

## SEX 'N' THE SACRED WITH MAGGIE ANTON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:30PM



The authors and characters of our sacred texts led full lives with all the joys and sorrows, successes and failures that come along with living. No one has explored how the sexual side of these characters impact their religious lives like author Maggie Anton. We will learn

with this gifted author and scholar immediately following our joyful, engaging, and musical Sacred Stories Shabbat.

Anton's books on Rashi's daughters bring to life the family of Judaism's most famous commentator. In her newest book, *Fifty Shades of Talmud*, she "reveals how Jewish tradition is more progressive in many respects, and more bawdy, than one might think."



**CHANUKAH  
HAPPENINGS  
ON PG. 7**

## TALES OF THE EARLY IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA WITH RABBI EMERITUS DANIEL S. WOLK

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 1 & 8, 12:00PM

Follow a fur trader to the Midwest. Sit on the curb with a now famous rabbi who lost his language. Discover what happens when you mix up Kenton and Canton. Meet the man who raised collies. And tell us your own story.

How did your family come to America?

RSVP to Jane at [jdubro@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationmanuel.org) or 914-967-4382 x21. A light lunch will be served.



## RUSSIAN JEWRY: FROM SOVIET SUPPRESSION TO MASSIVE MIGRATION TO REVITALIZING RENAISSANCE

**SAMUEL L. & JANE L. FRIEDMAN LECTURE ON PEACE & UNDERSTANDING**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

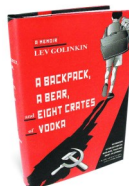
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7:30PM SERVICE & LECTURE

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## ROSH HASHANAH NATURE WALK AND TASHLICH



## SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION



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## WELCOME THE STRANGER, PROTECT THE REFUGEE

Rabbi Goldsmith preached about this important issue on Erev Rosh Hashanah. For background on this resolution recently passed by our Board of Trustees, you may read the sermon online at <http://tinyurl.com/erevRH>.

RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WESTCHESTER (OCTOBER 18, 2016)  
Whereas the world is undergoing its worst refugee crisis in history;

Whereas the Jewish people have been refugees for most of the last two thousand years;

Whereas the Jewish people are now blessed to live in greater safety and security than at any time in our history;

Whereas the Torah commands 36 times, more than any other commandment, that we are to "welcome the stranger because we were strangers in the land of Egypt";

Whereas Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester and our congregants have resources to share and a desire to help;

Whereas Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester has a history of helping refugees resettle in this area; and

Whereas we have a strong commitment to social action and social justice as demonstrated by our many programs and initiatives; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* that Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester joins the Welcome Campaign of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS); and be it further

*Resolved* that Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester affirms HIAS's statement of support for welcoming refugees to our shores; and be it further

*Resolved* that should the State Department agree to settle refugees in Westchester, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester will actively participate in helping to settle a refugee family.

If you are interested in getting involved in our efforts, contact Dan O'Connor at 914-967-4382 x11.



## THEIR HERITAGE TRAIL & OURS

A couple of weeks ago the thermometer read 82 degrees despite the late date. This made the vibrant fall colors around Silver Lake seem somewhat incongruous. I turned uphill from the shoreline heading west northwest. The well-marked and maintained lakeside path slowly faded. Leaves filled in mixed with bushes and downed trees. The occasional trail marker nailed to trees many years ago read "Heritage Trail" in faded red, white and blue. The trees had started to grow over many of these signs, bark and wood covering their rusting edges. The trail was all but gone so I enjoyed the bushwhacking, taking my time to find where the "trail" continued, climbing over downed trees and on top of Colonial-era stone walls.



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Eventually I came to the border of Silver Lake Preserve and a sign which read: Stony Hill Cemetery. The trail remained largely obscured but with some guesswork I climbed a ridge, ducked under a fallen tree and came upon the 19<sup>th</sup> century cemetery. Low-slung stones without inscriptions came up

through the forest floor at irregular intervals. Occasional American flags stood next to some of the stones, faded and with a bit of mildew, but still marking the graves of US soldiers. Bright leaves, dappled sunlight, evergreens, fallen trees, moss, a stand of bamboo and headstones: incongruous yet harmonious. I could not find the continuation of the Heritage Trail. For me it ended at this cemetery turned forest. Heritage ending at a cemetery and yet embraced by the natural world. It was melancholy and beautiful all at once.

While the Heritage Trail seemed to end there, heritage itself, of course, did not. The people buried in this beautiful spot had values and dreams, children and grandchildren. They stood for important ideas

and worked hard to make their way in our world. These – not worn headstones – were their true legacies, the heritage they left for their communities, their loved ones, and their posterity. Their church's foundation and hearth stood a short ways off, covered with moss but still surrounded by the pachysandra they may have planted with their own hands. I sat near their hearth stone and considered our heritage, that which we've inherited from our own ancestors, the Jews who came before us. Over the High Holy Days which had just passed, that heritage feels so close, so vibrant. During the Days of Awe we inevitably feel a connection with our shared traditions, the ways of our parents and grandparents. The High Holy Days clear the leaves that cover the pathways of our heritage. Over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we walk well-trod paths of tradition, ritual, and memory.

