

**FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER
& SAMBA SHABBAT WITH
PERCUSSIONIST JOHN ARRUCCI**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30PM DINNER/7:30PM SERVICE



A truly interactive Shabbat experience for the whole family to enjoy!

While experiencing the joy of making music together, congregants will play traditional Brazilian Samba rhythms on Agogo Bells, Tamborim, Ganza, and Reco-Reco.

When we create music together, we rediscover our responsibility to each other, our courage to reach beyond our comfort zone and the importance of teamwork and listening...and we have a great time doing it!

Dinner: \$20/Adult, \$15/Child, \$60/Family Maximum
RSVP to Tal at tdrori@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x12.

**YOUNG FAMILIES CONCERT:
JOANIE LEEDS
& THE NIGHTLIGHTS**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 10:45AM



Joanie Leeds is an award winning performer of Jewish and secular songs who won best CD of the year with *People Magazine*, *Parents Magazine*, and *The Washington Post*.

This musical extravaganza for families with kids ages 8 and under will get you and your whole family dancing and grooving! Visit Joanie & the Nightlights online at www.joanieleeds.com.

Free and open to the community. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.



**CHANUKAH
HAPPENINGS**
DETAILS ON PG. 9

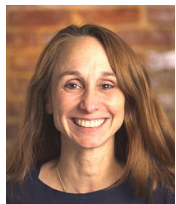
SAVE THE DATE!
**2018 ANNUAL
SPRING BENEFIT**
SATURDAY, APRIL 21
7:00PM



**HAVE A HEART
TOY DRIVE**
DETAILS ON PG. 11

**BAGEL BRUNCH WITH KYRA
DARNTON: THE IMPORTANCE OF
UNDERSTANDING NEWS EVENTS IN
THE CONTEXT OF HISTORY**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 9:30AM



Nosh on bagels and take part in a discussion with congregant Kyra Darnton, the Executive Producer of *Retro Report* (distributed by the New York Times), a digital-first documentary news organization dedicated to examining stories after their headlines fade. In a culture focused on trending news and Twitter-sized sound bites, *Retro Report* is there to pick up the story after everyone has moved on.

Bagels and refreshments will be served.

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

**SUNDAY FILM SERIES: STATELESS,
Q & A WITH FILMMAKER/DIRECTOR
MICHAEL DROB**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:00PM



Stateless shares the accounts of the Soviet Jews who were finally able to escape the Soviet Union on the brink of its collapse in the 1980s. However, the United States would no longer welcome them. This documentary captures a unique slice of history from the perspectives of the emigres as well as expert accounts from the influential

Jewish leaders involved in the immigration process.
Directed by Michael Drob. Not rated.

Free and open to the community. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

ROSH HASHANAH NATURE WALK AND TASHLICH



WELCOME NADIA!

Teacher and congregant Sharon Aiuvalasit welcomed Nadia Claire Aiuvalasit into the world on September 3, 2017. Grandparents Tony & Marcie Aiuvalasit couldn't be happier!

All are invited to her baby naming at Pride Shabbat on Friday, November 17.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP SUPPER IN THE SUKKAH



COMEDY NIGHT WITH BOB ALPER



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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!



DARIUS COHEN

SEBASTIAN COHEN

CHARLIE COOPER

MICHAEL GENETRINI

LUKE MONTONE

A TIME FOR SABBATICAL AND A TIME FOR...

On Saturday of Sukkot, an 80 year old member of our congregation climbed a ladder in my back yard and sailed down the zipline. Hair flying behind her, a big grin on her face, she flew past the sukkah, past the waiting children, past the lulav shakers and let out a cry of delight. As everyone watched her soar, there wasn't a person there who did not smile.



On Sunday of Sukkot, Jen and I drove to Washington, D.C. and back in one day for a funeral. The mother of a girl that Jen grew up with had died quickly from cancer. The hug that Jen got from her friend for coming made the whole day worth it. Over 400 people filled the sanctuary. As we recited the memorial prayer, there wasn't a person there who did not cry.

That's sukkot for you. Our most festive holiday, the rabbis called it *zman simchateinu*, time of our rejoicing. But it takes place as summer's green fades to brown with one last yelp of color. And then the green dies, nature quiets, and winter comes. It is, perhaps, why we read the book of Ecclesiastes during this festival:

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

A time to be born, and a time to die

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted

A time to kill, and a time to heal

A time to break down, and a time to build up

A time to weep, and a time to laugh

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

No time of year highlights the truth of Ecclesiastes more than autumn and my weekend of ziplines and funerals seemed to hold out this truth in sharp relief. And yet, it is a truth that I also experienced in a profound way over the past year with the blessed gift of a sabbatical.

