

Young Families Committee Chanukah Celebration (in-person/Zoom) Friday, December 11,5:00pm

Chanukah is for little kids, too! We'll enjoy a Young Families Chanukah Celebration that you "Do-nut" want to miss. Bundle up the little people in your life for yummy snacks, warm drinks, fun songs and a menorah lighting. This Young Families celebration is open to the whole community, so bring your friends and neighbors to introduce them to our wonderful community!

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

Chanukah Shabbat (in-person/Zoom) Friday, December 11, Time TBA



"Button up your overcoat" for a Chanukah celebration like none other! We'll gather in our parking lot for music, celebration, tasty treats, and, of course, a giant menorah lighting. We'll fend off the

cold with the warmth of community as we celebrate the Festival of Lights. The planning is still underway so exact details about timing will be coming soon in Emanumail.

Hitler's Jewish Refugees: Hope and Anxiety in Portugal with Historian Dr. Marion Kaplan Monday, November 9, 12:00pm



Award-winning historian, Dr. Marion Kaplan, presents her latest book *Hitler's Jewish Refugees: Hope and Anxiety in Portugal.* This riveting book describes the dramatic experiences of Jewish refugees as they fled Hitler's regime and then lived in limbo in Portugal until they could reach safer

havens abroad. Drawing attention not only to the social and physical upheavals these refugees experienced, Dr. Kaplan also highlights their feelings as they fled their homes and histories, while having to beg strangers for kindness. Portugal's dictator, António de Oliveira Salazar, admitted the largest number of Jews fleeing westward — tens of thousands of them — but then set his secret police on those who did not move along quickly enough. Yet Portugal's people left a lasting impression on refugees for their caring and generosity.

Dr. Kaplan is a Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History at New York University. She is the author of *Between Dignity and Despair: Jewish Life in Nazi Germany* and a three-time winner of the National Jewish Book Award.

Political Staffers Meeting with Andrew Silow-Carroll, Editor-in-Chief of *The Jewish Week* Friday, November 13, 9:00am



What do the election results mean for the Jewish community? We will be joined by Andrew Silow-Carroll, editor-in-chief of *The Jewish Week*, for analysis of this vital question. Having spent his career in the Jewish press, Andrew is well situated to understand

the issues facing the New York Jewish community.

Join us for what promises to be an engaging and informative session. This session is part of our "Political Staffers" initiative which brings members of our congregation together with politicians and their staff to build relationships and understand issues.

The Garden of Gratitude

Six years ago, the Klebanoff family and Rabbi Goldsmith had an idea to beautify the outdoor landscape of our property. Thanks to donations of all sizes and with the help of Mother Nature, that plan became a reality and the Garden of Gratitude was born.

The garden has hosted religious school classes, Shabbat services, Mitzvah Shabbat projects, and family pictures for weddings, confirmation, and b'nei mitzvah ceremonies. Those of you who have entered or exited at the back of the sanctuary during High Holy Day services have walked through that garden - it sits just to the left of the sanctuary.

We invite everyone to sit in the Garden of Gratitude for reflection and small gatherings, for study, for celebration, or just for a chat with a friend.

Congregants are welcome to make contributions toward the ongoing beautification of the Garden of Gratitude. It is a lovely way to honor or remember a loved one as the funds help the garden to grow with new plants and trees that will flourish in this beautiful spot.

We look forward to seeing you in the garden soon!



Religious School Opening Day activity with Cantor Stone in the garden.

High Holy Days, Tashlich, Sukkah Build & Simchat Torah Shabbat































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Annual Fund Update: High Holy Day Appeal

Dear Emanu-El Family,

THANK YOU – for your amazing generosity.

Donations to the High Holy Day Appeal for the Annual Fund hit a new record again this year, with an increase of more than 35% in the amount of money raised.

The ongoing support of our incredible community is truly a blessing. Together, we make it all possible.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,

Maj Wickstrom

VP Board of Trustees and Chair of Fundraising

See pg.15 for a list of High Holy Day Appeal donations.

Good Neighbors

Twenty years ago I stood on top of Har Bental on the Golan Heights with a guide and a few other tourists. The guide regaled us with stories of the wars in 1967 and 1973, the heroic and miraculous victory of '67, the heartbreaking near-defeat of '73. All around us hung banners



reading *ha-am im hagolan* – the people are with the Golan. These banners protested the government's talks with Syria about returning the Golan Heights in exchange for normalization of ties and even a peace treaty. I asked the guide, "After all the Israelis shot in the kibbutzim when Syria had the heights; after the heroic capture of the heights in '67; after the hard won defense of the heights in '73, how could anyone think of returning them to Syria?" The guide, who had fought in many of Israel's wars, looked at me and said, "Security is the most important thing. The Golan gives us many military and strategic advantages. But the best security of all? The best security comes from peace."

