich Reform, Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester,

Unorthodox Author Deborah Feldman

Sunday, May 24, 3:00pm



Spend an hour with Deborah Feldman, author of The New York Times bestselling memoir *Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots*. The book documents the story of her repression by, and escape from, an ultra-religious Jewish community in Brooklyn.

Deborah, a captivating writer and storyteller, will discuss her harrowing and, ultimately, inspiring journey. She will answer your questions during this special event.

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This event is brought to you by Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation KTI, and JCC of Harrison.

Call for Submissions: Congregant Art Salon

Art due: Monday, May 25/Opening: Friday, June 12

Showcase your talents in Emanu-El's first virtual art show. This show will highlight the perspectives of the artists in our midst. We encourage congregants of all ages to participate in this celebration of art and culture.

Submission guidelines:

- you may submit up to 3 pieces of art as JPEGs or PDFs
- include the title for each piece submitted

For more information and to submit your artwork, email Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org.