I know few people who receive this gift in our busy, ever moving world. There seems to be a contest to see who works harder and longer, who spends more time away from home, who logs the most time at the office. And so I told people about the gift of time that I received from Emanu-El a bit sheepishly, a bit like I was getting away with something, that I was not conforming to the expectations of a society constantly on the go.

And then the words of Ecclesiastes would come to mind – a season for this and a season for that – and I'd quiet my doubts and rejoice in the gift:

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

A time to learn, and a time to teach

A time to write, and a time to preach

A time to go, and a time to stay home

A time for self-care, and a time to take care

A time for family, and a time for work

A time for my spirit, and a time to be pastor

A time for myself, and a time for my beloved congregation.

The months flew by filled with these times and seasons.

At the end of a 14 hour day in Israel, I realized that few things fill my soul like helping nearly thirty congregants awaken to our ancient connection with our homeland – fresh pita and cucumbers, Jews and Arabs, deserts and verdant fields, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

On a beach in Mexico, I realized how blessed we are with our long-time and gifted Cantor Stone who took care of a bereaved family's funeral. She did it with aplomb, with as much grace and heart as she shares on the bimah.

At my desk at home, I found humility in the power of my writing as people from around the world sent messages about some of the many pieces I penned for *The Forward*, a Jewish newspaper over 100-years old.

Back here at Emanu-El, I felt intense gratitude for the moments I came back to celebrate b'nei mitzvah, to celebrate Purim, to see Student Rabbi Jade Sank thrive, to consult on this matter or that, to just be a dad in the religious school, and then to come back for three months of a job that I love in the midst of this time for myself. To everything there is a season.

While in Jerusalem in July, I learned once more what it means to learn. With colleagues from here and there, from every continent, we plumbed the depths of our ancient texts to find meaning in modern Israel's conception and birth, her wars and her peace, her reality and her possibility.

On The Golan Heights with Jen, Lev and Talia, I marveled at the IDF's commitment to humanity and security, I laughed with my children in the Jordan

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

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River, I screamed with them on the river's one rapid, and I gazed at the milky way in a moment of solitude and felt just how small we all really are. A sense of awe that I carry with me into our sanctuary each time we pray. When you see me close my eyes, I'm seeing those stars and feeling small – and blessed.

On my bike and at my table in New Rochelle, I found my body once again. Changing the way I eat and move meshed well with an August replete with simple childhood sickness that kept me from writing and reading as planned. "Humans plan and God laughs" goes the old Yiddish proverb. So instead of wisdom from books and more articles in *The Forward*, I took care of my kids and myself and I hope to live a bit longer for the effort.

Back at work, back to the daily details of running a synagogue. I could not feel more content to come back; the sabbatical now like a good dream slowly fading but leaving an imprint on the day. My mind has expanded. My soul has deepened. My colleagues here at Emanu-El carried the synagogue effortlessly during my absence, now even more empowered to take us forward. And you, so many of you, you know who you are, took on more than your fair share so that I could live fully in this gift of time and space.

To every thing there is a season and the season of sabbatical has passed. The time reverberates within me as accomplishments, as plans unfulfilled, as surprising experiences that have shaped me in ways small and profound, literal and metaphorical. I am changed for the better which can only change my rabbinate for the better, my relationships for the better, and our congregation for the better.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time for ziplines, and a time for funerals

A time to learn, and a time to teach

A time to write, and a time to preach

A time for sabbatical, and a time for work.

Thank you all so very much.



Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HARD WORK DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

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!

Thank you to the following congregants for all the collaboration and planning done for our congregation:

Phyllis Alexander	Loren Canell	Bruce Freyer	Joan Kass	Audrey Nathanson	Deborah Sindell
Tim Alexander	Hedy Cardozo	David Fried	Steve Kass	Bruce Nathanson	Ann Spindel
Susan Amkraut	John Carton	Melissa Gaynor	Sheryl Kaye	Gene Resnick	Ben Stein
Jill Baker	Patty Chernick	Ellie Genitrini	Gina Klebanoff	Joelle Resnick	Stuart Sternberg
Michael Barnett	Larry Cohen	Michael Genitrini	Sarah Kovacs	Jonathan Resnick	John Tanenbaum
Lauren Baruch	Debra Cohen	Cliff Gevirtz	Neil Kozek	Randi Robinowitz	Amy Tanenbaum
Michael Baruch	Richard Cohen	Andrew Gitkind	Doreen Kushel	Michael Rosenblut	Ginny Weisman
Irv Beitler	Emily Cohen	Jennifer Goldsmith	Fran Lerner	Wendy Rowden	Martin Winter
Karen Bender	Arlene Cole	Lorri Goldstein	Mark Lerner	Ginny Rowen	Jackie Wyman
Greg Berger	Bill Colish	Ryan Goldstein	Barbara Mann	Larry Rutkovsky	Kevin Wyman
Janelle Berger	Megan Cross	Liz Grill	Margie McCabe	Terry Schwarz	
Sarah Birnbaum	Stacey Cross	Lawrence Griff	Jane Meryll	Peter Schweitzer	
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Adam Blinderman	Darren Fogel	Rosane Hirszman	Jaime Morris	Todd Siegel	

SPOTLIGHT ON *THE BAND'S VISIT* AND ETAI BENSON

The new, critically acclaimed Broadway musical, *The Band's Visit*, at the Ethel Barrymore Theater, is a must-see show, full of beautiful music, soulful characters, longing for love and searching for meaning. It is unprecedented to see a Broadway show that is set in Israel, with a number of Israeli and Arab actors and musicians in the cast.



Based on the award winning 2007 film of the same title, *The Band's Visit* features music and lyrics by Tony Award nominee and Drama Desk award winner, David Yazbek, and a book by N.Y. Drama Critics Circle, Lortel and Outer Critics awards winner, Itamar Moses.

The Band's Visit "follows the unlikely meeting of an Egyptian police band and a group of locals in a small Israeli town." In the words of Jesse Green (*New York Magazine*), "It doesn't feel like any musical ever; it doesn't sound like anything else you have heard. Perfect is the wrong word for such an unusual musical but it will just have to do."

My family and I are particularly excited about this show because among the cast – forgive my shameless kvelling – is my nephew, my sister's son Etai Benson (nee Benshlomo). Etai began his Broadway career shortly after graduating from the University of Michigan's acclaimed BFA musical theater

department, as the loveable munchkin "Boq" in *Wicked*, which he played from 2010-12. He recently returned from the first national tour of *An American in Paris*, in which he played Adam Hochberg, a cynical American Jewish composer coming to grips with the war wounds he suffered.

While the original film version of *An American in Paris* does not portray this character as a Jew, Etai helped bring an important Jewish dimension to the Broadway version, in which the Jewish post war experience is essential to the journey of the characters.

Another one of his roles was the title character in *My Name is Asher Lev* (GableStage), about a young Hasidic boy in Brooklyn who discovers he is an artistic prodigy. Etai's performance was hailed as "revelatory," "deeply felt and compassionate, rich in nuance."

Etai never expected his Judaism to play a part in his theatrical career, but as an Israeli-American actor who lived in Israel for 3 years as a child, he brings the language and culture he understands so well to the multiple Jewish roles he has played.

Meredith Stone

Meredith Stone, Cantor



OUR WORDS MATTER

The Psalms have always stood out to me.

The words from the Psalms that we find in our prayer book like “*Adonai s’fatai tiftach* - God, open my lips,” which we say before the *Avot* prayer, and “*y’hiyu l’ratzon imrei fi* - May the words of my mouth,” which we say after the silent prayer, have always been two of my favorite moments in services.

We see psalms during Friday night Shabbat services, during our morning services, celebrations of the beginning of each month, and holiday services. We also see psalms in blessings after eating a meal, and in our funeral and remembrance services.

Not only do we find psalms in our liturgy, they also pop up occasionally in everyday life. Many people who have survived very difficult situations have famously credited the psalms in particular. For example, Natan Sharansky recited the psalms while he was imprisoned, and credits them with his survival. On October 13, 2010, thirty-three Chilean miners were rescued after being trapped underground. Following the meticulous operation that led to their rescue, the miners wore shirts with a verse from Psalm 95, “In His hand are the depths of the Earth and the mountain peaks belong to Him.” In June 2013, a Salvation Army store collapsed in Philadelphia and during the collapse, inside the building, shopper Linda “Kelly” Bell recited Psalm 23, which she attributed with her survival.