This scene has played over and over in my mind these last couple of months as Israel has normalized relations with three Arab states. Its agreements with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Sudan are not quite like the peace between the US, Canada, and Mexico, but they do represent a meaningful step forward in normalizing the relationship between Israel and its neighbors. In the space of only a few weeks, Israel increased its diplomatic ties in the region by 150%! Not only that, but Saudi Arabia allowed El Al to fly through its airspace when traveling from Tel Aviv to Abu Dhabi. There have been hints at a warming between Israel and Saudi Arabia for a while now, but this was an overt act of opening and, maybe, a glimpse of future improved relations. Word is that Oman and Morocco may be considering ties down the road, too.

What has changed? What has made this possible? Several important tactical and strategic shifts:

• The West Bank Annexation Plan. Netanyahu's plan was reviled from the left to the middle to the far right. On the left: it would make two states impossible. In the middle: it would cause diplomatic headache and further entrenchment. On the far right: they want the whole West Bank. The ability to make a peace deal allowed Netanyahu to "trade annexation" for peace – and get out of a sticky political situation.

- The Iran Nuclear Deal. Correctly or incorrectly, the Sunni states and Israel see the JCPOA as an existential threat. That, and the abandonment of Hosnei Mubarak, long an American patron, indicated to them that the US had other interests besides their security. If they did not feel they could count on the US, they needed another powerful military ally. Israel is powerful and their security interests aligned.
- Palestinian Intransigence. Since the early '90s the Arab States have watched the Palestinians reject deal after deal offered by the Israelis. Many of these states are tired of waiting. They have other interests that need tending: economic, technological, and military. Diplomatic ties with Israel further their interests more than waiting for a dysfunctional Palestinian leadership that can't say "yes."

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The news of the deals with the UAE and Bahrain is so much more remarkable because of the people who made it happen: Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu, President Donald Trump, Presidential Advisor Jared Kushner, and US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman – and the Emiratis, Bahrainis, and Sudanese, of course. Whatever policy and philosophical disagreements I have with each of them, they all deserve credit for making this diplomatic breakthrough a reality.

The Arab states with which Israel has made peace each have significant problems: human rights abuses, dictatorial regimes, mistreatment of foreign workers, lack of religious freedom, and populations rife with anti-Semitism. But we need to remember, Israel is in a rough neighborhood. It does not have Canada, Mexico, and two oceans. As that grizzled, old Israeli guide I once had said, "Peace is the ultimate security." And who knows, perhaps being more secure with its neighbors will allow Israel to make meaningful progress towards a two-state solution with the Palestinians.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

Spotlight on Cellist, Wanda Glowacka

Our High Holy Day cellist, Wanda Glowacka (pronounced Van-da Gwa-vas-ka), is a familiar presence at our temple, playing an important role in enhancing our Yom Kippur services for the past two decades. As familiar as she is, however, few know her story.





The first part of her story is musical: A child prodigy in her native Poland, Wanda made her debut as soloist with an orchestra at age 11. At 20, she moved to New York on a Fulbright scholarship at the invitation of the

renowned cellist, Leonard Rose, to come study with him at Juilliard.

Wanda was the recipient of many prizes and awards, including Concertina Prague Competition (1st Prize), Danczowski Competitions (1st Prize), Boston University Faculty Awards, the Hammer-Rostropovich Award, and more. She appeared as soloist with orchestras throughout Europe and South America and since 1989 has performed on many American stages, most recently in promoting new music.



On many occasions, Wanda has performed with her sister, a professional violinist, who lives in Paris. Another sister, in Poland, is a pianist; in fact, practically all of Wanda's immediate and extended family members are professional musicians. One of them, of particular note, was her grandfather from Vilna, whom she never met, and whose photo once graced her music stand at one of our Yom HaShoah services.

The second part of Wanda's story is more personal: it wasn't until her early 20's that she discovered she was Jewish. The revelation came about because a landlady of hers suspected it may be so, based on a few clues such as Wanda buying challah on Fridays, and eating matzah around Easter, customs she had grown up with in Poland. Wanda's mother, when asked, revealed that they were, in fact, Jewish. This information had been kept from Wanda because it wasn't safe identifying as Jewish in communist Poland. Wanda knew growing up that many of her family had died in the war, but until discovering she was Jewish, she never knew why.

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Wanda's music is integral to our experience of Yom Kippur; playing at our temple has a particular significance for her as well:

Playing for Yom Kippur has had special meaning for me. It's a way of honoring the memory of my grandfather, whom I never knew, but who was murdered and disposed of in one of the common graves by the Nazis in Vilna, for no other reason than being Jewish.