The Heritage Trail, like our own Jewish heritage, is beautiful and varied. It has challenging spots, areas where debris has collected over time, sections which seem impassable. Yet, walking the pathway of our heritage – like that wooded trail – can help to connect us to our roots any time of year. A commitment to uncovering its route gives us perspectives on the events of our days rooted in ancient values and customs. It is a pathway that can always deliver enduring meaning.

The return hike, retracing my steps back to Silver Lake, proved a bit easier. Once I'd explored the Heritage Trail, I knew where to go. Eventually I came back to the well-worn, well-marked paths of Silver Lake Preserve. The sunlight bounced off the lake and the noises of cars and lawn mowers slowly merged once more with the sounds of birds and squirrels. Pressing matters at the temple required my attention, and family needs, and the day-to-day that makes a life. I had a path to walk, a path I intend to keep well-marked, leaf free, and still full of beauty and color and light.

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

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi



## RITUAL CORNER: HAMSA הַמָּסָה



God's name - **יהוה**, or a Jewish star in the middle of the palm.

Early use of the Hamsa has been traced to ancient Mesopotamia. It served as an amulet for protection against danger, to promote fertility in women, and to defend against the "evil eye". It made its way into Jewish culture through the Sephardic and Mizrahi (Middle Eastern) Jewish communities that lived

peacefully among Muslims for thousands of years. In the Middle Ages, the Kabbalists, Jewish mystics, adopted the Hamsa as a sign of the connection between people and God. With the resurgent interest in Kabbalah, the Hamsa has become something of a fashion accessory. Many people wear them as jewelry, dangle them from rearview mirrors, display them as wall hangings or in paintings, as well as on mezuzahs, bookmarks, keychain, or candlesticks.

While this symbol has a distinctly Jewish connotation, we share it with many cultures and peoples. Perhaps the luck that we hope for with a Hamsa, can one day bless with peace all who share this symbol.

## RABBI GOLDSMITH'S UPCOMING SABBATICAL

*"...the seventh year is a sabbath of Sabbaths..." – Leviticus 25*

It is customary that every seventh year, rabbis receive a sabbatical – a period of time away from the day-to-day congregational responsibilities to pursue Judaism's three pillars: Learning, Prayer and Deeds of Loving-Kindness. Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester has generously continued this tradition for me this year, 5777. I will take two, three-month periods of time away from the congregation to focus on my learning, spiritual development, and the practice of good deeds.

### Torah – Learning

My studies will ensure that I can continue to bring the wisdom of our tradition to the congregation. I will blog about the connection between our modern lives and the prophetic books of the Bible as well as a series of Talmudic texts. I will also do formal coursework this summer in New York and Jerusalem.

### Avodah – Worship/Spirituality

Jewish spirituality is connected to the world in which we live. My sense of spirit is strongest in the wilderness and in Israel. Spending time in both will refresh the spirituality that I bring to leading worship for the congregation.

### G'milut Chassadim – Acts of Loving Kindness

While I preach about a range of important social issues, I live and work in a very narrow band of the socio-economic spectrum. During my sabbatical I will volunteer with vulnerable communities in Westchester to better understand our community and to help in whatever small way I can.

While I am away, the temple will be in good hands. Cantor Stone will lead worship together with our student rabbi, Jade Sank. Cantor Stone, Student Rabbi Sank, Rabbi Emeritus Dan Wolk, and our congregant Rabbi Bruce Freyer will help to cover funerals that may arise. Abbie Levitt will continue to oversee the administration of the temple's day-to-day needs. Our lay leadership, led by President Susan Amkraut, will ensure that we continue moving in the strategic direction that has brought us so much meaning and success.

During my Sabbatical I will continue to write bulletin messages and periodic Emanumail messages. I will lead the adult trip to Israel in January. I will have the honor of officiating at two b'nei mitzvah and will work with families who will celebrate b'nei mitzvah this coming spring. And, of course, with Lev and Talia in our religious school, I will continue to participate in the life of our congregation as a parent.

I will be on sabbatical from December 17, 2016 – March 16, 2017 and then again from June – August of 2017. Thank you for this opportunity, for the trust that you continue to place in me, and for the joy and fulfillment that you bring to my life.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

## SHARING OUR STORIES

Current research on aging suggests that as we get older, it's relationships that sustain us the most; that we are happier and healthier when we feel connected to others. By broadening and deepening our relationships we create more community. Here at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, we aim to foster community in all of our programming.



In the open and supportive atmosphere of the group, our stories were often revealing, humorous, heartfelt and touching

One way we get to know each other better is through sharing our stories. We now offer many opportunities to do so, among them my Reflections Workshops (next on January 9), our Sacred Stories Shabbat services, and the Women's Study Group.

As the name of the latter group denotes, there is an educational component to our get togethers; however, sharing our stories (along with eating!) constitutes a large part of what we do within this warm community of women.

