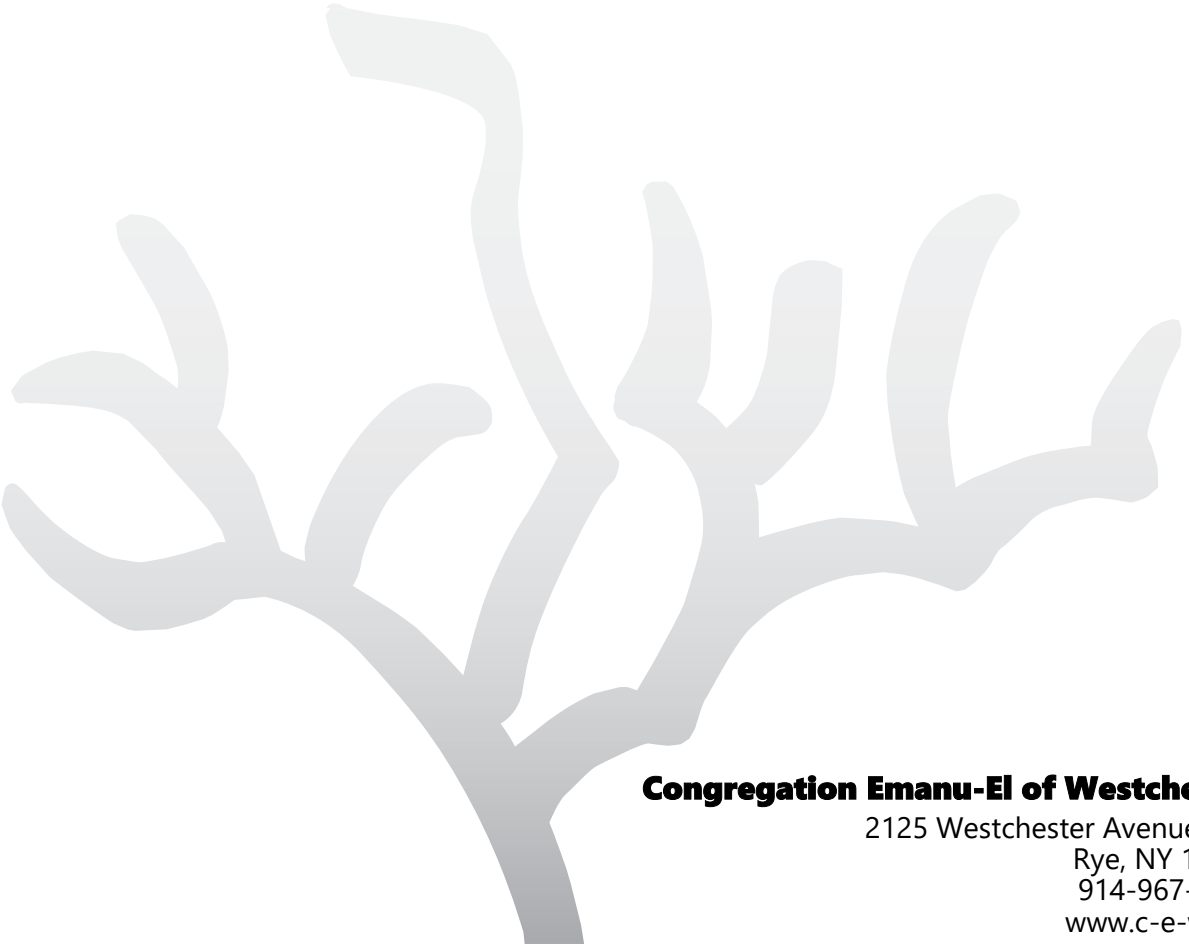




# **JEWISH JOURNEYS**

## **2021-22/5782**

**A Catalog of Services, Programs & Events**



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# RABBI'S MESSAGE

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September 2021

Dear Congregants,

On the walls of my office hang five antique maps of the Land of Israel. Each one in a different language; each one with different borders; each one with different geography; each one highlighting different features. That so many maps exist from hundreds of years ago shows the centrality of Israel in the imagination of so many people around the world. That the maps vary so widely vividly demonstrates the many ways that people understand the land of Israel, its people, and its place in our world. What was true for the 18th and 19th centuries is still true today: Israel is central and Israel means different things to different people.

