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A CATALOG OF SERVICES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Dear Congregants,

For thousands of years nothing has stopped Jewish life. Judaism has survived wars, sickness, famines, expulsions, migrations, and every manner of disaster that nature and history could muster. Jewish life endures despite vast assimilation, social pressures, emancipation, and the advent of modernity and secular culture. For the past six months – and for the year to come – nothing will stop Jewish life for Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. Pandemic or not, we have planned a year filled with vibrant, engaging, challenging, and inspiring services, programs, and education.

In some ways it will all be very similar to what we have always done and in other ways it will be very different. It is similar because we will pray together to welcome Shabbat each week, children will learn about our traditions, we will all gain new Jewish perspectives on our world, and we will continue to foster the sense of community that is a hallmark of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. And different. It will be different because the venue of any particular service or event will depend on the state of public health. Sometimes we will be together outdoors at the synagogue. Sometimes we will all be home on our computers. In other circumstances, some of us may be at the temple while others connect online. Make sure to check Emanumail each week for updates on location and connection instructions for all that we do.

I have been inspired by your commitment to Jewish life. Our congregation has demonstrated in ways large and small that nothing stops Jewish living and learning. Looking forward to carrying on our heritage with you in 5781!

L'Shalom,



Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

ICON GUIDE

As a congregation committed to meeting you where you are on your Jewish Journey, we are determined to make it easy for you to identify the points of connection that most appeal to you; this way you can bring holiness, community and wisdom to your own life while adding strength to our congregation. Watch for these icons in materials from the temple and religious school. Each icon answers the question: *Why should I come?*



Reflect & Elevate

We gather for Shabbat, holy days, festivals, memorial services and life-cycle events to reflect on the themes of our lives as they echo through our traditions. Through songs and readings, sermons and theatrics, sharing and quiet, we find our lives uplifted.



Step-Up & Give-Back

We live in safety and security, with an abundance unimaginable for past generations. Donating our time and resources to worthy causes shows our gratitude for the plenty we enjoy. These acts of *tikkun olam* (repairing our world) allow us to express our Jewish identity in a fulfilling, important way.



Mix and Mingle

The center of our congregation is our sense of community. We celebrate together, comfort each other, forge friendships and make connections - that is what we can uniquely offer as a synagogue.



Seek & Discover

Jewish study leads to vitality that keeps our minds sharp and our souls searching. Rather than relativism, Judaism confronts us with issues that help to clarify our place in history and our place in our world. Classes, lectures, text study, book clubs, Single Malt Torah, and the Women's Study Group; see what you can discover.



Family Time

Family is the center of Jewish life. At our temple, your family will spend quality time together living out the values that we all hold most dear and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester is your family's antidote to our fast-paced, digital, over-programmed society.

WELCOME

A Community Dedicated to Celebrating Modern Jewish Life

This is a very special congregation. Congregants of all backgrounds feel connected and inspired by our services, our Religious School, and our myriad programs. Our clergy and staff dedicate themselves to creating a robust suite of engaging programs, stimulating classes, and uplifting prayer experiences so that all can express their Jewish identity in the most personally meaningful ways. Rather than seeking conformity, we build community by honoring the uniqueness of each individual. Each facet of our community adds a new shade of light and blessing to our congregation. With over 400 services, classes, programs, social action opportunities, youth events, speakers and more throughout the year, there is something for everyone. And, more important than any program and activity, there is the warm sense of community that defines our congregation.



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REFLECT & ELEVATE






Friday Night Worship Services

"More than the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." - *Ahad Ha'am*
Together we explore the many facets of Jewish worship by approaching our tradition from a variety of perspectives. Each one offers another way to understand the story of our people.

September 4

6:00pm **Lay Led Service**

September 11   

6:00pm **Shabbat Picnic**

6:30pm **Tailgate Shabbat in the Parking Lot**

September 18




7:30pm **Erev Rosh Hashanah Service**

September 25

6:30pm **Shabbat Shuva Early Service**

October 2

6:30pm **Early Erev Sukkot Service**

October 9   



6:30pm **Simchat Torah Shabbat**

October 16

6:30pm **Early Service**

October 23

7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

October 30  

7:30pm **I'm a Cultural Jew Shabbat**

November 6   

7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Musical Guest**

November 13

6:30pm **Early Service**

November 20  




7:30pm **Sacred Stories Shabbat**

November 27

6:00pm **Lay Led Service**

December 4

7:30pm **Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath**

December 11   

7:00pm **Chanukah Service**

December 18

6:30pm **Early Service**

December 25

6:00pm **Lay Led Service**

January 1

6:00pm **Lay Led Service**



January 8

7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

January 15

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Service**




January 22  

7:30pm **Social Justice Shabbat featuring the Isaacs Memorial Lecture with Investigative Journalist Kyra Darnton Grann**

January 29

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Service**

February 5   

7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat**

February 12

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Service**

Shabbat Service Key:  Band



Handsfree/Prayers projected



Family Friendly




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Friday Night Worship Services (Cont.)