The Psalms enable us to find a voice in times when we cannot string our words together into sentences. The Psalms enable us to speak, to call out to God in prayer, to express our sorrow in times of crisis and joy in times of great rejoicing. The Psalms are different from other prayers in our prayer book: they are poems. Poetry is written for public reading, and so are the psalms. Poetry gives voice to the words of our hearts, our prayers, and the Psalms, the ancient poems of our biblical ancestors, go even beyond expressing our inner yearnings; the Psalms continue to resonate with us today, and they connect us with the trials and triumphs of those who came before us.

For my rabbinic thesis, I have been working on a project on the Psalms. The project began with a full immersion into the entire book of Psalms. As I read each one, I marked the Psalms that stood out to me, including the two I mentioned earlier: Psalm 19 and Psalm 51. I soon discovered that, like these two examples from our prayer book, many of the Psalms I marked have a common theme; they speak about our speech, our ability to “open our lips,” to prevent using our speech in destructive ways, and instead to have the courage to speak praises and joyful words aloud. These psalms remind us that our words matter.

The book of Genesis teaches us that God spoke the world into being. Our gift of speech gives us the power to create new worlds for ourselves and for each other.

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

Jade Sank, Student Rabbi



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY OF FAITHS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:30PM

Join the Interfaith Congregational Laymen's Committee, Rabbi Goldsmith, and other Harrison clergy to celebrate Thanksgiving together at St. Anthony of Padua Church. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Diversity of Faiths".

St. Anthony of Padua Church is located at 85 Harrison Street in Harrison.

For more information, contact Elaine Losquadro at 914-761-4875.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SOCIAL JUSTICE SHABBAT FEATURING THE ISAAC MEMORIAL LECTURE WITH AUTHOR DAVID GRANN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 7:30PM



Competition for resources is as old as humanity itself – and sometimes it has deadly consequences.

With congregant and author David Grann we will discuss the social justice issues raised in his new book *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, which deals with the Osage Indians, the complicity of the crimes to kill them for their oil money, and the struggle for justice.

RITUAL CORNER: LIGHTING SHABBAT CANDLES

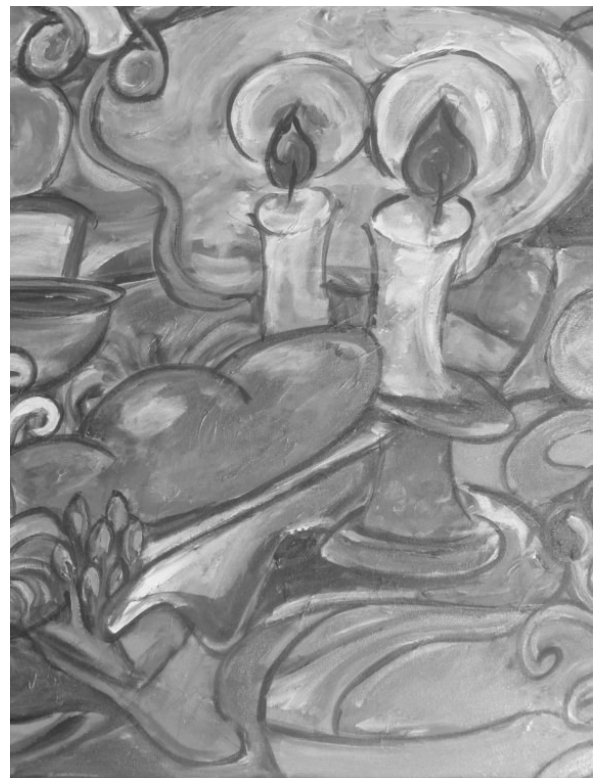
When people would ask the great Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel how they could best observe Shabbat, he would tell them to start simply by lighting Shabbat candles. Taking five minutes on our own or with family to stop our routine and light the candles brings a real, authentic, meaningful sense of the holy into our lives in a simple and beautiful way.

With no major holidays on the calendar until Chanukah begins on December 12th, lighting Shabbat candles connects us with our Jewish heritage while giving us a way to transition from our busy week of work into the rest of Shabbat and the weekend.