While Wanda's credits are impressive, ultimately it is music itself that matters to her:

Perhaps the most important thing to me over the years is not the accomplishments, but the connection to the music I get to play - it has always been as necessary as air to me - and having an opportunity to share its beauty, directness, and complexity.

We are so fortunate that Wanda is part of our temple family, and we look forward to her continuing to share her gifts with us for years to come.

Meredith Stone, Cantor

High Holy Day Highs From Our Reflections Workshop & More

When asked about a vivid moment from the High Holy Days, participants in our October Reflections Workshop wrote about a variety of special moments. As we shared and discussed them as a group, it became apparent that our physical distance did not prevent us from coming together as a community. In fact, in many cases, our unusual circumstances enabled families and friends to draw closer. As one of our congregants wrote to us, "What a time this is; yet the connection to the synagogue has only grown stronger."

"A small table, a small space, a white table cloth, candlesticks we bought in Safed on a temple trip to Israel, a kiddush cup from my bat mitzvah, a challah basket from dear friends, our prayer books, and fresh flowers; all placed in our living room. This brought the sacred into our home: thanks to our High Holy Day guide that came in our care package, and a suggestion from Maj Wickstrom. Just looking at it brought me peace. I left the table in place for the time between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A bit of the Days of Awe in our home. It was difficult not being together with everyone, the greetings, the warmth of hugs and praying together in our lovely sanctuary. It was a High Holy Days reinvented but it was lovely because I chose to embrace it."

-Susan Amkraut









"I experienced powerful feelings of joy, and yet feelings of loss when I attended the Tashlich ceremony at Silver Lake Park in West Harrison. The scene was perfect: Rabbi Howard blowing

the shofar, Cantor Meredith singing and playing the guitar, the wind blowing and the ripples on the lake with ducks gliding by. I felt nature was in technicolor that day. I became teary and yet had feelings of gratitude of being connected to my temple community and to nature, along with feeling the emotion of loss."

-Shelly Benerofe



"On Yom Kippur morning I placed the yahrzeit candle and prayer book that the temple had given in our care package on my bare dining room table. I took a picture. They looked sacred to

me. On a whim I sent the picture to my sister in New Jersey. Lo and behold, Laurie sent me a picture back - a picture of a single yahrzeit candle burning on her coffee table. I do not have a religious bond with my sister, but at that moment, we were connected, remembering our parents and our brother, together."

- Margie McCabe

"Holidays, since our married children, the parents of our grandchildren, all moved far away, have presented with very mixed emotions. Yes, memories, traditions, religion, the cozy warmth of our beautiful temple, old friends, once a year familiar faces, outfits and high heels were always a perfect constant. Yet, various family constellations presented difficulties each year. In some ways then, this year forced a more peaceful, more personal joy, and, was oddly, less lonely."

- Lois Falberg



"Since Lois and I don't have any immediate family in the area, the temple community has become like family for us, and not only on the High Holy Days. We also look forward to regular Friday night services, both on Zoom and more recently in the temple parking lot, to maintain our sense of community and connection, not only to each other but also to the Jewish community."

- Brian Sinder

(High Holy Day Highs From Our Reflections Workshop & More cont.)

"The Rosh Hashanah online services were very comforting to me. I'm very aware this was only possible because I have a previous relationship with the temple and its community. I watched other services too... and those were beautiful and surprisingly warm sometimes. But they weren't speaking TO me. It was like being the friend of a guest at someone else's party. Our online services also felt very intimate, because it was just the three of us and the big TV screen. Being able to put my feet up and occasionally have them block an inch off the bottom of the screen felt like a privilege. Even those silhouetted toes at the bottom of the screen screamed 'connection' to me.



In April, a breastplate honoring the memories of my father and sister was to be presented during Shabbat services. As with everything else, that didn't happen. We had not been able to see it until Rosh Hashanah streamed along, with its slow close ups of the ark, allowing us to peek through its hollowed flames and, at last, set our eyes on their names. Had we been in person at temple, this magical moment would not have graced us." - Rosane Hirszman

We received wonderful notes of appreciation from so many of you, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your appreciation! A few excerpts:

"Thanks to your talent, creative vision, and spirt... our homes became truly sacred spaces."

"At first we felt strange participating in the service from our family room, lying on our couch after a nice family dinner in comfortable clothes. In fact we said it was really sad that we had to even do this. Then as the service continued we realized that it was really relaxing and enjoyable in a strange new way. No parking stress either. Saturday's services continued to stream music and prayer into our home which again was new to us and everyone else for that matter."