February 19

6:00pm **Lay Led Service**

February 26   



7:30pm **Purim Shabbat**

March 5  

7:30pm **Shabbat Honoring Hineini Students
and Their Parents**

March 12

7:30pm **Union Prayer Book Service**

March 19  

7:30pm **Sacred Stories Shabbat**

March 26

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Service**

April 2



6:00pm **Lay Led Service**

April 9

7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

April 16

7:30pm **The Samuel L. and Jane L. Friedman
Lecture on Peace & Understanding**

April 23  

7:30pm **Youth Group Service**

April 30

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Service**



May 7   

5:30pm **Mitzvah Shabbat
& Pizza Truck Dinner**

May 14

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Service**

May 21  

7:30pm **Sacred Stories Shabbat**

May 28

6:00pm **Lay Led Service**

June 4  

7:30pm **I'm A Cultural Jew Shabbat**

June 11

7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

June 18

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Service**



Friday Night Worship by Service Type

Sacred Stories Shabbat

The joyful music of our band and the Temple Tones uplifts these services. 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.

November 20, 7:30pm

March 19, 7:30pm

May 21, 7:30pm

Family Learning Shabbat

Experience the magic of Shabbat with your family! Join us for a vibrant service filled with music and learning as we unwind from the busy week and welcome Shabbat. Our family learning experiences are a core component of Jewish education at Congregation Emanu-El, and will take place on Friday evenings to bring together all our students have learned as we celebrate Shabbat with family and friends.

November 6

7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat
& Consecration with Musical Guest**

May 7

5:30pm **Mitzvah Shabbat
& Pizza Truck Dinner**

February 5

7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat**



Young Families Committee Holiday Celebrations

"From generation to generation..." - *From the morning liturgy*

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, open to the community and appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade. Start the story for the next generation.

Saturday, September 19

3:00pm **Rosh Hashanah Young Families Service**

Monday, September 28

3:00pm **Yom Kippur Young Families Service**

Sunday, November 1

10:45am **Shabbat Celebration**

Sunday, December 13

10:45am **Chanukah Celebration**

Sunday, February 28

10:45am **Purim Celebration**

Sunday, March 21

10:45am **Passover Celebration**



Holiday Worship & Celebrations

"Lovingly, God, You have given us the gift of festivals for joy and holy days for happiness..."
- *From the Festival Kiddush*

We join together to observe and celebrate the holy days and festivals that allow us to relive the story of our people. [Note: We celebrate many holidays on the nearest Friday evening.]

Saturday, September 12

7:30pm **Communal Selichot Service**

Friday, September 18

7:30pm **Erev Rosh Hashanah Service**

Saturday, September 19

10:00am **Rosh Hashanah Morning Service**

11:15am **Rosh Hashanah Torah Service**

12:30pm **Rosh Hashanah Drive in Shofar Service I**

1:15pm **Rosh Hashanah Drive in Shofar Service II**

2:00pm **Rosh Hashanah Drive in Shofar Service III**

3:00pm **Rosh Hashanah Young Families Service**

Sunday, September 20

9:00am **Sanctuary Personal Reflection Time**

Location **Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Tashlich**
& Times TBA

Monday, September 21

7:00pm **Sanctuary Personal Reflection Time**

Tuesday, September 22

12:00pm **Sanctuary Personal Reflection Time**

Wednesday, September 23

2:00pm **Sanctuary Personal Reflection Time**

Thursday, September 24

7:00pm **Sanctuary Personal Reflection Time**



Holiday Worship & Celebrations (Cont.)