The Talmud teaches: “כל ישראל ערבים זה לזה” “Kol yisrael aravim zeh l'zeh”, “All Jews are responsible for one another”. (Shevuot 39a) With half of the world's Jews living between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River, it is vital for us to take our share of responsibility for the Land, State, and People of Israel. That means knowing where we stand as a congregation and as individuals. Once we clarify our own understanding of Israel, we can identify Israeli allies who share our views. We can then take responsibility to engage in ways that might help bring out the Israel for which we yearn.

Of course, in addition to Israel programming, we are excited for another year of praying, learning, celebrating, supporting, and making a difference. In these pages you will find myriad programs, services, social action opportunities, Holy Day celebrations, and opportunities to come together as a congregation to create meaning and joy. We hope that we'll be able to do all of this in-person and we know that we have the flexibility, technology and know-how to make everything we do multi-access (i.e. hybrid), or, should conditions necessitate it, completely online. No matter what, we'll continue to embrace Jewish life as a sacred community.

L'Shalom,



Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

# ICON GUIDE

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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

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## **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, 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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**[tinyurl.com/cewconnect](https://tinyurl.com/cewconnect)**

Worship services may also be viewed on our Facebook page or website.



## 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 3

6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**




September 10

7:30pm **Shabbat Shuva**


September 17

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Shabbat Service**

September 24   

6:00pm **Shabbat BBQ Dinner &  
Gallery Opening: Michael Albert  
Sukkot & Simchat Torah  
Shabbat Service**



October 1 

6:00pm **Early Outdoor Shabbat Service**

October 8

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Shabbat Service**

October 15  

7:30pm **Sacred Stories Shabbat Service**

October 22

6:00pm **Early Zoom Shabbat Service**

October 29

7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

November 5   

6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**

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

November 12




6:00pm **Early Zoom Shabbat Service**

November 19 

7:30pm **Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath  
with Rabbi Or & Feliza Zohar**




November 26

6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

December 3   

6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**

7:00pm **Chanukah Shabbat**

December 10   

7:00pm **Gallery Opening: Israel Photographs**  
7:30pm **Band Gone Crazy Shabbat Service**

December 17

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Shabbat Service**

December 24



6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

December 31

6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

January 7

7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

January 14  

7:30pm **Social Justice Shabbat  
featuring One-Man Show  
"The Gate" by Robbie Gringas**

January 21

6:00pm **Pre-Neg**

6:30pm **Early Shabbat Service**

January 28

6:00pm **Early Zoom Shabbat Service**

**Shabbat Service Key:**  Band  Prayers Projected  Family Friendly








## Friday Night Worship Services (Cont.)

February 4    
7:30pm **Sacred Stories Shabbat Service**

February 11     
6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**  
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat:  
Paint a Prayer**

February 18  
6:00pm **Early Zoom Shabbat Service**

February 25  
6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

March 4     
7:00pm **Gallery Opening: Gal Segall**  
7:30pm **Shabbat Service Honoring  
Hineini Students & Families**

March 11     
7:00pm **Purim Shabbat Service**

March 18  
6:00pm **Pre-Neg**  
6:30pm **Early Shabbat Service**

March 25    
7:30pm **Pop Shabbat Service**

April 1  
7:30pm **Union Prayer Book Shabbat Service**

April 8  
6:00pm **Early Zoom Shabbat Service**

April 15  
5:00pm **Early Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

April 22  
7:30pm **Friedman Lecture on Peace  
& Understanding**

April 29  
6:00pm **Early Shabbat Service**

May 6     
5:30pm **Mitzvah Shabbat  
& Pizza Truck Dinner**

May 13     
7:30pm **Youth Group Shabbat Service**

May 20    
6:00pm **Outdoor Sacred Stories  
Shabbat Service**

May 27  
6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

June 3   
7:30pm **Confirmation Shabbat Service**

June 10     
6:00pm **Gallery: Congregant Art Show**  
7:00pm **Band Gone Crazy Shabbat Service**

June 17   
6:00pm **Outdoor Shabbat Service**



## Friday Night Worship by Service Type

### Sacred Stories Shabbat

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.

**Friday, October 15, 7:30pm**

**Friday, February 4, 7:30pm**

### Band Gone Crazy Shabbat

A calypso Shema? How about a jazzy Barchu? And have you heard a polka V'shamru? At these services we'll let our band go crazy with the music and the melodies to infuse our Shabbat with an additional dose of joy!