All of our gatherings (with the exception of our annual winter retreat) are rooted in the holidays that punctuate the Jewish year. Recently, on Sukkot, the loose theme of the evening was *mitzvah*, a word we

often think of as "good deed" but really means "commandment". First, we fulfilled the *mitzvah* of dwelling in the sukkah and shaking the lulav and etrog. Through this ancient ritual we acknowledged both the fragility of life, symbolized by the sukkah itself, as well as the joy and abundance in our lives, represented by the harvest.

Later, we shared *mitzvah* stories, each participant choosing a "Mitzvah Card" as a prompt. These little tales ranged from *mitzvot* such as *Hachnassat Orchim* (Welcome guests) and *Shalom Bayit* (Create peace in your home) to *Shema* (Listen) and *Hayotzei mipiv ya'aseh* (Keep promises). In the open and supportive atmosphere of the group, our stories were often revealing, humorous, heartfelt and touching.

With 613 *mitzvot* in the Torah, both ritual and ethical, we have myriad daily opportunities to live a mitzvah-centered life, and can make performing *mitzvot* a regular personal spiritual practice. Through sharing our stories on Sukkot, we became more aware of the *mitzvot* we perform every day, and more connected with one another. Every woman from Congregation Emanu-El is invited to all events of the Women's Study group, and will be warmly welcomed.

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

Meredith Stone, Cantor

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## NIGHT OF MUSIC & JOY WITH CANTOR STONE AT BETH EL SYNAGOGUE IN NEW ROCHELLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:30PM

Cantor Stone and 20 cantors from synagogues around the area will be performing in the upcoming Night of Music & Joy, an event highlighting the cantors of Westchester and the importance that music plays in our community.

The concert will be followed by a dessert reception.

Tickets: \$20/person before November 10; \$25/person after November 10 and at the door. Tickets can be purchased by going to [www.wjcouncil.org](http://www.wjcouncil.org).





## CHANUKAH SERVICES AND CELEBRATIONS



### WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP CHANUKAH POT LUCK DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30PM

The women of the congregation join together to learn with our Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit and Cantor Meredith Stone. We will give thanks, bask in the light, and enjoy a delicious meal.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or [maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org)

### CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:30PM

Delicious chicken and homemade latkes fill up the tables of our beautiful Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center for our annual Chanukah dinner. Bring your family to celebrate Chanukah with your extended Emanu-El family!

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

To RSVP and pay online, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/chanukahcew2016>

You may also RSVP to Jen at 914-967-4382 x12 or [jberman@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:jberman@congregationmanuel.org)

### CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7:30PM

B.Y.O.M. (Bring Your Own Menorah) for our annual Shabbat celebration of Chanukah. We will get in the Chanukah spirit with our band and annual sing-a-long. We will also honor teachers and madrachim in recognition for all that they do. Bring your menorah to help create a warm glow for all at this fun service.

### YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:30AM

Latkes, games, crafts, and music! After a fun, musical service we'll light the Chanukah candles in anticipation of the coming festival.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or [jdubro@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationmanuel.org)

### ICLC INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: ONE NATION UNDER GOD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:30PM



Join the Interfaith Congregational Laymen's Committee, Rabbi Goldsmith, and other Harrison clergy to celebrate Thanksgiving together. This year's theme is "One Nation Under God".

St. Gregory the Great Church will be welcoming the synagogues and churches of Harrison as we join together in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

St. Gregory the Great Church is located at 215 Halstead Avenue, Harrison.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SOCIAL JUSTICE SHABBAT FEATURING THE ISAAC MEMORIAL LECTURE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 7:30PM





## 2016 - 17 SOCIAL ACTION CALENDAR

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

**HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE - DONE!**  
OCTOBER

**COATS FOR HOPE - DONE!**  
OCTOBER

**MIDNIGHT RUN WITH HINEINI - DONE!**  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER:  
TEAM EMANU-EL - DONE!**  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

**COMMUNITY MEAL AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**HAVE A HEART TOY DRIVE**  
NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 2

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
AT HOPE HOUSE**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

**FOOD PANTRY CEREAL DRIVE**  
JANUARY

**AFYA WITH OUR YOUTH GROUP**  
MONDAY, JANUARY 16

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PANTRY**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

**KIDS' KLOSET COLLECTION**  
MARCH

**BRUNCH RUN WITH HINEINI**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19

**COLLECTION FOR AFYA**  
APRIL

**DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 2

**MITZVAH DAY:  
DAY OF LEARNING AND DOING**  
MAY 7

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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 any other foreign language is necessary and you do not need 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, Port Chester, NY (near Costco).

For more information or to volunteer, email: Doreen Kushel at [dkushel@icloud.com](mailto:dkushel@icloud.com) or Emily Cohen at [emilydcohen@gmail.com](mailto:emilydcohen@gmail.com).

### KNITZVAH CORPS

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 7 & DECEMBER 5  
6:30PM

Our Knitzvah Corps meets monthly to knit baby clothing, blankets, and chemo caps to donate to those in need. We enjoy an evening of knitting and schmoozing while performing a lovely mitzvah. This is a group activity that enables us to experience a true sense of social action. All are welcome.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21  
or [jdubro@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationmanuel.org).