Friday, September 25

11:00am **Sanctuary Personal Reflection Time**

6:30pm **Shabbat Shuva Early Service**

Saturday, September 26

11:00am **Sanctuary Personal Reflection Time**

Sunday, September 27

7:30pm **Kol Nidre Service**

Monday, September 28

10:00am **Yom Kippur: Morning Service**

11:30am **Yom Kippur Torah Service**

1:30pm **Yom Kippur Study Session**

3:00pm **Yom Kippur Young Families Service**

4:30pm **Yom Kippur Yizkor & N'ilah Services**

5:30pm **Break Fast**

Friday, October 2

6:30pm **Early Erev Sukkot Service**

Wednesday, October 7

5:30pm **Women's Study Group Sukkot Gathering**

Friday, October 9

6:30pm **Simchat Torah Shabbat**

Saturday, October 10

9:00am **Sukkot/Shmini Atzeret Yizkor Service**

Sunday, November 1

10:45am **Young Families Shabbat Celebration**

Thursday, November 19

7:30pm **ICLC Thanksgiving Service**



Holiday Worship & Celebrations (Cont.)

Friday, December 11

7:00pm **Chanukah Service**

Sunday, December 13

10:45am **Young Families Chanukah Celebration**

Tuesday, December 15

6:30pm **Women's Study Group Chanukah Gathering**

Friday, February 26

7:30pm **Purim Shabbat**

Sunday, February 28

10:45am **Young Families Purim Celebration**

Sunday, March 21

10:45am **Young Families Passover Celebration**

Tuesday, March 23

7:30pm **Women's Study Group Passover Gathering**

Sunday, March 28

9:00am **Passover Morning Service**

Saturday, April 3

9:00am **Passover Yizkor Service**

Monday, April 17

7:30am **Shavuot Yizkor Service**



Yizkor

"May God remember forever my loved ones who have gone to their eternal rest."
- *From the Prayer of Remembrance*

Four times a year, we come together as a community to remember our loved ones who have passed away. They live on through our memories bringing blessing to us all. [Note: the Sukkot/Shemini Atzeret, Passover, and Shavuot Yizkor services last half an hour.]

Monday, September 28, 4:30pm

Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial Service

Saturday, October 10, 9:00am

Sukkot/Shmini Atzeret Yizkor Service

Saturday, April 3, 9:00am

Passover Yizkor Memorial Service

Monday, May 17, 7:30am

Shavuot Yizkor

Reflections: A Workshop with Cantor Stone

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

Monday, October 19, 12:00pm

Monday, February 8, 12:00pm

Monday, December 7, 12:00pm

Monday, April 26, 12:00pm

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B'nei Mitzvah

The b'nei mitzvah ceremony marks the beginning of a child's journey to adulthood with prayer, Torah, and celebration. We honor the young people in our congregation who will become b'nei mitzvah this year. [B'nei mitzvah services typically begin at 11:00am or 5:00pm.]

Eliza Barnett

Saturday, September 12

Sydney Morris

Saturday, October 3

Hayden Cohen

Saturday, October 24

Jackson Koslow

Saturday, November 7

Zach Montone

Saturday, November 14

Austin Frankel

Saturday, November 21

Finn Rosenbaum

Saturday, December 12

Nina Bortner

Saturday, December 12

Harper Canell

Saturday, January 23

Lexi Music

Saturday, January 23

Samantha Motola

Saturday, January 30

Lucy and Simon Modica

Saturday, February 6

Jake Gershon

Saturday, March 6

Jacob Kligman

Saturday, March 13

Skyler Kraut

Saturday, March 20

Jacob Resnick

Saturday, April 17

Natalie and Sophia Kaplan

Saturday, April 24

Charlie Zelman

Saturday, May 1

Alexa Saladino

Saturday, May 8

Harison Flieganspan

Saturday, May 15

Emory Cohen

Saturday, May 15

Abby and Maya Vinikoor

Saturday, May 22

Sasha Steiner

Thursday, May 27

Eliana Genitrini

Saturday, June 12

Tyler Gold

Saturday, June 19

STEP-UP & GIVE BACK



Social Action Drives

We are committed to *tikkun olam*, repairing our world. Help make our community a better place and participate in the important drives scheduled throughout the year. For more information, contact Abbie Levitt at alevitt@c-e-w.org or Hedy Cardozo at hedoza@aol.com.

September	High Holy Day Food Drive
October	Coats for Hope Coat Drive
November	Holiday Toy Drive for WJCS
December	Kids' Kloset Underwear & Diaper 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

Intergenerational Social Action Opportunities

We live in turbulent times. Rather than sit and worry, we can go out in our community and counter the turbulence with acts of *tikkun olam*, acts that make our world a better place. When taken together with similar acts from people across the nation, we know we are doing our part to make the whole country a better, more welcoming, more compassionate place. As opportunities to participate in intergenerational programs are made available, we will share them with the congregation in Emanumail and the bulletin.