"Thank you for your beautiful services, your awareness of joy and sadness and remembering all of your congregants in a very special way."

"Pulling that off was obviously a huge challenge, and we thank and congratulate all involved for such a significant accomplishment. Hopefully the positive momentum of the temple was not only maintained but even enhanced by what was done under such complicated circumstances."

"The services were really special and I'm sure that we will all remember them for the rest of our lives."

"It was above and beyond anything I could have imagined it to be. It was touching, heart warming and intimate...I imagine you both had to work much harder than usual, but I enjoyed knowing that you too were at home, with your families, watching the services."

"You guys are really our spiritual 'frontline' workers."

"We could see how much effort went into the planning, filming and editing of the services. The Torah services and the study session were wonderful for discussions and seeing familiar faces. The musical montage and the use of the photos was brilliant."

"Obviously the conditions were challenging, but the coordination, cohesion and teamwork were truly outstanding."

"Our family so enjoyed 'being' in the synagogue with you. You did a wonderful job getting us all together in a most unique and unsettling time. Our synagogue is the best and thank you for keeping it so available and comforting for all of my family and the community."

Ritual Corner: Everyone knows that we add a new candle on each night of Chanukah. But not everyone knows why.

About two thousand years ago, there was quite a debate over the matter. Indeed, people lit their menorahs differently. Some people did as we do today. On the first night they lit one candle and added a new candle each night until on the eighth night they lit eight candles. But there was another group of Jews who did the reverse. They started with eight candles and removed one each night so that on night eight they only lit one candle. This second group was known at *Beit Shammai* and, in so many ways, their practice makes more sense. Afterall, while the miraculous oil did last for eight nights, we can imagine that each night there was less and less oil. Therefore the light diminishes to mirror the diminishing supply of oil.



The other group, the group we follow, was called *Beit Hillel. Beit Hillel* agreed that the amount of oil diminished each night. But they argued that while

the amount of oil grew smaller, the size of the miracle increased! And so, they taught that we should add a light each night to reflect the growing brilliance of the miracle - one night's worth of oil lasting for eight nights.

We, too, use Chanukah to help us recognize the wonders in our lives. We do it at the darkest time of year so that the growing light of the festival can help us recognize and celebrate the miraculous things all around us.

May the light in our lives grow throughout our Festival of Lights and in the year to come!

Chanukah Blessings

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֵׁנוּ בָּמִצְוֹתִיוּ, וְצָוָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֶכָּה.

Baruch ata Adonai, elohenu melech ha- olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, vitsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, You hallow us with Your Commandments, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לָאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch ata Adonai, elohenu melech ha - olam, she-asa nisim lavotenu, bayamim hahaym, bazman ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, You showed wonders to our ancestors in days of old and at this season.

First Night:

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֵיֵנוּ וְקִיְּמֵנוּ והגיענוּ לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Musical Guest Eliana Light (Zoom) Friday, November 6, 6:00pm



Bring in the light of Shabbat with special musical guest, Eliana Light. Join us on Zoom for meaningful family learning woven between songs and prayer as we unwind from the busy week and welcome Shabbat into

our homes as a Religious School community. As part of our new curriculum and re-envisioned family learning, all 1st through 7th grade students and their families are expected to attend.

Register at https://tinyurl.com/2020LS1

Sacred Stories Shabbat (Zoom) Friday, November 20, 6:00pm

We're inspired by the sacred sparks we see in ordinary and extraordinary stories congregants share with us all. Our thematic Sacred Stories Shabbat services combine congregant reflections with a musical twist, guest speaker, or deeper learning. All of these services inspire as they connect us to each other and our tradition.

It is more important than ever that we continue our acts of *tikkun olam* (repairing our world) in our communities. With social distancing as our new norm, volunteering looks a lot different than it did even two months ago, but there is no shortage of opportunities to help those in need of support at this time. To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

Social Action Drives

Help make our community a better place and participate in the important drives and collections scheduled throughout the year.

September High Holy Day Food Drive - DONE!

October Coats for Hope Coat Drive -

extended to Monday, November 16

November Have A Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive

December Kids' Kloset Underwear & Socks Drive

January Afya Collection

March Hope Community Food Pantry Drive
April/May Mitzvah Shabbat Book & Pajama Drive

June Gently Used Backpack Collection

for Midnight Run



Give the thrill of opening a holiday gift this season to children in underserved communities in Westchester by donating to the WJCS Have A Heart for the Holidays gift drive. Last year, over 1,000 children received gifts in time for the holidays – and this year, the need is even greater.



Donate a new unwrapped gender neutral toy or a \$25 Amazon gift card. Please coordinate drop off at the temple with Dan at doconnor@c-e-w.org.