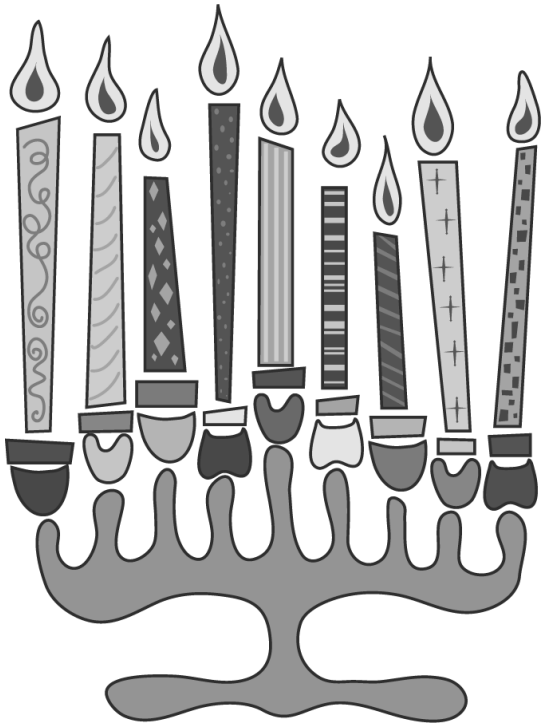
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*Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,
asher kidsbanu b'mitzvotav vitzivanu l'hadlik ner
shel Shabbat.*

Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with the commandment of lighting Shabbat candles.



CHANUKAH SERVICES AND CELEBRATIONS



GRADES 3 & 4 LATKE MAKING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 11:45AM

Kids in grades 3 & 4 are invited to make the gluten free latkes being served at the Chanukah dinner in December (we'll be freezing them). We start with a pizza lunch immediately after Religious School. BYOP - bring your own peeler!

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



ADULT LATKE MAKING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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@c-e-w.org.

CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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: \$20/Adult, \$15/Child, \$60/Family Maximum
RSVP to Tal at tdrori@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x12.

CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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.

Following the service, we will have our annual "Spinagogue" dreidel spinning competition.

PRE-K/K CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 9:30 - 10:30AM

Pre-k and kindergarten children experience the Chanukah story and rituals through art, music and storytelling before joining their families for our special Young Families Chanukah celebration.

YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, 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@c-e-w.org.

2017 - 18 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.

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE - DONE!

SEPTEMBER

COATS FOR HOPE - DONE!

OCTOBER

MIDNIGHT RUN WITH HINEINI - DONE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER:

TEAM EMANU-EL - DONE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

HAVE A HEART GIFT DRIVE

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 5 (SEE PG. 11)

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT HOPE HOUSE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 (SEE BELOW)

FOOD PANTRY CEREAL DRIVE

JANUARY

AFYA WITH THE YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

KIDS' KLOSET DIAPER

AND UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

MARCH

BRUNCH RUN WITH HINEINI

SUNDAY, MAY 6

COLLECTION FOR AFYA

APRIL

DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

MITZVAH DAY:

DAY OF LEARNING AND DOING

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE: THANK YOU!

We asked, you donated, and we delivered! Over 1,196 lbs. of food was collected during our High Holy Day Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank For Westchester!



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.

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.

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

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: Jaime Morris at jaime-morris@hotmail.com.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT HOPE HOUSE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 11:00 - 2:00PM

Help put together a joyous Christmas celebration for the members of HOPE House in Port Chester.

Volunteers are needed to prepare food, serve and socialize.

If you're interested in volunteering for this event, contact Emily Cohen at 914-414-0636 or emilydcohen@gmail.com.



HAVE A HEART GIFT DRIVE

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 5

Help us bring a smile to the faces of children 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 Target gift cards at the temple through December 5. 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.



YOUTH AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

KOL BO - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Judaism teaches us that everyone is created "*B'tzelem Elohim*" in the image of God. We rejoice in the Reform movement of Judaism, which has led the way in the work of *tikkun*, of mending, so that every human being who wants to journey Jewishly can be a part of our community, regardless of their gender identity, or the gender of the person they've fallen in love with. Judaism teaches that the differences between humans are a divine act: God created us different and distinct from each other. Every one of us has our own face, opinions, and orientation. Some of us have one sexual orientation, and some have another. *We were all created in God's image.* The Reform movement celebrates the sanctity of every human being and seeks to realize the divine image inherent in us all. In the Talmud, we learn that Rabbi Akiva taught: The great principle of the Torah is expressed in the Mitzvah: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" Ben Azzai found a principle even more fundamental in the words: "*This is the story of humanity: when God created us, God made us in God's likeness.*"



I encourage our entire congregation to be "Upstanders" by attending our Sacred Stories Pride Shabbat service Friday, November 17 at 7:30pm. The service is an excellent way to honor the movement for LGBTQ equality and inclusion. At our annual Pride Shabbat service, we celebrate LGBTQ Jews and allies, and we are proud of our own identities and those of our loved ones. We will recognize recent victories against discrimination and will recommit to the work ahead.