### DOROT WESTCHESTER VISITING OPPORTUNITY

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

For more information, please contact Emily Cohen at 914-381-1260 or [emilydcohen@gmail.com](mailto:emilydcohen@gmail.com).





## HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE: THANK YOU!



We asked, you donated, and we delivered. Over 900 lbs. of food was collected during our High Holy Day Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank For Westchester!

## WHERE DO OUR YOM KIPPUR BREAK FAST LEFTOVERS GO?

We hope you are happy to know that the temple donates leftover food (mostly bagels, veggies, fruit, cookies) to HOPE House in Port Chester.

## COATS FOR HOPE: THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this very important drive for local children. We collected over 30 brand new winter coats for children of all ages through Children's Hope Chest, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families in need.

The Food Bank For Westchester provides a majority of the food that 230 active hunger-relief programs, including food pantries and soup kitchens, give to hungry people throughout Westchester.

## COMMUNITY DINNER AT ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MAMARONECK

COOKING (TEMPLE):

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 10:00AM

DINNER (AT ST. THOMAS):

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 4:00 – 7:00PM

Interested in preparing and/or serving a wonderful meal for the Mamaroneck community? Volunteers will be working with congregant Bruce Freyer in cooking for the event and/or volunteering at the event.

We'll be cooking here at the temple and serving/cleaning-up at St. Thomas Episcopal Church located at 168 Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck. You can volunteer for either or both! Ages 10 and up may participate (parents must accompany children).

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedozo@aol.com).

## HAVE A HEART TOY DRIVE NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 2

Help us bring a smile to the faces of children between the ages of 7-9 this holiday season.

The Have a Heart Toy Drive, sponsored by Westchester Jewish Community Services, distributes gifts to those in need during the holiday season.

We will be collecting gender neutral, new, unwrapped gifts and \$25 gift cards at the temple through December 2. Should you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester and note "Social Action" in the memo line.

For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedozo@aol.com).

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT HOPE HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Help put together a joyous Christmas celebration for the members of HOPE House in Port Chester. Volunteers are needed to socialize and serve, or you are welcome to bring food for the celebration.

If you're interested in volunteering for this event, contact Emily Cohen at 914-381-1260 or [emilydcohen@gmail.com](mailto:emilydcohen@gmail.com).

# YOUTH AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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## TELLING OUR STORY

*"Remember the days of old; reflect upon the years of [other] generations. Ask your father, and he will tell you; your elders, and they will inform you." (Deut. 32:7)*

A recent trip by our congregation to the Jewish Museum illuminated the Jewish story of survival and continuity. Jews have survived and flourished under the most challenging of circumstances. Being displaced after the destruction of the ancient Jerusalem Temples forced the Jewish people to think "out of the box" or should I say "out of the Temple". We became a diaspora group of Jews that learned to take our traditions on the road as we moved to safer vistas. One thing that helped to keep the Jewish people centered was the Torah. The Torah tells us the stories of our past, and today we are creating the newest chapter of our story.



The Jews have preserved some traditions of old, have changed others and have added new traditions that allow us to fit into our communities. Our 7th grade Hineini class and parents traveled back in time at the Tenement Museum and heard the stories of Jewish immigration to America. Jews came to America with the promise of a safe harbor and freedom to practice Judaism. These stories led to conversations about our own families and how they came to the United States. These stories weave a beautiful tale of the Jewish experience and the uniqueness of each of our Jewish lives.

We will feature the story of Soviet Jewry during our Shabbat service on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at our annual Samuel L. and Jane L. Friedman Lecture on Peace and Understanding. At one time, the vast territories of the Russian Empire hosted the largest population of Jews

in the world. Under the Soviet Union, every effort was made to erase Jewish identity while, at the same time, prejudice against Jews continued unabated. The international Soviet Jewry Movement sought their freedom, refusniks suffered behind the iron curtain, and those who managed to get out struggled to establish themselves in Israel, the US, and Western Europe.

Today, Jewish life in the former Soviet Union is experiencing an unprecedented renaissance. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we'll hear from Lev Golinkin, author of a memoir about his family's escape from the Soviet Union and the journey to a new life in America. We'll also be joined by Richard S. Hirschaut from the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The JDC played a vital role in the resettlement of Soviet Jews and continues the critical work of sustaining Jews still living in Russia and fostering new Jewish life in that historic land. This story and the other stories we will explore during the upcoming year will inspire us to use our stories, our past, to chart a course for the future.



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director

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## B'NEI MITZVAH MAZEL TOV!

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



ZACH GRANN  
RYAN ROSENBERG  
SAM SINDELL

## MAZEL TOV!

...to Richard & Arline Josephberg on the marriage of their daughter Jessica to Brandon Steiner.

...to Bruce Freyer who was honored as the 2016 Angel of the Year by HOPE House.



...to John & Terry Schwarz on the birth of their second grandchild Abigail Jane Schwarz on October 26. Parents Jamie & Katie Schwarz, and sister Lilah are delighted with her arrival.