For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

Kids' Kloset Underwear & Socks Drive Friday, December 4 - Friday, January 29



Kids' Kloset is seeking donations of new underwear (toddler to adult sizes) and socks as part of their winter drive to help local families in need.

Drop off at the temple or ship directly to (914)Cares at 901 N. Broadway, North White Plains, NY, 10603.

For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.



High Holy Day Food Drive For Feeding Westchester - Our Biggest Yet!

Food donations are critical to Feeding Westchester's mission to ensure food is delivered to those who need it. Food insecurity affects 1 in 5 Westchester residents, and the pandemic has created even more of a challenge in communities across the county. As a temple community, we collected 2000 pounds of food - more than double what was donated in 2019, and the largest food donation Emanu-El has made to date.

A big thank you to Susan Amkraut, Hedy Cardozo, and Rachel Griff for transporting all that food to Feeding Westchester!



Ongoing: Baby Bank Diapers & Wipes Drive

Baby Bank's mission is to help local families in need keep their babies clean, healthy and happy.

Immediate needs are wipes, diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6) and pull-ups (4T & 5T) for their Bags of Love program.

Items can be dropped off in front of the temple's main lobby doors or shipped directly to Baby Bank Westchester at Baby Bank c/o 914Cares, 901 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603.

Heeding the Call

'Heeding the Call' is not just a bunch of words at CEW. These are words that we live by as a community, words that dictate our actions and words that guide our educational programming. The concept of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, is alive and well at CEW.



If we detect social injustice, whether in our community or in the world, the CEW community is ready to spring into action. From caring for our own members in need to addressing complex global issues, our congregants, and the committees and task forces that we have formed, are ready to step up and make a difference.

"Learn to do good, seek justice, relieve the oppressed, bring justice for the orphan, seek defense for the widow." - Isaiah 1:17

Why are social justice and social action an integral part of our life as a community? We know we are supposed to do the right thing, but it is more than that. A central tenet of Judaism is to be socially responsible, to help others, to repair the world.

"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do them wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." - Leviticus 19:33-34

The fair treatment of immigrants is an old-new issue that remains on the forefront of our modern world. Our ancestors were immigrants; they were strangers in a foreign land. They were displaced time and time again throughout history and they struggled to maintain their dignity and their Judaism. This is not a theoretical debate at CEW. Over the course of recent decades we have successfully resettled families from the former Soviet Union, Ecuador and Kurdistan.

"Ben Zoma says: Who is wise? He who learns from every person." - Ethics of the Fathers, 4:1

Many of our educational programs at CEW provide members with the opportunity to learn about and discuss the Jewish response to anti-Semitism, racism, the refugee crisis and many other relevant topics.

On Thursday, November 5, Rabbi Avi Killip of Hadar (see pg. 1) will look at the Jewish Paradigms for Understanding Racism in the United States. This deeply important and timely webinar tasks us with evaluating our responsibilities towards the broader world and our fellow human beings. Through concepts developed by our ancient rabbis, we will

explore our own role and responsibility in racism today, seek tools to resist the racism that is pervasive in our culture, and ask if we have any responsibility and ability to correct for a troubled national history.

"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do them wrong..."

To commemorate Kristallnacht, we have two special Zoom events that address both the vulnerability of refugees and the importance of being upstanders rather than bystanders.

On Sunday, November 8, Ellen Kaidanow will share with Hineini and our teens her mother-in-law's miraculous story of becoming the sole survivor of her family at age six. She was saved by a Christian woman, who risked her own life by hiding Mrs. Kaidanow for two years.

On Monday, November 9 (see pg. 1), Dr. Marion Kaplan will discuss her newest book, *Hitler's Jewish Refugees: Hope and Anxiety in Portugal.* This riveting book describes the dramatic experiences of Jewish refugees as they fled Hitler's regime and then lived in limbo in Portugal until they could reach safer havens abroad. An emotional history of fleeing, most refugees in Portugal showed strength and stamina as they faced unimagined challenges.

"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." - Ethics of the Fathers, 2:21

We are not able to fix everything, nor can we make the world safe for all immigrants or all vulnerable individuals. But that does not mean that we should do nothing. Every act of kindness, every attempt to ease the burden of the oppressed, every experience to educate ourselves, is an opportunity to contribute to making the world a better place. We will not finish the job, but we can make a difference and we can lay the foundation for our children and our children's children to continue the important work we at CEW have begun. And continue to have a positive impact on the world!

Shalom,

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director

ADULT LEARNING & PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, the video Zoom address for programs and services is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9149674382

Worship services may also be viewed on our Facebook page or website. The audio only dial-in is 1-646-558-8656 (use Meeting ID 914 967 4382).