Committees in Community: A Series of Evenings to Move Emanu-El Forward

A whole book of the Torah is dedicated to the work of the Levites, the people who managed the details, logistics, set-up, and finances of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. That so much of our most sacred book is about the Levites shows that it is, in fact, holiness that is "in the details". Those volunteers who serve as committee members and chairs are the Levites of today. And just as the Levitical work was holy in ancient time, so too is the work of Emanu-El's dedicated volunteers.

To help make our committees as effective as possible and to help build an even stronger sense of community and purpose, committees will meet on the same nights over the course of the coming year. We're calling these evenings Committees In Community.

Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 24

Thursday, October 15

Tuesday, February 2

Thursday, March 25

Tuesday, May 25

Get Involved! We have a number of committees that would welcome your participation, input, and support. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com or Abbie Levitt at alevitt@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x18.

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Ongoing Social Action Opportunities

"If I am for myself alone, what am I?" - Hillel

The story of the Jewish people is the story of tikkun olam, our ageless efforts to repair our world. Help make our community a better place. Our award-winning Social Action Committee runs projects throughout the year that further this mission. One day or every week...anything you do makes a big difference!

Baby Bank Westchester

We continue our partnership this year with Baby Bank Westchester, a program that provides basic necessities and essentials for babies, 0-2. Through an ongoing donation drive, we will help make sure that all new parents in Westchester have the supplies they need to help keep their babies clean, healthy, and happy. This is one of several meaningful intergenerational efforts, one in which long-time members, religious school parents, and our students themselves can all make a difference. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.com).

DOROT Westchester

DOROT volunteers help deliver vital services to the frail elderly and forge loving bonds between the generations. In the process, they reap a rich harvest of friendship, wisdom, and mutual appreciation. DOROT alleviates social isolation among the elderly and provides services to help them live independently as valued members of the community. They serve the Jewish and wider community, bringing the generations together in a mutually beneficial partnership of elders, volunteers and professionals. For more information or to volunteer, contact Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com.

Teach English as a Second Language

With all the opportunities to learn, we also take time to teach at the Don Bosco Community Center in Port Chester. Volunteers from our congregation teach English as a Second Language to the immigrant community. This wonderful opportunity to share our love of learning with others takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:00am. Our flexible program converted to an online teaching and learning model during Covid and we continue to meet the needs of our communities. Help others tell their story. For more information or to volunteer contact Jaime Morris at jaime-morris@hotmail.com.

HOPE House

Adults recovering from behavioral health conditions find the support and resources they need to pursue their goals and dreams at HOPE House. Located in downtown Port Chester, HOPE House is open Monday - Saturday and offers a wide range of activities focusing on recovery and wellness. For over 20 years, congregants have participated in holidays, Mitzvah Day activities, and special events with HOPE House members and staff. To learn more about HOPE House and how you can get involved, contact Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com.



Jared Dubro Legacy Fund Bingo & Game Night

This year Emanu-El hosts evenings filled with games and amazing prizes, all to support the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund which was established by the Dubro family to support programs, initiatives, and experiences that bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world.

Bingo

Tuesday, September 8, 7:00pm

Game Night

Monday, June 7, 7:30pm

Next Step

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 led by congregant Paul Spindel.

Sunday, September 13, 11:00am

Sunday, October 11, 11:00am

Sunday, November 8, 11:00am

Sunday, December 6, 11:00am

Sunday, January 10, 11:00am

Sunday, February 14, 11:00am

Sunday, March 14, 11:00am

Sunday, April 11, 11:00am

Sunday, May 16, 11:00am

Community Selichot Service

Saturday, September 12, 7:30pm

A great way to start off the High Holy Days with other area synagogues: rooted in ancient ritual, the joy of community, the sweetness of a new year, and space to consider the ways we will make ourselves and our communities better in 5781.

Challah Baking

Sunday, December 6, 12:00pm

Whether for your Shabbat dinner or a French toast breakfast, challah is delicious no matter how you cut it. Sessions are led by congregant Debra Cohen.

Current and Former Board Member Dinner

Friday, February 26, 6:15pm

Each year current and former board members join together to reconnect, get updates on board business, and celebrate the congregation.