On December 4, Hineini joins Monday Night Program for a special event "Being an LGBTQ Ally" with Mosaic of Westchester. Through the Jewish lens, our students will understand what it means to be an "Upstander." They will learn and have tools to speak up and to be allies. I feel tremendous "pride" in our community.

Jane

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director

WISE AGING SERIES

THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 30
& DECEMBER 7, 14, 7:00PM



In partnership with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW will facilitate a six-week series of discussions in November and December using Wise Aging by Rabbi Rachel Cowen and Dr. Linda Thal.

The workshop will help to identify and explore the many possibilities that this stage of life offers. For congregants 60 years and older.

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

WALK WITH THE RABBI

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 6
& DECEMBER 4, 9:00AM

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

Meet in the Oakland Beach parking lot.

MAH JONGG & CANASTA

MONDAYS, 7:00PM

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.

ADULT HEBREW LESSONS

TUESDAYS, 1:30 - 2:30PM

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@c-e-w.org.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

DRINKS WITH THE RABBI IN NYC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:00PM

Have a grown child living in Manhattan who wants to meet for drinks, food, old friends and new friends - and the opportunity to toast "*L'Chayim*" with Rabbi Goldsmith?

Let them know that drinks and bites are on us at The Crooked Knife, 29 E. 30th Street, New York.

RSVP to Dan at doconnor@c-e-w.org.

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 11, 9:00AM

CHAYEI SARAH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9:00AM

VAYISHLACH

CHAI MITZVAH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 10:45AM
& SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 9:30AM

A curriculum for the parents of 6th graders to help them deepen their own Jewish commitment and understanding in the year leading to their children's b'nei mitzvah. 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.

NEXT STEP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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.

The group is facilitated by congregant Paul Spindel (retired executive).



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 10:15AM

All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir

by Shulem Deen

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10:15AM

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

BOOKS & BITES AT NORTH STREET TAVERN IN WHITE PLAINS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30PM

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 6:30PM

All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir

by Shulem Deen

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

WESTCHESTER NIGHT OF JEWISH LEARNING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:45PM

Presented by the Westchester Board of Rabbis and Westchester Jewish Council, choose two learning sessions from a choice of 30 offerings, all led by Westchester clergy. Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith will co-teach a session. The evening will conclude with a dairy dessert reception, and the music of Kaskeset (Binghamton University's Jewish A Capella Group).

This year, the event will be held at Beth El Synagogue Center, 1324 North Avenue, New Rochelle.

For more information, contact Donna Bartell at the Westchester Jewish Council at 914-328-7001 or donna@wjcouncil.org. RSVP required. \$20/person before November 10, thereafter, \$25/person.



TEENS TEACH TECH

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 19

& DECEMBER 10, 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.

SINGLE MALT TORAH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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!

THE MANY FACETS OF TORAH WITH STUDENT RABBI JADE SANK

FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 19,

MARCH 9, 12:00PM

Our morning liturgy reminds us, "*eilu d'varim* - these are the things," the many obligations that we have as Jewish people. "*V'talmud Torah k'neged kulam* - But the study of Torah is equal to the all." From the history of Reform Judaism, to the poetry of prayer, to Israel today, join Jade to explore the many facets of Torah.

RSVP to Jade at jsank@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x11.

GOOD NEWS OR MITZVAHS TO SHARE?

We would love to hear from you! If you have something you'd like to share, contact Abbie at alevitt@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x18

ANNUAL WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP SHABBAT RETREAT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 5:00PM -

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 5:30PM

If you have never come to one of our famous women's retreats, give yourself the gift of a unique winter escape at the picturesque New England Blackberry River Inn in Norfolk, CT. We promise you will be embraced by a warm community of women and stimulated by new ideas, sharing, learning and laughter.

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\$320/person double occupancy (includes 3 meals)

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

COMMUNITY

GO TO CAMP WITH RABBI GOLDSMITH!

There is no greater predictor of lifelong Jewish engagement for Reform Jews than Jewish Summer Camp. Whether your child would enjoy a cabin-based program, a camper selected program, or a hands on science and tech based program, the Union for Reform Judaism has a camp that will meet your child's interest while reinforcing your child's commitment to our tradition.

Rabbi Goldsmith and his children will be at Camp Eisner this summer - join them there!