**Friday, December 10, 7:30pm**

**Friday, June 10, 7:00pm**

### 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.

Friday, November 5

6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**

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

Friday, February 11

6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**

7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat:  
Paint a Prayer**

Friday, May 6

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



## 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, August 28

8:30pm **Community Selichot Service  
at the JCCH**

Thursday, September 16

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

Monday, September 6

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

1:15pm **Yom Kippur  
Youth Service**

Tuesday, September 7

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

2:15pm **Yom Kippur  
Young Families Service**

1:45pm **Rosh Hashanah  
Youth Service**

3:00pm **Yom Kippur  
Afternoon Service**

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

3:30pm **Yom Kippur Healing Service  
of Music and Meditations**

Wednesday, September 8

10:15am **Rosh Hashanah  
Nature Walk**

4:00pm **Yom Kippur  
Yizkor Memorial Service**

11:00am **Rosh Hashanah  
Tashlich**

4:45pm **Yom Kippur  
Concluding Service**

Friday, September 10

7:30pm **Shabbat Shuva Service**

Thursday, September 23  
6:30pm **Women's Study Group  
Sukkot Gathering**

Wednesday, September 15

6:00pm **Kol Nidre Early Service**

Friday, September 24  
7:00pm **Sukkot & Simchat Torah  
Shabbat Service**

8:30pm **Kol Nidre Late Service**

Tuesday, September 28  
7:30am **Sh'mini Atzeret  
Yizkor Memorial Service**

Sunday, October 24

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



## Holiday Worship & Celebrations (Cont.)

Thursday, November 18  
7:30pm **ICLC Thanksgiving Service  
at Emanu-El**

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

Friday, December 3  
6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**  
7:00pm **Chanukah Shabbat**

Sunday, December 5  
10:45am **Young Families  
Chanukah Celebration**

Friday, March 11  
7:00pm **Purim Shabbat**

Sunday, March 13  
10:45am **Young Families  
Purim Celebration**

Sunday, April 3  
10:45am **Young Families  
Passover Celebration**

Saturday, April 16  
9:00am **Passover Morning Service**

Tuesday, April 19  
6:30pm **Women's Study Group  
Passover Gathering**

Friday, April 22  
7:30am **Passover  
Yizkor Memorial Service**

Sunday, June 5  
9:00am **Shavuot  
Yizkor Memorial 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/ Sh'mini Atzeret, Passover, and Shavuot Yizkor services last half an hour.]

**Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial Service**  
Thursday, September 16, 4:00pm

**Sh'mini Atzeret Yizkor Memorial Service**  
Tuesday, September 28 7:30am

**Passover Yizkor Memorial Service**  
Friday, April 22, 7:30am

**Shavuot Memorial Service**  
Sunday, June 5, 9:00am



## Holiday Worship & Celebrations (Cont.)

### 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 little ones – children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren – to Emanu-El to discover the joy of Jewish life through holiday celebrations throughout the year. Our Young Families events are overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun! All Young Families Committee events are free and open to the community and are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade.

To learn more about our Young Families events or to join the Young Families Committee, contact Director of Education, Naomi Fabes.

Tuesday, September 7  
3:00pm **Rosh Hashanah Celebration**

Sunday, March 13  
10:45am **Purim Celebration**

Sunday, October 24  
10:45am **Shabbat Celebration**

Sunday, April 3  
10:45am **Passover Celebration**

Sunday, December 5  
10:45am **Chanukah Celebration**

Sunday, May 1  
10:45am **Yom Ha'atzmaut  
Celebration**

Sunday, January 9  
10:45am **Tu Bishvat Celebration**

# REFLECT & ELEVATE

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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.]

### **Dani Wishnow**

Thursday, September 2

### **Abby Coffey**

Saturday, September 18

### **Sasha Steiner**

Thursday, October 14

### **Charlie Sindell**

Saturday, October 16

### **Juliette & Samantha Hirsch**

Saturday, November 6

### **Samantha DiPaola**

Saturday, December TBD

### **Peyton Blaine**

Saturday, December 4

### **Hailey Baruch**

Saturday, December 18

### **Joshua Kaufman**

Saturday, January 8

### **Natalie Geller**

Saturday, January 22

### **Samara Weinfeld**

Saturday, January 22

### **Ethan Goldstein**

Saturday, February 5

### **Sara Levine**

Saturday, February 12

### **Mikayla Doris Newman**

Saturday, March 5

### **Hannah Levine**

Saturday, March 12

### **Skylar Sommers**

Saturday, March 19

### **Nathan Grandwetter**

Saturday, March 26

### **Jacob Paterno**

Saturday, April 2

### **Marley Frieman**

Saturday, April 23

### **Lev Goldsmith**

Saturday, May 7

### **Joley Meron**

Saturday, May 14

### **Alexandra Giberga**

Saturday, May 21

### **Emma Moore**

Saturday, June 4

### **Harrison Motola**

Saturday, June 4

### **Lily Cullagh**

Saturday, June 11

# STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

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## 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](mailto:alevitt@c-e-w.org) or Hedy Cardozo at [hedoza@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.com).