Drinks with the Clergy

Thursday, March 11, 6:30pm

With so many children of the congregation living and working in New York City, this is the perfect opportunity for them to spend time with Rabbi Goldsmith and Cantor Stone in a more informal setting. It will also give them the chance to reconnect with friends from their religious school days.

Annual Spring Benefit

Saturday, April 24, 7:00pm

Our Annual Spring Benefit is the perfect way to support the congregation's Annual Fund while having a fun evening with great food and drinks, good music, and temple friends. Join us on Saturday, April 24 when we will (finally!) honor Rabbi Goldsmith with the Emanu-El Prize.

Annual Meeting

Friday, June 4, 6:30pm

At the annual meeting, we welcome new board members, bid departing board members a fond farewell and receive updates about the state of the congregation from Rabbi Goldsmith and our president. A delicious spread of food and wine accompany the meeting as well as the opening of the annual Congregant Art Show.



Sunday Film Series at Home

This diverse selection of films includes dramatic features and riveting documentaries that explore the Jewish experience.



***The Labyrinth* Screening and Q&A with Producer Father Ron Schmidt & Holocaust Scholar Dr. Michael Berenbaum Sunday, October 18, 7:00pm**

Marian Kołodziej was on one of the first transports to enter Auschwitz. He survived and never spoke of his experience for 50 years. After a serious stroke in 1993, he began rehabilitation by doing pen and ink drawings depicting the experiences he and others endured in the concentration camp. In the documentary film *The Labyrinth*, Kołodziej takes the audience on a journey that blends his testimony and graphic drawings. Why would a confrontation with death late in life trigger the need to record his long-suppressed memories? And why in a pictorial, metaphorical fashion? This documentary explores these questions in a visually stunning way. The screening will be followed by a discussion with producer Father Ron Schmidt, a Jesuit priest and award-winning documentary filmmaker and renowned Holocaust scholar Dr. Michael Berenbaum.



***Joachim Prinz: I Shall Not Be Silent* and Q&A with Director Rachel Fischer Sunday, January 10, 4:00pm**

In Berlin in the 1930's, the civil rights of Jews were systematically stripped away. A young rabbi refused to be silent. His name was Joachim Prinz and he set out to restore the self-esteem of the German Jews. Knowing the Nazis were monitoring his every word, and despite repeated arrests, Prinz continued to preach about the value of Judaism. He saved many lives by encouraging Jews to emigrate from Germany. Expelled from Germany in 1937, Prinz arrived in the United States, the land where democracy had supposedly triumphed over bigotry and hatred. Here, he witnessed racism against African Americans and realized the American ideal was not a reality. As rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham in Newark, NJ and later as President of the American Jewish Congress, Prinz became a leader of the civil rights movement and worked to organize the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Director Rachel Fischer.



***WishMakers* and Q&A with Director-Writer Cheryl Halpern Sunday, February 7, 4:00pm**

WishMakers is the story of the Tulip Winery that was established in a residential adult special needs community, the Village of Hope in Israel's Jezreel Valley, and fosters a caring environment while providing employment, dignity and purpose for the residents. In addition to the satisfaction of producing world class wine they find joy and self worth in helping to grant wishes for children with life threatening illnesses. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Director-Writer Cheryl Halpern.



Sunday Film Series (cont.)



Carl Laemmle and Q&A with Director James L. Freedman Sunday, March 14, 4:00pm

Carl Laemmle was the German-born Jewish immigrant who founded Universal Pictures and saved over 300 Jewish families from Nazi Germany .

While working in the garment trade, a chance encounter at a Nickelodeon set Laemmle on a path which includes initiating the immigration of filmmakers to Hollywood, and establishing Universal City. Laemmle produced successful monster pictures, westerns, and comedies. He hired many who would go on to become Hollywood legends, including Walt Disney and John Ford. He also valued the expertise of women and payrolled a high percentage of female directors. Unafraid to tackle social issues, Laemmle championed progressive values and humanitarian causes on and off the screen. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Director James L. Freedman.



Remembering: The Maurits Kiek Story and Q&A with Director-Writer Cheryl Halpern Sunday, April 11, 4:00pm

Remembering: The Maurits Kiek Story presents the story of one man's courage to return to Nazi-occupied Europe and serve as a covert MI-9 agent. His unwavering determination to stand up, in the face of

overwhelming odds, and fight the perpetrators of evil was acknowledged in Den Haag, The Hague, in 2015. He is a hero for us to remember as we, too, are challenged to respond to human injustice and cruelty. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Director-Writer Cheryl Halpern.