Single Malt Torah Thursdays, November 5 & December 3, 8:00pm



Grab your favorite beverage and log on for Single Malt Torah with other men from the congregation!

RSVP to Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x13 or hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org.

Can't make these sessions? The group will meet again in 2021 on Thursdays, January 28, March 18, and May 20.

Beit Midrash at Home Sundays, November 8, November 22 & December 20, 10:30am Saturday, December 5, 9:00am

This year's Beit Midrash will continue our deep exploration of Jewish ideas and the ways they shape us as Reform Jews today. Jewish Study with a special focus on Jewish thought in the late 20th and early 21st Century. Using the recently published book, The New Jewish Cannon, edited by Yehuda Kurtzer and Claire E. Sufrin, we will examine the ways that Jewish thought and ideas have evolved with incredible speed.

Next Step Sunday, November 8, 12:00pm & Sunday, December 6, 11:00am

This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed this group to continue for many years. Next Step is facilitated by Paul Spindel (retired executive). For more information and a special Zoom link, contact Paul at 914-632-1264.

Book Club

Thursday, November 19, 10:15am

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Thursday, December 17, 10:15am

A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonia Purnell

Books & Bites Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm

The Story Sisters by Alice Hoffman

RSVP to Marcie at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org. Newcomers always welcome!

Challah Baking with Debra Cohen Sunday, December 6, 12:00pm



Learn to make challah at home with our resident challah baking expert, Debra Cohen. Get your ingredients ahead of time then bake together online in your own

kitchens! Shabbat will be that much sweeter with fresh baked challah on your table.

To learn more and RSVP, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone Monday, December 7, 12:00pm

In this workshop, we find out how our daily life experiences, observations and anecdotes can illuminate and give deeper meaning to our prayers. Through writing on various topics, learning about the themes of prayers, and sharing as a group, we will see prayer in a new light and strengthen connections to one another and our tradition.

RSVP to Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x19 or mstone@c-e-w.org.

Women's Study Group Chanukah Gathering Under the Stars Tuesday, December 15, 6:30pm



Together we will find warmth in our community of women as we kindle the lights of Chanukah under the stars.

Details to follow.

Miracle on Westchester Avenue

The Jewish tradition is filled with miracles: Sarah, the first of the four matriarchs, conceived her first child at the age of ninety; the 10 plagues that led to the liberation of the Jewish people from centuries of slavery; the splitting of the Red Sea. Most notable, though, is the miracle of Chanukah.



The story goes like this: a ragtag army of nice Jewish boys rose up to protect their nation against the Hellenistic Seleucid army, who at the time, was the most powerful in the world. The mere fact that they mustered up the strength and the courage to defeat this army is miraculous in and of itself. After overthrowing the Seleucids, the Maccabees returned to the sacred Temple in Jerusalem only to find that it had been defiled and transformed into a pagan shrine. They did, however, manage to locate a cruse filled with just enough oil to last one day. Rather than waiting to secure more oil for a proper celebration, the Maccabees wasted no time at all in rededicating the Temple to God. They used the small amount of oil to light the menorah, and it is here that we find our second miracle of the story: the oil lasted for eight full days.

Chanukah, widely known as the Festival of Lights, commemorates the eight days of light fueled by one droplet of oil. That miracle seems insignificant in comparison to the unlikely defeat of the Seleucids by the meager Jewish army, which then begs the question of whether the victory was actually a miracle or merely an act of determination. The Maccabees knew exactly what was at risk and that this battle would be the defining moment in the survival of the Jewish people, specifically their freedom to pass along the Jewish tradition to future generations.

The name, Chanukah, comes from the term *chanuch*, meaning "dedication." The word *chanuch* also happens to share a root - the same three Hebrew letters - with the word *chinuch*, which means "education." This etymological relationship has never been more evident to me than right now. I began my role as Director of Education in the middle of a pandemic, when there was nothing but uncertainty looming on the horizon: Will Religious School be able to open in September? Will families come? Where will classes be held? How on earth am I going to pull this off? Though I admit the questions couldn't have possibly been as menacing

as the Seleucid army, they were nevertheless formidable. I surveyed my options from every angle and partnered with countless team members, lay leaders, board members, and parents, all working towards the goal to safely open the religious school so as not to disrupt the Jewish journeys of our children. The plan was an amalgamation of varied experiences, perspectives, and resources, all of which would have fallen flat without the *chanuch*, the dedication, to provide our children the opportunity to engage in a centuries-old tradition of *chinuch*, Jewish learning.