September	<b>High Holy Day Food Drive for Feeding Westchester</b>
October	<b>Coats for Hope Coat Drive for Children's Hope Chest</b>
November	<b>Have A Heart Gift Drive for WJCS</b>
December	<b>Afya Collection</b>
January	<b>914Cares Collection</b>
February	<b>Art Supply Drive for Pleasantville Cottage School</b>
March	<b>Pasta Collection for Local Food Pantry</b>
April	<b>Midnight Run/Brunch Run Collection</b>
May	<b>Pajama &amp; Book Collection for 914Cares</b>
June	<b>Gently Used Backpack Drive for Midnight Run</b>

## 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, October 7**  
**Tuesday, December 7**  
**Thursday, February 3**  
**Tuesday, May 17**

**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 [emilycohen@gmail.com](mailto:emilycohen@gmail.com) or Abbie Levitt at [alevitt@c-e-w.org](mailto:alevitt@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x18.

# STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

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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 congregants, religious school parents, and our students themselves can all make a difference. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at [hedoza@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](mailto:emilydcohen@gmail.com).

### **Kosher Food Pantry in New Rochelle**

HOPE Community Services is looking for volunteers to help pack, hand out or deliver Kosher food. These volunteer opportunities are one-time only so there is no long-term commitment. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at [hedoza@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.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](mailto:jaime-morris@hotmail.com).





## 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 them to continue for many years. Sessions are led by congregant Paul Spindel.

**Sunday, September 12, 11:00am**

**Sunday, October 17, 11:00am**

**Sunday, November 14, 11:00am**

**Sunday, December 12, 11:00am**

**Sunday, February 13, 11:00am**

**Sunday, March 20, 11:00am**

**Sunday, April 24, 11:00am**

**Sunday, May 15, 11:00am**

**Sunday, June 12, 11:00am**

## Damson Family Gallery Art Openings

"The artist must penetrate into the world, feel the fate of human beings, of peoples, with real love. There is no art for art's sake. One must be interested in the entire realm of life."

- *Marc Chagall*

The walls of our synagogue are graced by art that adds beauty and vitality to our spiritual home. We enjoy the beginning of each exhibit with a gallery opening for our congregants and the community. What stories will our gallery tell this year?

Friday, September 24, 6:00pm

Friday, December 10, 7:00pm

Friday, March 4, 7:00pm

Friday, June 10, 6:00pm

**Michael Albert**

**Israel Photography**

**Gal Segall**

**Congregant Art Show**

## Jared Dubro Legacy Fund Bingo & Game Night

Filled with games and amazing prizes, these fun nights support the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund which was established by the Dubro family to fund programs, initiatives, and experiences that bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world.

### Bingo

Thursday, November 4, 7:00pm

### Bingo

Thursday, March 17, 7:00pm

### Game Night

Monday, May 23, 7:00pm



## Thursday Film Series

This diverse selection includes dramatic features and riveting documentaries and films that explore the Jewish experience, with a special focus this year on Israel.

### ***Hummus! The Movie* & Hummus Tasting with Chef René León** **Thursday, October 21, 7:00pm**



It unites. It divides. It's delicious. This documentary shows how food can bring people together. Secret recipes, a Guinness World Record and the power of hummus to bring Muslims, Christians and Jews together in the Middle East, America and around the world. Beyond the mystique and competition, beyond arguments over who makes the best hummus and even beyond religious and political divides, *Hummus! The Movie* showcases the personal stories of the people who simply live their lives and love their hummus. Following the film, we invite you to stay for a hummus tasting with Chef René León who acquired his passion for food as a child growing up on his family's small farm in rural Ecuador.