## BOOK CLUB AND BOOKS & BITES

BOOK CLUB:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 10:30AM

**A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka**

by Lev Golinkin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 10:30AM

**Book TBD, guest facilitator Rabbi Emeritus**

**Daniel S. Wolk**

BOOKS & BITES:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7:00PM

**A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka**

by Lev Golinkin

For more information, contact Marcie at [maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org) or 914-967-4382 x15.

## ISRAEL BEYOND "THE CONFLICT" WITH STUDENT RABBI JADE SANK

FRIDAYS, NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 12:00PM

Every time the political rollercoaster of an American presidential election comes around, questions about the candidates' relationships with Israel are of considerable concern to many American Jews. During the month of November, we will explore an Israel beyond "The Conflict" and American politics.

A light lunch will be served.

RSVP to Jade at [jsank@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:jsank@congregationemanuel.org) or 914-967-4382 x11.

## 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, NOVEMBER 5, 9:00AM, NOACH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9:00AM, VAYERA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9:00AM, TOLDOT

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## iENGAGE: A DEEP DIVE INTO ISRAEL

iEngage is committed to addressing core questions pertaining to the necessity and significance of the Jewish national enterprise; how a Jewish state should exercise power; why a Jew who lives outside of Israel should care about Israel; and what the State of Israel can offer the world.

This 10-session course will meet Thursday nights from 7:30 - 9:30pm, and will be hosted at different local synagogues.

### November 3 Intro to Israel/"Mechinah"

Location: Congregation Emanu-El with Rabbi Goldsmith

### November 10 From Crisis to Covenant

Location: Congregation Emanu-El with Rabbi Goldsmith

### November 17 Religion & Peoplehood

Location: Community Synagogue with Rabbi Gropper

### December 1 Sovereignty & Identity

Location: Community Synagogue with Rabbi Gropper

### December 8 Power & Powerlessness

Location: KTI with Rabbi Alpert

### December 15 War & Occupation

Location: KTI with Rabbi Alpert

### January 5 Morality on the Battlefield

Location: JCCH with Rabbi Hammerman

### January 12 Jewish & Democratic State

Location: JCCH with Rabbi Hammerman

### January 19 Religious Pluralism & Human Rights

Location: Community Synagogue with Rabbi Frankel

### January 26 Values Nation

Location: Community Synagogue with Rabbi Frankel

For more information on this program, please contact Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x18 or [hgoldsmith@congregationemenauel.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@congregationemenauel.org).





## LEARN TO PLAY CANASTA

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00PM

Canasta is a high energy card game – have fun and improve your game playing skills. The class is perfect for beginners, intermediates, and advanced players looking to review the basics and sharpen their skills. You will gain confidence and play to win!

Cost: \$10/person per session.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or [jdubro@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationemanuel.org). Friends welcome!

## CHAI MITZVAH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 10:15AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM

A new curriculum for the parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders to help them deepen their own Jewish commitment and understanding in the year leading up to their children's b'nei mitzvah. This year: lies and truth in Jewish tradition. When does Jewish law demand complete honesty and when does it allow us to bend the truth? With budding adolescents in our homes, this question becomes even more important. This also provides a great opportunity to get to know Rabbi Goldsmith, the rest of the clergy and other parents in your child's grade.

## MEDITATION & YOGA

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
& DECEMBER 6, 13, 9:30AM

Learn proper yoga postures, breathing techniques and mindful meditation in this hour-long class.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21  
or [jdubro@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationemanuel.org).

## NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS NOVEMBER 13 &  
DECEMBER 11, 11:00AM

This group of men meets 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.

Led by retired congregant Paul Spindel.

## GALLERY OPENING:

**AUDREY UNGER REICH**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7:00PM

Audrey creates mixed media paintings inspired by the interaction between nature and history, particularly Jewish history. Her works incorporate photographs and imagery from her travels to Eastern Europe, including her father's hometown of Tarnow, Poland. The trees and sky above these places witnessed horrific brutality and depravity, as well as moments of beauty and hope.



Precedes the Friedman Lecture on Peace and Understanding (see page 1).

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21  
[jdubro@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationemanuel.org). Free and open to the public. Refreshments served.

A portion of the proceeds from the exhibit will be donated to the Social Action Committee of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester.

## SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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.

Meet and spend time with other men in the congregation. Bring a friend!

## 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 from your life that you would like to appear in the bulletin, contact Abbie at 914-967-4382 x11  
or [alevitt@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:alevitt@congregationemanuel.org).



## MOSAIC MEETINGS

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 20  
& DECEMBER 11, 4:45PM

These gatherings provide creative and meaningful ways for LGBTQ Jewish teens to foster a deeper connection to Jewish life and potentially strengthen both their Jewish and LGBTQ identities. Run by Mosaic of Westchester and hosted here at Emanu-El, meetings are open to Jewish LGBTQ teens and allies.

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

For more information on Mosaic of Westchester, contact Bina Raskin, Director, at [binaraskin@mosaicofwestchester.org](mailto:binaraskin@mosaicofwestchester.org).