Also, for first time campers at a Jewish camp, a needs blind scholarship of up to \$1,000 is available. Ask Rabbi Goldsmith for more details.

You have committed to Jewish life at Emanu-El, take the next step and immerse your children in the joy of Jewish living at Eisner, Crane Lake, or 6 Points Sci-Tech!

For more information, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13.

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REFLECTIONS ON L' DOR V'DOR - FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

My life has changed dramatically since I last wrote an article for this bulletin – I AM A GRANDMOTHER! Baby Nadia was born on September 3rd and she is sweet, adorable and has brought so much joy to my husband Tony and me. We invite our temple family to join us on Friday, November 17th at our Pride Shabbat Service when she will be named on the bimah. Please join us for a festive oneg following the service.



Becoming a grandmother has reinforced my passion to transmit our Jewish values, heritage and history to the next generation. I credit the teachers and rabbis of Temple Sinai in Roslyn, N.Y. for connecting me to strong Jewish ethical precepts, historical role models and meaningful rituals that have made me proud to be a Reform Jew.

My thirty-one year involvement with our temple has provided my family with fertile ground in which to share, nurture and grow our Jewish roots. This year, 5778, is no exception. I know that so many of you agree with me when I say that this year's High Holy Day worship was moving and meaningful. Beginning with a Selichot service around a fire pit in our parking lot and ending with a powerful N'ilah service and communal break fast in our beautiful Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center, I experienced moments of inspiring worship, beautiful music and powerful/welcoming messages.

Both Rabbi Goldsmith and Rabbi Wolk courageously and eloquently shared deep and personal exhortations – the urgency to become an upstander during difficult times for our country and the need to look at our own lives through the lens of finite time – making sure to value and not squander it. The solemnity of our services and our warm and welcoming congregation exemplify the best of what Reform Judaism means to me.

Now that I have experienced the days of awe and introspection and the joyous celebrations of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, I am looking ahead to how I can make a difference between now and next Tishrei. Number one is to take the lessons of my rabbis and become an upstander who believes in the urgency of now – no time to waste. I will work with Leslie Mook and Patty Chernick to bring congregants together to participate in advocacy work on the local and state level and continue my leadership with the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism and my involvement with our teens. As the Religious Educator, I will be working with my teachers, *madrichim* (teaching assistants) and parents to teach the Jewish values that will enable our students to be upstanders in their own lives.

Rabbi Tarfon taught that “We are not obligated to complete the task but neither are we free to desist from it.” Each generation will leave an imprint on defining who we are as a people and how we use our ethical precepts to do *Tikkun Olam* – make the world a better place for all to live. I am blessed to be part of a Jewish community that shares these values.

Marcie

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator



2017-18 YOUNG FAMILIES 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@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

JOANIE LEEDS & THE NIGHTLIGHTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 10:45AM

YOUNG FAMILIES CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:30AM

Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 4, 10:30AM

Religious School Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4, 11:30AM

Passover Celebration

Sunday, March 18, 10:45AM

Israel Independence Day

Sunday, April 15, 10:45AM

Day of Learning & Doing

Sunday, April 29, 9:30AM

Pizza Truck Shabbat

Friday, May 11, 5:30PM

School's Out Carnival

Sunday, May 20, 11:00AM

2017-18 PRE-K & K DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Classes focus on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling and arts and crafts.

Classes meet seven times this year on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:45am during Religious School and are open to the public.

For more information about this program or to enroll, contact Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30 - 11:45AM

TU B'SHEVAT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 - 11:45AM



Purim Program

Sunday, March 4, 9:30AM

Passover

Sunday, March 18, 9:30AM

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Sunday, April 15, 9:30AM

L'DOR V'DOR 5TH GRADE HERO'S BRUNCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10:00AM

Parents invited to participate.

GRADES 1 & 2 SHABBAT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 11:00AM

Parents invited to participate.

GRADES 3 & 4 LATKE MAKING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 11:45AM

Kids in grades 3 & 4 are invited to make the gluten free latkes being served at the Chanukah dinner. See page 11 for details.

GRADES 3 & 4 FAMILY EDUCATION MORNING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9:30AM

All the Jewish Holidays in one morning! That's right, Rosh Hashanah through Shavuot in just over an hour. All the holiday highlights - with food!