### ***Crescendo*** **Thursday, December 16, 7:00pm**



World-famous conductor Eduard Spörck accepts the job to create an Israeli-Palestinian youth orchestra. Having grown up in a state of war, suppression or constant risk of terrorist attacks, the young musicians from both sides are far from able to form a team. Lined up behind the two best violinists – the emancipated Palestinian Layla and the handsome Israeli Ron – they form two parties who deeply mistrust each other, on and off-stage alike. Will Spörck succeed and make the young people forget their hatred, at least for the three weeks until the concert? With the first glimmer of hope, however, the political opponents of the orchestra show them how strong they are. English subtitles.

### ***Shoelaces*** **Thursday, February 17, 7:00pm**



The story of a complicated relationship between an aging father and his special-needs son, whom he abandoned while he was still a young boy. Reuben's (60) kidneys are failing and his son Gadi (35), wants to donate one of his own kidneys to help save his father's life. However, the transplant committee objects to the procedure claiming that Reuben, acting as Gadi's sole legal guardian, does not have the right to authorize such an invasive procedure. Through the film's portrayal of a relationship full of love, rejection and co-dependency, it manages to shed some light and question the importance of human life, human connection and if life is even possible without it either one of them. English subtitles.



## Thursday Film Series (cont.)

### ***Matchmaker***

**Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm**



Arik, a teenage boy growing up in Haifa in 1968, gets a job working for Yankele Bride, a matchmaker. Yankele, a mysterious Holocaust survivor, has an office in back of a movie theater that shows only love stories, run by a family of seven Romanian dwarves in the seedy area by the port. As Arik begins to learn the mysteries of the human heart through his work with Yankele, he falls in love with Tamara, his friend Beni's cousin. Tamara has just returned from America and is full of talk of women's rights, free love and rock and roll. The disparate parts of Arik's life collide in unexpected, often funny and very moving ways as he lives through a summer that changes him forever. English subtitles.

### ***Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel***

**Thursday, May 19, 7:00pm**



This tale of Team Israel is the David-and-Goliath story of Israel's national baseball team as it competes for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of crushing defeats, Israel finally ranks among the world's best in 2017. Its roster includes many Jewish-American major leaguers, most with a tenuous relationship to Judaism, barely any ever having set foot in Israel. Their odyssey takes them from the Holy Land where they are hailed as modern-day Maccabees to the tournament in South Korea where they must debunk their reputations as has-beens and wannabes. The connection to Israel that the players forge pushes them to unexpected heights as they represent the country on the world stage.



## **Other Community Events**

Whether a High Holy Day celebration, an opportunity for young professionals to meet with the clergy or the Annual Meeting, there are wonderful reasons to come together throughout the year.

### **Sukkot Open House at the Goldsmiths'**

**Sunday, September 26, 4:00pm**

Each year Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith and their children, Lev and Talia, welcome the congregation to their backyard sukkah to celebrate Sukkot, the festival the rabbis called "z'man simchateinu" the time of our rejoicing. We'll shake the lulav, eat some treats and rejoice in grand style.

### **Current and Former Board Member Dinner**

**Friday, March 11, 6:00pm**

Each year current and former board members join together to reconnect, get updates on board business, and celebrate the congregation. Followed by Purim Shabbat at 7:00pm.

### **Purim Shabbat & Celebration**

**Friday, March 11, 7:00pm**

No matter the theme, you can rest assured that Purim will be a raucous, joyous, ridiculous celebration of our laughter-filled holiday. Will Rabbi Goldsmith sing? Who will wear the most outlandish costume? How will Cantor Stone decorate the Kaye Café? Who will Margie McCabe play? Don't wait to find out, just mark the date in your calendar so we can celebrate together!

### **Drinks with the Clergy**

**Thursday, March 24, 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 23, 7:30pm**

This is the perfect way to support the congregation's Annual Fund while having a fun evening... not to be missed! Watch Emanumail and the bulletin for more information.

### **Annual Meeting**

**Friday, June 10, 6:30pm**

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. Food and wine accompany the meeting as well as the opening of the annual Congregant Art Show.



## **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 Israel. We'll look at texts, ancient and modern, to understand the Land, People, and modern State of Israel. From the earlier Zionists to contemporary commentators, we'll test ideas against the values of our Torah to help use refine our own thinking about Israel's place in the 21st century Jewish landscape. 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 contemporary texts 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.