Beit Midrash

In Beit Midrash (which means House of Study) we will take an in-depth approach to 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. Topics will include Jewish Politics in the Public Sphere; History, Memory, and Narrative; Religion and Religiosity; and Identities and Communities. In other words, we will explore the most important Jewish ideas we're wrestling with today.

Taught by Rabbi Goldsmith and a special guest or two, the course will meet approximately twice a month on Saturday and Sunday mornings. On Sundays, we will look at these issues through historical, sociological, and demographic lenses. On Shabbat mornings, we will strive to understand these ideas through study of our sacred texts – linking the ideas in The New Jewish Canon to our years long practice of Shabbat morning Torah study at Emanu-El. Each session will stand on its own – thus attendance at every session is not required. But, of course, attending more sessions will help you acquire greater depth of understanding and breadth of context.

If you are interested in the Adult B'nei Mitzvah program, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at rgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x13. We look forward to learning with you!

Saturday, September 12, 9:00am

Saturday, October 3, 9:00am

Sunday, October 18, 10:30am

Sunday, November 8, 10:30am

Sunday, November 22, 10:30am

Saturday, December 5, 9:00am

Sunday, December 20, 10:30am

Sunday, January 10, 10:30am

Sunday, January 31, 10:30am

Sunday, February 7, 10:30am

Saturday, February 27, 9:00am

Sunday, March 7, 10:30am

Saturday, March 20, 9:00am

Saturday, April 3, 9:00am

Saturday, April 17, 9:00am

Saturday, May 8, 9:00am

Sunday, May 16, 10:30am



Women's Study Group

"Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels." - *Exodus 15:20*

The women of our congregation add to Miriam's spirit of joy and a deep commitment to Torah learning, creating an important space for learning, community, and prayer.

Sukkot Gathering

Wednesday, October 7
5:30pm

Chanukah Gathering

Tuesday, December 15, 6:30pm

Women's Study Group Retreat

Friday, January 29, 5:00pm through
Saturday, January 30, 4:30pm

Passover Gathering

Tuesday, March 23, 7:30pm

Single Malt Torah

"When people learn together God's presence dwells among them." - The Talmud

Men of the congregation join together for fine scotch and Torah learning with Rabbi Goldsmith.

Topics range from contemporary questions of Jewish society to issues in Israel to exploration of our sacred texts. Whatever the topic, we enjoy time together with other men of the congregation.

Thursday, October 8, 8:00pm

Thursday, November 5, 8:00pm

Thursday, December 3, 8:00pm

Thursday, January 28, 8:00pm

Thursday, March 18, 8:00pm

Thursday, May 20, 8:00pm

Political Staffer Meetings

Meet with the staffers from the offices of our elected officials to learn about current issues and give your input on policies and questions facing our government. Guests and dates to be announced.

Book Club and Books & Bites

We are the people of the book because we love the written word, the stories it tells, and all that we can learn. Book Club titles and Books & Bites titles and more dates to be released in the fall.

Book Club:

Thursday, September 17, 10:15am

Thursday, October 15, 10:15am

Thursday, November 19, 10:15am

Thursday, December 17, 10:15am

Thursday, January 21, 10:15am

Thursday, March 18, 10:15am

Thursday, April 15, 10:15am

Thursday, May 6, 12:00pm (Author Lunch)

Books & Bites:

Thursday, September 10, 7:00pm

FEATURED SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS

Conversation on Racism with Eric Ward of Race Forward

Thursday, October 22, 7:00pm

We join with a coalition of synagogues for a program with Eric Ward of Race Forward. A national expert on the relationship between hate violence and preserving democratic institutions, governance, and inclusive societies, Eric brings nearly 30 years of expertise in community organizing and philanthropy to his role as Western States Center's Executive Director. This leader in the fight against neo-Nazis and white supremacy will help us reflect on race in America today and provide us with frameworks we can use to imagine a more just future for all Americans. This event is co-sponsored with Jewish Community Center of Harrison, KTI, and Community Synagogue of Rye.

I'm A Cultural Jew Shabbat

Fridays, October 30 & June 4, 7:30pm

Being a Jew is about more than religion. This service highlights the many ways that Jews and Judaism have impacted our cultural identity. Food, wine, art, dance, film, literature – find out the Jewish roots of the things that add color, joy, and meaning to our lives.