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CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Have A Heart Gift Drive Begins	2 7:00PM Wise Aging Series	3 6:30PM Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30PM Samba Shabbat with John Arrucci	4 5:00PM Charlie Cooper Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
5 9:30AM Bagel Brunch with Kyra Darnton 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School	6 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	7 No Hebrew School	8	9 7:00PM Young Professionals Drinks with the Rabbi 7:00PM Wise Aging Series	10 6:00PM Pre-Neg 6:30PM Early Service	11 9:00AM Torah Study: Chayei Sarah 5:00PM Darius & Sebastian Cohen B'nei Mitzvah Ceremony
12 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School & Pre-K/K Shabbat Program 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 10:45AM Chai Mitzvah 10:45AM Joanie Leeds Concert 11:00AM Next Step	13 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	14 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Board Meeting	15	16 10:15AM Temple Book Club 7:00PM Wise Aging Series 7:30PM ICLC Thanksgiving Service	17 7:30PM Sacred Stories Pride Shabbat	18 5:00PM Michael Genetrini Bar Mitzvah Ceremony 6:45PM Westchester Night of Jewish Learning & Celebration
19 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 10:00AM 5th Grade Hero's Brunch 11:00AM Grades 1 & 2 Shabbat Celebration 11:00AM Teens Teach Tech 11:45AM Grades 3 & 4 Latka Making 4:00PM Westchester Chamber Music Society	20 5:30PM Monday Night Program at Soup Kitchen 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	21 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	22	23 Temple Office Closed for Thanksgiving	24 Temple Office Closed for Thanksgiving 6:30PM Lay Led Service	25
26 No Religious School	27 7:00PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	28 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	29	30 7:00PM Wise Aging Series 8:00PM Single Malt Torah		

CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00PM Adult Ed: The Many Facets of Judaism 7:30PM Annual Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath	2 9:00AM Torah Study: Vayishlach 11:00AM Luke Montone Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
3 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 9:30AM Grades 3 & 4 Family Education Morning 7:00PM Film: Stateless with Filmmaker Michael Drob	4 9:00AM Walk with the Rabbi 6:45PM Youth Group Meeting 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 6:45PM MNP, Hineini & Confirmation Pizza Dinner 7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation & Hineini	5 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School Have A Heart Gift Drive Ends	6	7 7:00PM Wise Aging Series	8 6:30PM Lay Led Service	9
10 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 11:00AM Teens Teach Tech 4:00PM Westchester Chamber Music Society	11 6:45PM Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	12 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 6:30PM Women's Study Group Pot Luck Dinner	13	14 10:15AM Temple Book Club 1:00PM Adult Latka Making 7:00PM Wise Aging Series	15 6:30PM Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30PM Chanukah Shabbat Service	16
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24 No Religious School	25 10:00AM Christmas at HOPE House No Confirmation or Monday Night Program	26 Temple Office Closed No Hebrew School	27	28	29 6:30PM Lay Led Service	30
31 No Religious School						

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NOVEMBER—DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

November 3 **Family Service: Samba Shabbat**
6:30 **Shabbat Dinner**
7:30 **Service** 🎵

November 10 **Early Service**
6:00 **Pre-neg**
6:30 **Service**

November 17 **Sacred Stories Shabbat:
Pride Shabbat**
7:30 **Service**

November 24 **Lay Led Service**
6:30 **Service**

December 1 **Annual Cantor Earl Rogers
Tribute Sabbath**
7:30 **Service**

December 8 **Lay Led Service**
6:30 **Service**

December 15 **Family Service: Chanukah**
6:30 **Shabbat Dinner**
7:30 **Service** 🎵 🖥️

December 22 **Early Service**
6:00 **Pre-neg**
6:30 **Service**

December 29 **Lay Led Service**
6:30 **Service**

SACRED STORIES: PRIDE SHABBAT WELCOMING THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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."

There will be a baby naming for Nadia Aiuvalasit at this Shabbat service. The Aiuvalasit family invites the congregation to join them for this joyous occasion, followed by a festive oneg.

ANNUAL CANTOR EARL ROGERS TRIBUTE SABBATH: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, A PROGRAM OF JEWISH COMPOSERS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 7:30PM



This year you don't have to wait until spring for the Annual Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath! Save the date in your calendar, then invite a few friends to spend Shabbat evening basking in some glorious music in our beautifully acoustic sanctuary.

Violinist Fiona Simon, accompanied by the accomplished pianist Ellen Farren, is taking the night off from the New York Philharmonic that night to play a special program by Jewish composers including Kreisler, Mendelssohn and Gershwin.