**Saturday, September 25, 9:00am**

**Saturday, October 16, 9:00am**

**Sunday, October 31, 10:30am**

**Saturday, November 6, 9:00am**

**Sunday, November 21, 10:30am**

**Sunday, December 12, 10:30am**

**Sunday, December 19, 10:30am**

**Saturday, January 8, 9:00am**

**Saturday, January 22, 9:00am**

**Saturday, February 5, 9:00am**

**Saturday, February 12, 9:00am**

**Saturday, March 5, 9:00am**

**Saturday, March 19, 9:00am**

**Saturday, April 2, 9:00am**

**Sunday, May 1, 10:30am**

**Saturday, May 21, 9:00am**

**Saturday, June 4, 9:00am**



## **Israel Mondays**

During and following the recent conflict between Israel and Hamas, we saw intense anti-Israel sentiment on college and high school campuses and social media outlets. This was echoed by slightly more nuanced anti-Israel sentiment in the main stream news media. While mainstream support for Israel held in Congress and the White House, for the first time in a long time, US support for Israel is no longer a foregone conclusion. Indeed, what it means to support Israel is a moving target.

This year, once a month, we will delve into the many ways to support Israel in 2021. Where did the conflict begin and what are its dynamics? What does it mean to be a progressive Zionist? A centrist Zionist? A center-right Zionist? How can we each build a personal Zionism that aligns our deeply held values with the realized dream of Jewish sovereignty? A series of speakers will help us unpack these questions with room for rich, civilized discussion and debate.

Sessions will take place on Monday evenings at 7:00pm. They will take place in person at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester or at Community Synagogue of Rye. An online option will be available for those who cannot attend in person.

Monday, October 18

**A Quick History of the Modern State of Israel**

Monday, November 15

**A Quick History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Monday, December 13

**Progressive Zionism**

Monday, January 24

**Centrist Zionism**

Monday, February 14

**Center-Right Zionism**

Monday, March 21

**A Palestinian Perspective**

Monday, April 4

**Constructing a Personal Zionism**

## **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 4, 12:00pm**

**Monday, February 14, 12:00pm**

**Monday, December 13, 12:00pm**

**Monday, May 2, 12:00pm**

## **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 soon.



## **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 dates to be released in the fall.

### **Book Club:**

**Thursday, September 23, 10:15am**

**Thursday, October 21, 10:15am**

**Thursday, November 18, 10:15am**

**Thursday, December 16, 10:15am**

**Thursday, January 20, 10:15am**

**Thursday, February 24, 10:15am**

**Thursday, March 17, 10:15am**

**Thursday, April 28, 10:15am**

**Thursday, May 19, 10:15am**

**Thursday, June 16, 10:15am**

## **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**

Thursday, September 23, 6:30pm

### **Chanukah Gathering**

Tuesday, November 30, 6:30pm

### **Women's Study Group Retreat**

Friday, January 28 through Saturday, January 29

### **Passover Gathering**

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30pm

## **Engaging Aging: How to Talk to Loved Ones**

### **About End of Life Choices**

Have you discussed your health care or end of life choices with your spouse or children? Have you talked to your parents about their wishes? Do you find it challenging to begin these conversations? Our panel of experts will provide both information and answers to your questions.

**Sunday, October 3, 11:00am**

## **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 14, 8:00pm**

**Thursday, November 11, 8:00pm**

**Thursday, January 6, 8:00pm**

**Thursday, February 17, 8:00pm**

**Thursday, March 31, 8:00pm**

**Thursday, May 12, 8:00pm**

# FEATURED SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS

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## **Sukkot Open House at the Goldsmiths'**

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## **Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath with Rabbi Or & Feliza Zohar**

**Friday, November 19, 7:30pm**

Each year we honor the musical legacy of Emanu-El's first cantor, Earl Rogers, with a special musical guest. This year, Rabbi Or and Feliza Zohar, pioneering voices in contemporary Israeli worship, will lead this straight-out-of-Israel musical Shabbat service.

## **Social Justice Shabbat featuring One-Man Show "The Gate" by Robbie Gringas**

**Friday, January 14, 7:30pm**

On a small kibbutz in the Galilee a great debate rages: Should the gate that faces the local Arab village be locked shut, or should it remain open? Udi, who lost his brother in the War of Independence, fights for the gate to be closed. Yiftach, an aging peacenik, must do all he can to signal openness to his Palestinian cousins. And Amal, the caterer from the Arab village, just wants someone to open the gate so she can get home after a long day.

How can we remain open? When must we close up? Do good fences make good neighbors or distant enemies? And what does a small story about a gate tell us about our world today?