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I continue to find myself in awe of the miracle of this school year. Just like the Macabees, we pooled our strengths to overcome challenges that were once unimaginable. Just like the Macabees, we dedicated ourselves to protecting our community's ability to learn Torah. Just like the Macabees, we now get to revel in our victory as we watch our children enter their Religious School classrooms every Sunday to continue what has kept the Jewish people alive for thousands of years.

Naomi Fabes, Director of Education

The Bauman-Green Pre-K & Kindergarten Program: Chag-in-a-Box!

Our Pre-K & Kindergarten program is coming right to your home! Each month, you will receive a Chag-in-a-Box, a holiday-themed care package filled with crafts, recipes, and games for you to make Jewish memories with your loved ones.

Sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/chaginabox For more information, contact Director of Education Naomi Fabes at nfabes@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x15.



This program is funded by the generosity of congregant Dr. Caroline Bauman.

2020-21 Jewish Holidays

September: Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

October: Sukkot
November: Shabbat
December: Chanukah

January: Tu B'Shvat February: Purim March: Passover

April: Yom Ha'Atzmaut

May: Shavuot

Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Musical Guest Eliana Light (Zoom) Friday, November 6, 6:00pm Service



Bring in the light of Shabbat with special musical guest, Eliana Light. Join us on Zoom for meaningful family learning woven between songs and prayer as we unwind from the busy week and welcome Shabbat into

our homes as a Religious School community. We will also take this opportunity to recognize and welcome our newest Religious School students with a special consecration ceremony. As part of our new curriculum and re-envisioned family learning, all 1st through 7th

grade students and their families are expected to attend.

Register at https://tinyurl.com/2020LS1

Young Families Chanukah Celebration (in-person/Zoom) Friday, December 11, 5:00pm (Followed by Chanukah Shabbat)



Outdoor Chanukah candle lighting, songs, stories, and surprises! Hint: You "do-nut" want to miss this!

We are committed to helping young families begin their Jewish journeys. Bring

your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren — any little one who is special in your life. All Young Families Committee events are free and open to the community and are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade.

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

B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

We would like to honor the following students who will become B'nei Mitzvah in November and December!

Nina Bortner
Austin Frankel
Jackson Koslow
Zachary Montone
Finn Rosenbaum



SAVETHE DATE

Family Learning Services for 1st - 7th Grade Families Friday, February 5, 6:00pm Friday, May 7, 5:30pm

Our community offers condolences to

David Grann on the death of his father, Victor Grann Michael Hefter on the death of his father, Ira Hefter

Wendy Rowden on the death of her mother, Justine Rowden, and on the death of her aunt, Rheba Adolf
Larry Rutkovsky on the death of his cousin, Sam Rutkovsky
Bonnie Shyer on the death of her husband, Henry Shyer
Harriet Weissman on the death of her husband, Paul Weissman

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James Bilotta	Eric & Regina Witkin	Janie Lewis	The Lewis, Neimark, Seegal,	
Bernard Birnbaum			and Sheflan Families	
	& Noah Birnbaum	Elizabeth LoCastro	The LoCastro Family	
Joseph Burak	Sondra Grundman	Daniel de Galeto	·	
Marilyn Cohen	Mitchell & Marti Cohen	Tillie K. Lubin	Sara & Axel Schupf and Family	
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Nettie & Morris Davis	Vivian & Roger Farah	Yetta Maxon	Anna Markova Barbara Benerofe	
	- C	Richard Salzer	The LoCastro Family	
Herbert Einhorn	William Colish		•	
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Hilda Friedman	Estelle & Stanley Berg	Sylvia Schneider	Stanley & Evelyn Lobel	
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Neil Grundman	Sondra Grundman	Arthur Sicular	Lilian Sicular	
Barbara Hirsch	Sondra Grundman	Ruth Sinder	Brian Sinder & Lois Falberg	
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	& Gloria Batkin Kahn	Bernice Rhoda Tepper	Elyse Nathanson	
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Irene Kirshen	Nina Fixler		Alan Epstein and Family	
Steven Klebanoff	Jennifer Lerner	Pearl Winter	Martin & Pamela Winter	

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Bill & Hinda Bodinger in memory of Henry Shyer Sanford & Brianne Goldstein

Michael & Leslie Mook in honor of the marriage of MJ & Richard Wolff's daughter Sarah to Adam Bensimon