## SUNDAY FILM SERIES: NOODLE

DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM



A melancholy Israeli flight attendant finds new meaning in life on her quest to reunite a six year-old Chinese boy, nicknamed Noodle, with his missing mother. Directed by Ayelet Menahemi. Hebrew with English subtitles. *Rated PG13*.

Free and open to the public. Refreshments served.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21  
[jdubro@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationemanuel.org).

## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP CHANUKAH DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30PM

The women of the congregation join together to learn with our Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit and Cantor Meredith Stone. We will give thanks, bask in the light, and enjoy a delicious meal.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15  
or [maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org). Let Marcie know what you would like to contribute to the meal.

## LATKE MAKING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1:00PM

Help prepare homemade latkes for our Chanukah Shabbat dinner at our latke making workshop! Come peel, grate, and cook alongside fellow congregants and friends. BYOP - bring your own peeler!

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15  
or [maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org).

## ADULT TRIP TO ISRAEL WITH RABBI GOLDSMITH

JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 27, 2017



Explore our historic, religious and contemporary relationship with the land and people of Israel. We will move through Israel's history, from ancient times to today, discovering our people's deep

roots in our ancient homeland. At the same time, we will gain context and knowledge about the daily issues we see on the front pages of the newspaper. From the Negev Desert, to the Golan Heights, from the sanctity of Jerusalem to the excitement of Tel Aviv, *this will be a trip you'll never forget.*

Call Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13 for more information or visit:  
<http://tinyurl.com/CEWIsrael>

## TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WITH URJ KESHER/BIRTHRIGHT

Registration for FREE Taglit-Birthright Israel trips with URJ Keshet is now open.

Open to Jewish young adults, ages 18-26 who have never been to Israel on a peer tour, this program offers an exceptional opportunity to experience Israel's land, culture, and people on a more intimate and meaningful level. The 10-day trip includes round-trip airfare plus ten days of touring in Israel, all site entrance fees, transportation, local health insurance, accommodations, and two meals a day.

The URJ Keshet experience embraces the values of Reform Judaism. Learn more at [www.gokeshet.org](http://www.gokeshet.org) and **contact Rabbi Goldsmith for priority status** at [hgoldsmit@congregationemanuel.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@congregationemanuel.org) or 914-967-4382 x13.



## 2016-17 YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE (YFC) EVENTS

Celebrate Jewish life with your little ones at these holiday celebrations! These events are free and open to the public, friends are always welcome. For more information, contact Jane at [jdubro@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationmanuel.org)

### Chanukah Celebration

Saturday, December 17, 10:30AM

### Cuddle Up Shabbat

Friday, February 3, 5:30PM

### Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 12, 10:00AM

### Religious School Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12, 11:30AM

### Passover Celebration

Sunday, April 2, 10:00AM

### Day of Learning and Doing

Sunday, May 7, 9:30AM

### School's Out Carnival

Sunday, May 21, 11:00AM



### YFC CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:30AM

Latkes, games, crafts, and music!

After a fun, musical service we'll light the Chanukah candles in anticipation of the coming festival. Open to the public, friends and older siblings welcome!

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or [jdubro@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:jdubro@congregationmanuel.org)

## 2016-17 PRE-K & K PROGRAMS

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Each class focuses on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling, and arts & crafts. Classes meet seven times this year on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:45am during Religious School and are open to the public. Bring friends!

For more information about this program or to enroll your child, please contact Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit at [maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org) or 914-967-4382 x15.

### Shabbat

November 20

### Chanukah Celebration

December 18

### Tu B'Shevat

February 12

### Purim

March 12

### Passover

April 2

### SHABBAT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20  
9:30 - 11:45AM

### CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18  
9:30 - 11:45AM





Our High Holy services were especially inspirational for me because of our new prayer book, Mishkan Hanefesh. I was moved by so many of the readings but especially the new translation/interpretation of the “Avinu Malkeinu” prayer. One important goal of the creators of this new machzor was to depict God in gender neutral terms. Reform Jewish liturgy has been in the forefront of this effort but I wondered, “how do you take a prayer of such central importance and emotional connection as the “Avinu Malkeinu”, “our father, our king” and maintain the majesty and grandeur without those words?



Had the writers made the easy choice and changed the words to “our parent, our ruler” I would have been very disappointed – they are an obviously inaccurate translation of the Hebrew. Instead the words were left untranslated, we simply said “Avinu Malkeinu”. Maintaining the Hebrew and inserting spiritual images of the God to whom we pray and the hopes that we have as we utter our prayers, made the recitation and singing of these words even more powerful for me.

Then the writers took an even bigger leap – their interpretative language altered the theology of the prayer that has been awe-inspiring but also difficult at times to accept. The Book of Life is now referred to as “the Book of Redemption and Renewal” and later in the prayer as “Book of Lives Well Lived”. As I read these words, I felt a spiritual weight lifted from

my being. As much as I embrace these holidays and the days between as an opportunity for self-reflection, *tshuvah* - forgiveness and goal setting for the new year, the literal concept of being written into a Book of Life has always disturbed me, especially if I lost a loved one in the previous year. I connected with this powerful prayer in a new way.