Robbie Gringas presents his new solo show with thoughtfulness and a depth of emotion that have been the hallmark of his displays of physical story theater.

## **Women on the Front Lines: Inside the Combat Units of the Israeli Army with Author Debbie Zimelman**

**Thursday March 3, 12:00pm**

We salute the Israel Defense Forces with a unique look at the lives of its female soldiers. Debbie Zimelman, Israeli photographer and author of *Women on the Front Lines*, will share via Zoom her inspiring portraits and personal stories of the young women who have changed the face of the IDF over the past several decades. A female IDF veterans will join Debbie in conversation to describe their experiences, challenges, and accomplishments as combat soldiers. *Women on the Front Lines: Inside the Combat Units of the Israeli Army*, is a full-color "coffee table" photo book and the first of its kind to offer a glimpse of these brave young women in action, along with descriptions – in their own words – of their fears, challenges and accomplishments.



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## **The Samuel L. and Jane L. Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding**

**Friday, April 22, 7:30pm**

This lecture brings 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. Former congregational president William Friedman left this bequest in memory of his parents allowing us to explore the most pressing issues of our day. Watch the bulletin and Emanu-El for the announcement of this year's guest.

## **Community Yom HaShoah Service at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester**

**Wednesday, April 27, 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.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

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## Young Families Events

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

We are committed to helping young families begin their Jewish journeys! Bring your little ones – children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren – to Emanu-El to discover the joy of Jewish life through holiday celebrations throughout the year. Our Young Families events are overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun!

All Young Families events are free and open to the community and are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade.

### **Rosh Hashanah Young Families Service**

Tuesday, September 7, 3:00pm

### **Yom Kippur Young Families Service**

Thursday, September 16, 2:15pm

### **Celebration of Shabbat**

Sunday, October 24, 10:45am

### **Chanukah Celebration**

Sunday, December 5, 10:45am

### **Tu Bishvat Celebration**

Sunday, January 9, 10:45am

### **Purim Celebration**

Sunday, March 13, 10:45am

### **Passover Celebration**

Sunday, April 3, 10:45am

### **Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**

Sunday, May 1, 10:45am

### **Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner**

Friday, May 6, 5:30pm

## **The Bauman-Greene Pre-K & Kindergarten Program**

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

Our pre-k and kindergarten program gives your little ones a taste of Religious School! Each session highlights the unique rituals and celebrations of each Jewish holiday through a variety of artistic explorations. All pre-k and kindergarten programs are followed by Young Family Celebrations at the temple (above) – fun for the whole family. Free and open to the community. All classes meet from 9:30 - 10:45am on Sundays. *This program is funded by the generosity of congregant Dr. Caroline Bauman.*

### **Shabbat**

Sunday, October 24

### **Chanukah**

Sunday, December 5

### **Tu Bishvat**

Sunday, January 9

### **Purim**

Sunday, March 13

### **Passover**

Sunday, April 3

### **Yom Ha'atzmaut**

Sunday, May 1

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

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## 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 5  
6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**  
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat  
& Consecration with Musical  
Guest Noah Aronson**

February 11  
6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**  
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat:  
Paint a Prayer**

May 6  
5:30pm **Mitzvah Shabbat  
& Pizza Truck Dinner**

## 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 24  
6:00pm **Shabbat BBQ Dinner**  
7:00pm **Sukkot & Simchat Torah  
Shabbat Service**

November 5  
6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**  
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat  
& Consecration with Musical  
Guest Noah Aronson**

December 3  
6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**  
7:00pm **Chanukah Service**

February 11  
6:00pm **Shabbat Dinner**  
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat:  
Paint a Prayer**

March 4  
7:30pm **Shabbat Service Honoring  
Hineini Students & Families**

March 11  
7:00pm **Purim Shabbat Service**

May 13  
7:30pm **Youth Group Shabbat Service**

May 6  
5:30pm **Mitzvah Shabbat  
& Pizza Truck Dinner**

June 3  
7:30pm **Confirmation Shabbat Service**

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

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## Special Religious & 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.