***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*. The book tells the emotional history of Jewish refugees biding their time in Portugal as they attempt to escape Nazi Europe. Dr. Kaplan is 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.

Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath

Friday, December 4, 7:30pm

Each year we honor the musical legacy of Emanu-El's first cantor, Earl Rogers, with a special musical guest. Guests bring their own interpretations of Jewish music and, thus, Jewish life. By offering us their art, they broaden our own understanding of Judaism, music, and their spiritual intersection. This year's guest will be announced soon.

FEATURED SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS

**Social Justice Shabbat featuring the Isaacs Memorial Lecture
with Investigative Journalist Kyra Darnton Grann
Friday, January 22, 7:30pm**

Congregant Kyra Darnton Grann is the executive producer of *Retro Report*. *Retro Report's* mission is to arm the public with a more complete picture of today's most important stories. We correct the record, expose myths and provide historical context to the fast-paced news of our world today using investigative journalism and narrative storytelling. Kyra came to *Retro Report* from *CBS News, 60 Minutes*, where she produced stories covering everything from the Mexican drug war to counterfeit prescription drugs to the cover up in the death of US Ranger Pat Tillman. Her investigative reporting and storytelling has won multiple awards, including, most recently, a 2012 Peabody Award for a piece exposing fraud in cancer clinical trials. Kyra has worked in broadcast journalism for 20 years.

**Community Yom HaShoah Service
Wednesday, April 7, 7:30pm**

Never forget." It is our obligation to remember. We remember the lives lost. We remember grand acts of heroism. We remember the quiet heroism of living one more day. We remember the rich heritage of communities that were destroyed. And then we vow to live our lives for those who perished. We join together with Jewish Community Center of Harrison, Community Synagogue of Rye, and Congregation KTI as we fulfill this sacred obligation.

**The Samuel L. and Jane L. Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding
Friday, April 16, 7:30pm**

Former congregational president William Friedman left a bequest in memory of his parents which allows us to explore the most pressing issues of our day. This lecture bring scholars, activists, politicians and artists to our congregation to help us explore the intersection of Judaism and the ways that we can bring more peace and understanding to our world. This year's guest will be announced soon.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Young Families Committee Events



"From generation to generation..." - *From the morning liturgy*

We are committed to helping young families begin their Jewish journeys. For 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. Start the story of the next generation.

Rosh Hashanah Young Families Service

Saturday, September 19, 3:00pm

Yom Kippur Young Families Service

Monday, September 28, 3:00pm

Celebration of Shabbat

Sunday, November 1, 10:45am

Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 13, 10:45am

Purim Celebration

Sunday, February 28, 10:45am

Passover Celebration

Sunday, March 21, 10:45am

Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday, May 7, 5:30pm

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

"Torah tastes as sweet as honey to me." - *Ezekiel 3:3*

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. Free and open to the community.

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

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**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Family Learning Shabbat

Experience the magic of Shabbat with your family! Join us for a vibrant service filled with music and learning as we unwind from the busy week and welcome Shabbat. Our family learning experiences are a core component of Jewish education at Congregation Emanu-El, and will take place on Friday evenings to bring together all our students have learned as we celebrate Shabbat with family and friends.

November 6
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat
& Consecration with Musical Guest**

May 7
5:30pm **Mitzvah Shabbat
& Pizza Truck Dinner**

February 5
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat**

Family Friendly Shabbat Services

These Shabbat services are intergenerational and family friendly! Filled with music, holiday celebrations, and fun, welcome Shabbat arm-in-arm with your community.

September 11
6:00pm **Shabbat Picnic**
6:30pm **Tailgate Shabbat in the Parking Lot**

October 2
6:30pm **Early Erev Sukkot Service**

October 9
6:30pm **Simchat Torah Shabbat**

November 6
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat &
Consecration with Musical Guest**

December 11
7:00pm **Chanukah Service**

February 5
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat**

February 26
7:30pm **Purim Shabbat**

March 5
7:30pm **Shabbat Honoring Hinei
Students and Their Parents**

May 7
5:30pm **Mitzvah Shabbat
& Pizza Truck Dinner**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Special Religious School & Hebrew School Events

"The more Torah the more life." - *Hillel*

The Religious School connects families to the rich traditions and values of Judaism. Through a values-based curriculum and a robust Hebrew program, we equip our learners with the tools to connect with and explore their Jewish identity.