As a Jewish Educator, these new words enable me to more fully teach this prayer to our children. Coincidentally, on the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah I did teach the prayer and its important concept of taking responsibility for our actions of the past year and looking at how we can change in 5777. One student asked me, “What happens if God does not forgive you?”. I started to delve into the theological answer of the Book of Life and stopped myself, instead answering that we hope to receive God’s forgiveness and be blessed in the new year. Our new prayer book has given me new words.

I am so grateful to be part of a movement, Reform Judaism, that not only allows for new interpretations but encourages us to contemplate, study and find a spiritual path that provides meaning in our lives. Mishkan Hanefesh is a gift to be cherished.

*Marcie*

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator



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## ADULT HEBREW LESSONS ARE BACK!

SUNDAYS, 10:30 - 11:30AM

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

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

To sign up for the classes contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or [maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org).

## TEMPLE BOOK FAIR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Proceeds from the book fair will be donated to the Jewish Braille Institute.

## LECH L'CHA ISRAEL: 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAMILY EDUCATION MORNING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 9:30 - 11:45AM

Enjoy a virtual trip to Israel! Take off from the CEW Airport at 9:30am and return at 11:45am. Visit exciting sites, enjoy delicious snacks, and learn with our guest scholar Rav Goldsmith.

RSVP to travel agent Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or [maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org)

## TEEN SOCIAL ACTION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 12:00 - 1:30PM  
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Teens from Community Synagogue and Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester will prepare meals for the soup kitchen at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 19 Smith Street, Port Chester.

## TEEN CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND SELMA/MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 10 - 13

Our eleventh graders will be part of a special journey to appreciate the struggles to bring equality to the South during the 1950s and 1960s.

They will cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge and visit the Ebenezer Baptist Church while learning about the important role that Jews played in this important time in American history.

## 9TH & 10TH GRADE L'TAKEN

## SEMINAR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

DECEMBER 2 - 5

Students will learn about important contemporary issues from the Reform Jewish perspective and lobby on Capitol Hill.

## 3RD & 4TH GRADE LATKE MAKING PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 11:45AM - 1:00PM

Participate in our Kehillah Chasadim Latke Making Party immediately following Religious School. Make latkes for our upcoming Chanukah Shabbat Family Dinner.

A pizza lunch provided.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or [maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org)

## CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:30PM DINNER/  
7:30PM SERVICE

Our teachers, madrichim (teaching assistants) and office assistants will be honored.

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

To RSVP and pay online, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/chanukahcew2016>

You may also RSVP to Jen at 914-967-4382 x12 or [jberman@congregationmanuel.org](mailto:jberman@congregationmanuel.org)

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<b>6</b> 9:00AM - 12:00PM Book Fair  9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School  10:00AM Hineini: Kristallnacht Walk  12:00PM Teen Social Action Sunday at Emanu-El - Cooking for St. Peter's Church	<b>7</b> 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi  6:30PM Knitzvah Corps  7:00PM Canasta Lesson  7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation  <b>No Monday Night Program (meets on 11/6)</b>	<b>8</b> <b>No Hebrew School</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30PM iEngage Series: A Deep Dive Into Israel Session 2 at Emanu-El  Teen Civil Rights Trip	<b>11</b> 10:00AM Cooking for St. Thomas Community Meal with Bruce Freyer  12:00PM Adult Ed: Israel Beyond "The Conflict" with Student Rabbi Jade Sank  7:30PM Shabbat Service: Sex 'n' the Sacred with Maggie Anton  Teen Civil Rights Trip	<b>12</b> 4:00PM St. Thomas Community Meal in Mamaroneck  Teen Civil Rights Trip
<b>13</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School  10:45AM Chai Mitzvah  11:00AM Next Step  12:00PM Israel Trip Meeting  Teen Civil Rights Trip	<b>14</b> 6:45PM Youth Group  7:00PM Canasta Lesson  7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program  <b>No Confirmation</b>	<b>15</b> 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30AM Temple Book Club  7:30PM iEngage Series: A Deep Dive Into Israel Session 3 at Community Synagogue  7:30PM ICLC Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	<b>18</b> 12:00PM Adult Ed: Israel Beyond "The Conflict" with Student Rabbi Jade Sank  7:30PM Shabbat Service	<b>19</b> 9:00AM Torah Study: Vayera  5:00PM Sam Sindell Bar Mitzvah Ceremony  7:30PM WJC Night of Music and Joy
<b>20</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School & Pre-K/K Shabbat Program  11:00AM L'Dor V'Dor 5th Grade Heroes Brunch  4:45PM Mosaic of Westchester  4:00PM Chamber Music Concert	<b>21</b> 6:45 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program/ Hineini Pizza Night & Class  7:00PM Canasta Lesson  <b>No Confirmation</b>	<b>22</b> 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School  7:00PM Books & Bites	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Temple Office Closed for Thanksgiving</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Temple Office Closed for Thanksgiving</b>  6:30PM Lay Led Shabbat Service	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00PM Canasta Lesson  7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program  7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	<b>29</b> 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School  7:30PM Board Meeting	<b>30</b>			

# CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 12:00PM Adult Ed: Tales of the Early Immigrants To America with Rabbi Emeritus Daniel S. Wolk  7:30PM iEngage Series: A Deep Dive Into Israel Session 4 at Community Synagogue	<b>2</b> 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi  7:00PM Gallery Opening: Audrey Unger Reich  7:30PM Shabbat Service: Russian Jewry - From Soviet Suppression to Massive Migration to Revitalizing Renaissance  Religious Action Center Trip for 9th Graders	<b>3</b> 9:00AM Torah Study: Toldot  11:00AM Zach Grann Bar Mitzvah Ceremony  Religious Action Center Trip for 9th Graders
<b>4</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School  12:30PM Israel Trip Meeting  Religious Action Center Trip for 9th Graders	<b>5</b> 6:30PM Knitzvah Corps  7:00PM Mah Jongg  7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program  7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	<b>6</b> 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00PM Adult Ed: Tales of the Early Immigrants To America with Rabbi Emeritus Daniel S. Wolk  7:30PM iEngage Series: A Deep Dive Into Israel Session 5 at KTI  8:00PM Single Malt Torah	<b>9</b> 7:30PM Sacred Stories Shabbat: Welcoming the LGBTQ Community	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School  10:15AM Chai Mitzvah  11:00AM Hineini: Kids' Kloset  11:00AM Next Step  11:15AM Drop in with the Rabbi: Grades 1 & 2  12:00PM Grades 3 & 4 Latke Making Party  4:00PM Sunday Film: Noodle  4:45PM Mosaic of Westchester	<b>12</b> 6:45PM Youth Group Meeting  6:45PM Monday Night Program & Confirmation Pizza Night  7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program  7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation  7:00PM Mah Jongg	<b>13</b> 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School  6:30PM Women's Study Group Chanukah Pot Luck	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30AM Temple Book Club  1:00PM Latke Making Workshop  7:30PM iEngage Series: A Deep Dive Into Israel Session 6 at KTI	<b>16</b> 6:30PM Shabbat Dinner  7:30PM Family Chanukah Shabbat Service	<b>17</b> 9:00AM Torah Study: Vayishlach  10:30AM Young Families Chanukah Celebration
<b>18</b> 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School & Pre-K/K Chanukah Program  4:00PM Chamber Music Concert	<b>19</b> 7:00PM Mah Jongg  <b>No Monday Night Program &amp; Confirmation</b>	<b>20</b> 3:50PM - 5:45PM Hebrew School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30PM Lay Led Shabbat Service	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>No Religious School</b>  10:00AM - 2:00PM Christmas at HOPE House	<b>26</b> <b>No Monday Night Program &amp; Confirmation</b>	<b>27</b> <b>No Hebrew School</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30PM Lay Led Shabbat Service	<b>31</b>

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High Holy Day preparation, like so much at our congregation, is a team effort. Clergy join with staff, lay leaders and committed members to ensure that our High Holy Day observances are meaningful and run smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who organized, ushered, sang, read, lit candles, ran receptions, helped plan, and in every other way imaginable, made the High Holy Days so beautiful this year!

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## ROSH HASHANAH PROGRAM AT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



## SUKKAHMANIA



## NOVEMBER - DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

- November 4 **Shabbat Service**  
7:30 **Service**
- November 11 **Sex 'n' The Sacred**  
**with Author Maggie Anton**  
7:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️
- November 18 **Shabbat Service**  
7:30 **Service**
- November 25 **Lay Led Service**  
6:30 **Service**
- December 2 **Russian Jewry:**  
**From Soviet Suppression to**  
**Massive Migration to**  
**Revitalizing Renaissance**  
7:00 **Art Opening**  
7:30 **Service**
- December 9 **Sacred Stories:**  
**Pride Shabbat Welcoming**  
**the LGBTQ Community**  
7:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️
- December 16 **Family Service: Chanukah**  
6:30 **Dinner**  
7:30 **Service** 🎵
- December 23 **Lay Led Service**  
6:30 **Service**
- December 30 **Lay Led Service**  
6:30 **Service**



Band



Handsfree/Prayers projected

## SACRED STORIES: PRIDE SHABBAT WELCOMING THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:30PM



We are excited to partner once again with Mosaic of Westchester for this music-filled Shabbat service. Members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) community, their families,

friends and allies are especially invited to join with our congregation in prayer, song, and learning.

As we live out our commitment to creating an open, welcoming space for all, including LGBTQ Jews of all ages and backgrounds, we will fulfill Isaiah's prophecy:

"My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples."

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



### NIGHT OF COMEDY WITH BOB ALPER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 7:30PM

Bob Alper is the world's only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy... intentionally.



### ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 7:00PM

Stay tuned for news about the Emanu-El Prize and plans for another wonderful evening with friends!