### First Session of Boot Camp

Tuesday, September 14, 4:00pm

### First Session of Academy

Tuesday, September 14, 7:15pm

### First Sessions of Religious School & Hineini

Sunday, September 19, 9:30am

### First Session of Confirmation

Monday, October 4, 7:15pm

### First Session of Tuesday Hebrew Tutoring

Tuesday, October 5, 3:30pm

### First Session of Thursday Hebrew Tutoring

Thursday, October 7, 3:30pm

### Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Musical Guest Noah Aronson

Friday, November 5

6:00 Shabbat Dinner, 7:00pm Service

### Family Learning Shabbat: Paint a Prayer

Friday, February 11

6:00 Shabbat Dinner, 7:00pm Service

### Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 13, 11:30am

### Final Sessions of Academy & Confirmation

Monday, April 25, 7:15pm

### 6th Grade Retreat

Friday, April 29, TIME TBD

- Saturday, April 30, TIME TBD

### Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday May 6, 5:30pm

### Religious School Open House

Sunday, May 15, 9:30am

### Last Session of Tuesday Hebrew Tutoring

Tuesday, May 17, 3:30pm

### Last Session of Thursday Hebrew Tutoring

Thursday, May 19, 3:30pm

### Last Session of Religious School & Hineini

Sunday, May 22, 9:30am

### Last Session of Boot Camp

Tuesday, June 14, 4:00pm

### No Religious School

Sunday, October 10

Sunday, November 28

Sunday, December 26

Sunday, January 2

Sunday, January 16

Sunday, February 20

Sunday, February 27

Sunday, April 10

Sunday, April 17

### No Hebrew Tutoring

Thursday, November 25

Tuesday, December 28

Thursday, December 30

Tuesday, February 22

Thursday, February 24

Tuesday, April 12

Thursday, April 14

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

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## **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. Schedule to be distributed to families. Classes typically meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am at the synagogue unless otherwise noted. *This program is funded by the generosity of The Farah Family.*

## **Academy**

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

Our 8th and 9th graders continue their Jewish journeys by exploring Israel and what it means to be a Zionist in the 21st century. Through a series of guest speakers, service-learning partnerships with Israeli organizations, and a variety of opportunities to engage with the food, culture, and people of Israel, students will experience the richness of the Jewish ancestral homeland while also acquiring tools that will enable them to serve as advocates for Israel.

## **Confirmation**

"The world stands on three things, on Torah, on worship and on acts of loving kindness."

- *Pirket Avot*

Our 10th graders spend a year studying with Rabbi Goldsmith exploring many facets of Jewish identity, theology and meaning. The teens finish the year knowing where they fit in the story of the Jewish people. Schedule to be distributed to families. Sessions are Mondays at 7:15pm unless otherwise noted.

## **Madrichim Fellowship**

The mission of the Madrichim Fellowship is to create a growing and evolving community in which Emanu-El teens have a strong sense of personal ownership, community connections and Jewish identity. This year, our madrichim will be participating in the Matan Institute for Teens, a series of workshops that are designed to teach them about inclusion, helping them to fill a critical role in the most effective way possible. The fellowship is a rewarding and meaningful experience that allows Emanu-El teens to make connections with children, support our Religious School teachers, and even gives them a chance to lead classroom activities of their own!

## **Youth Group & Leadership Fellowship for Teens**

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

With a strong emphasis on social action, these programs build community while making our world a better place. We have planned another busy year that will help to build a meaningful connection between our teens, our congregation, and the broader community. Watch Emanuemail and the bulletin for more information on these events.

## Family Trip to Israel

**Friday, August 19 - Sunday, August 28, 2022**



Vacations on a beach are great. A family trip to Israel is life changing! There is no better way to experience Israel than on a congregational trip with families from Emanu-El and Rabbi Goldsmith.

Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith will lead a family trip to Israel. We will, of course, visit all the major sites. And we will, of course, have a ton of fun, stay in beautiful places, and eat amazing food. But it will be so much more than a tourist trip because, with the help of our rabbi, we will discover what Israel means to us as Jews from Westchester, we will discover what Israel awakens inside us. Don't miss this trip of a lifetime!



Check out all the information and register at <https://tinyurl.com/IsraelCEW>

Want to know what our last trip to Israel was like? Visit <https://tinyurl.com/CEWIsrael19>

Have questions or want to discuss? Give Rabbi Goldsmith a call at 914-967-4382 x1013..

# AND SO MUCH MORE...

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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](mailto: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”.

For more information, contact Maj Wickstrom at [majleew@gmail.com](mailto:majleew@gmail.com).



**Unless otherwise noted, the link for regular programs and services is:**  
**[tinyurl.com/cewconnect](https://tinyurl.com/cewconnect)**

Worship services may also be viewed on our Facebook page or website.