Peter Schweitzer in memory of Gertrude Schweitzer

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Religious School Pod 1: 9:00-10:15am Pod 2: 10:45am-12:00pm Holiday Toy Drive for WJCS Starts	2 7:15pm Academy	3 Hebrew School Individual Zoom Tutoring: 3:30-4:30pm 5:00-6:30pm T'filah (Zoom): 4:30-5:00pm Election Day	4	5 7:30pm Jewish Paradigms for Understanding Racism in the US with Rabbi Avi Killip 8:00pm Single Malt Torah	6 6:00pm Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Eliana Light	7 5:00pm Jackson Koslow Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
8 Religious School Pod 1: 9:00-10:15am Pod 2: 10:45am-12:00pm 10:00am Hineini & Teens: The Girl with Four Names - with Ellen Kaidanow 10:30am Beit Midrash 12:00pm Next Step	9 12:00pm Hitler's Jewish Refugees: Hope and Anxiety in Portugal with Dr. Marion Kaplan 7:15pm Academy	I0 Hebrew School Individual Zoom Tutoring: 3:30-4:30pm 5:00-6:30pm T'filah (Zoom): 4:30-5:00pm 7:30pm Board Meeting	II Veterans Day	12	13 9:00am Political Staffers Meeting with Andrew Silow-Carroll 6:00pm Shabbat Service	14 11:00am Zach Montone Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
15 Religious School Pod 1: 9:00-10:15am Pod 2: 10:45am-12:00pm	16 7:15pm Academy	I7 Hebrew School Individual Zoom Tutoring: 3:30-4:30pm 5:00-6:30pm T'filah (Zoom): 4:30-5:00pm	18	19 10:15am Book Club	20 6:00pm Sacred Stories Shabbat	21 5:00pm Austin Frankel Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
22 Religious School Pod 1: 9:00-10:15am Pod 2: 10:45am-12:00pm 10:30am Beit Midrash	23 No Academy	24 No Hebrew School	25	26 Temple Closed for Thanksgiving	27 Temple Closed for Thanksgiving 6:00pm Lay Led Service	28
29 No Religious School	30 No Academy					

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		I Hebrew School Individual Zoom Tutoring: 3:30-4:30pm 5:00-6:30pm T'filah (Zoom): 4:30-5:00pm Books & Bites 6:30pm Kids' Kloset Collection Starts	2	3 8:00pm Single Malt Torah	4 6:00pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath with Yoni Battat & Leah Carnow	5 9:00am Beit Midrash
6 Religious School Pod 1: 9:00-10:15am Pod 2: 10:45am-12:00pm 11:00am Next Step 12:00pm Challah Baking	7 12:00pm Reflection Workshop 7:15pm Academy	8 Hebrew School Individual Zoom Tutoring: 3:30-4:30pm 5:00-6:30pm T'filah (Zoom): 4:30-5:00pm	9	10 Ist Night of Chanukah	11 5:00pm Young Families Celebration Time TBA Chanukah Celebration Chanukah	12 9:00am Finn Rosenbaum Bar Mitzvah Ceremony 11:00am Nina Bortner Bat Mitzvah Ceremony Chanukah
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Chanukah 20 Religious School Pod 1: 9:00-10:15am Pod 2: 10:45am-12:00pm 10:30am Beit Midrash	21 7:15pm Academy	22 Hebrew School Individual Zoom Tutoring: 3:30-4:30pm 5:00-6:30pm T'filah (Zoom): 4:30-5:00pm	23	24	25 6:00pm Lay Led Service	26
27 No Religious School	28 No Academy	29 No Hebrew School	30	31 Office Closes Early for New Year's Eve		

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

November 6 (Zoom)

6:00pm Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Eliana Light

November 13 (in-person/Zoom) 6:00pm **Shabbat Service**

November 20 (Zoom)

6:00pm Sacred Stories Shabbat

November 27 (Zoom) 6:00pm Lay Led Service

December 4 (Zoom)

6:00pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute
Sabbath with Yoni Battat
and Leah Carnow

December II (in-person/Zoom)
Time TBA Chanukah Celebration

December 18 (Zoom) 6:00pm **Shabbat Service**

Family Friendly

Annual Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath: A Special Musical Shabbat featuring Yoni Battat & Leah Carnow December 4, 6:00pm (Zoom)



Yoni Battat and Leah Carnow are a married musical duo that spin their own Jewish melodies in rich harmony with one another.

Yoni is a Boston-based multiinstrumentalist (violin, viola, oud, guitar), vocalist, composer, and

teacher, specializing in contemporary and traditional Jewish music from Eastern Europe and the Middle East. His Russian/Polish and Iraqi heritage forms his spiritual identity, deeply rooted in the sounds and rituals of his ancestors, while reimagining this music for our lives in the 21st century. Leah is a rabbinical student who brings with her a passion for leading Jewish ritual with centeredness, spirituality, and interconnectedness.

Together they create new melodies inspired by their eclectic musical experiences, leading prayer that brings joy, love, and acceptance into the world. Find out more at https://leahandyoni.bandcamp.com



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