Save the Date!

First Day of Religious School

Sunday, September 13, 9:00am

First Day of Hebrew School

Tuesday, September 15, 3:30pm

Bingo Boingo Bongo + Pizza

Sunday, January 31, 12:00pm

Purim Carnival

Sunday, February 28, 11:30am

Religious School Open House

Sunday, April 18, 9:00am

6th Grade Retreat

Friday, April 30, 6:00pm - Saturday, May 1, 1:00pm

Religious School: Last Session

Sunday, May 23, 9:00am

Hebrew School: Last Session

Tuesday, May 11, 3:30pm

No Religious School

Sunday, September 20

Sunday, October 11

Sunday, November 29

Sunday, December 27

Sunday, January 3

Sunday, February 14

Sunday, February 21

Sunday, March 28

Sunday, April 4

Sunday, May 9

No Hebrew School

Tuesday, September 29

Tuesday, November 24

Tuesday, December 29

Tuesday, February 16

Tuesday, March 30

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

The Farah Family Hineini Program

"We will do and we will understand." - *Exodus 24*

Our 7th grade Farah Family Hineini Program students go out into our community and put the Jewish values they have learned into action making our world a better place and writing the next chapter of our Jewish story. This service-learning model has transformed Sunday mornings for our students and their families. [Classes typically meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am at the synagogue except where noted in the schedules distributed by Jane Dubro. Parents will be reminded of alternative times and locations.] *This program is funded by the generosity of The Farah Family.*

The Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City

September 13

No School

September 20

No School

September 27

Dennis Barton from Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing

October 4

CEW Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at SUNY Purchase

October 18

Toolbox to Repair the World Session 1

October 25

Toolbox to Repair the World Session 2 & Prep for Kristallnacht Speaker

November 1

Kristallnacht Speaker

November 8

The Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City

November 15

Lower East Side Virtual Tour Prep, Family Tree & Native American Project

November 22

No School

November 29

Lower East Side Virtual Tour with the Tenement Museum

December 6

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Academy

"The more study the more wisdom." - *Hillel*

Our 8th and 9th graders continue their Jewish journeys by studying and exploring what it means to be a Jew in the 21st century. We'll deep dive into Reform Judaism's core principles, the laws of kashrut (keeping kosher), and visit ritual sites around Westchester. [Meets Mondays at 7:15pm unless otherwise noted.]

September 14	First Academy	January 25	Academy
September 21	Academy	February 1	Academy
September 28	No Academy	February 8	Academy
October 5	Academy	February 15	No Academy
October 12	No Academy	February 22	No Academy
October 19	Academy	March 1	Academy
October 26	Academy	March 8	Academy
November 2	Academy	March 15	Academy
November 9	Academy	March 22	Academy
November 16	Academy	March 29	No Academy
November 23	No Academy	April 5	No Academy
November 30	No Academy	April 7	Academy at Community Yom HaShoah Service (Wednesday, 7:30pm)
December 7	Academy		
December 14	Academy	April 12	Academy
December 21	Academy	April 19	Academy
December 28	No Academy	April 26	Last Academy
January 4	No Academy	May 7	Academy at Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner (Friday, 5:30pm)
January 11	Academy		
January 18	No Academy		

Youth Group

"And the youth shall see visions." - *Joel 2:28*

With a strong emphasis on social action, our Youth Group builds community while making our community a better place. And they do it all while having fun! We have planned another busy year that will help to build a meaningful connection between our teens, our congregation, and the broader community. Watch Emanumail and the bulletin for more information on these events.

AND SO MUCH MORE...

Watch our weekly Emanumail and bulletin for new programs that we add throughout the year!

Emanumail

To sign up for Emanumail, our weekly email blast, please send your email address to Dan O'Connor at doconnor@c-e-w.org.

Get Involved

We welcome your involvement in the congregation. Beyond all the wonderful programs, we have a number of committees that would welcome your participation, input, and support. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Abbie Levitt at 914-967-4382 x18.

"From Strength to Strength": Donate to the Annual Fund

The Annual Fund provides the necessary resources to ensure that we can welcome anyone who wishes to be a member of Emanu-El, regardless of income level or financial hardship. This enables us to continue enriching our congregation through the diversity of our membership. The Annual Fund also helps fill the gap in our operating budget not met by regular dues, tuition, and fees.

It is your support that helps make us the wonderful community we are today as we move forward "From Strength to Strength".

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