



## Bingo Night

Thursday, November 4, 7:00pm  

Rabbi Goldsmith will be calling numbers once again!

This event is for all ages and friends are welcome.

Cost: \$18/1 card or \$30/2 cards. Pay at the door: \$20/per card. Advanced registration required for players joining on Zoom. Proceeds benefit the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund. RSVP and purchase cards at [www.tinyurl.com/gamesCEW](http://www.tinyurl.com/gamesCEW).

## Consecration & Family Learning Shabbat with Noah Aronson

Friday, November 5, 7:00pm  



Give yourselves the gift of inspiring music and dance when we are joined by contemporary Jewish recording artist, composer, performer and intentional mover, Noah Aronson.

Noah will lead our worship service with his unique blend of joy, passion, and a rich musicality that connects with

audiences, heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul.

Religious School families are required to attend this service.

## Garden of Gratitude

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

Congregants are welcome to make

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

## New Program Icons

With many of our programs now multi-access, these are the icons we'll be using to let you know how you can take part in services and programs:



In-person



Live Stream or Zoom



Multi-access



## Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg Exhibit at the New-York Historical Society

Thursday, November 11, 11:00am 

Join us on a docent-led tour through the life and career of late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The exhibition highlights Ginsburg's unending pursuit of justice using archival documents and recordings; examples of her signature judicial attire; official portraits loaned by the National Portrait Gallery; and a 3D rendering of the Supreme Court bench. In her varied roles as student, wife, mother, judge, women's rights pioneer, and internet phenomenon, the legendary Brooklynite inspired Americans to stand up for what's right.

We will meet at the New-York Historical Society: 170 Central Park West. Cost: \$30/person.

RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/CEWmuseum](http://www.tinyurl.com/CEWmuseum).

## 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 beloved 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.

## Lunch & Learn: Former Mossad Agent Isaac Levendel

Monday, November 29, 12:00pm  



Isaac Levendel will reflect on his work as a Mossad agent. Mossad, short for *HaMossad leModi'in uleTafkidim Meyubadim*, is the national intelligence agency of Israel. It is one of the main

entities in the Israeli Intelligence Community, along with Aman and the Shin Bet. The Mossad is responsible for intelligence collection, covert operations, and counter-terrorism.

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# First Day of Religious School, Sukkah Decorating & Family Activities





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**[www.tinyurl.com/cewconnect](http://www.tinyurl.com/cewconnect)**

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

## Annual Fund Update: High Holy Day Appeal

Dear Emanu-El Family,

THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the Annual Fund during our recent High Holy Day Appeal. Our donations directly support Emanu-El's engaging, multi-access programming and worship opportunities, and ensure we can continue fostering the connections and joyful Judaism that make our community so special.

The Annual Fund also provides critical support to fund gaps in our operating budget not covered by dues and tuition, and enables us to welcome everyone who wishes to be a member of Emanu-El, regardless of financial circumstances.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and I thank you again for your generosity.

With tremendous gratitude,

Maj Wickstrom  
VP Board of Trustees and Chair of Fundraising

## To Zoom Or Not To Zoom: An Update on our Multi-Access Experiment

We were all amazed at the way we came together as a community during the depths of the pandemic. Zoom proved to be a sacred vessel, a medium that allowed us to learn, connect, meditate, celebrate, mourn, and pray. It became easier than ever for people to participate in our programs and services. Simply turn on your device, click connect, and enjoy – no driving or getting dressed up was necessary!



Thankfully, things are getting somewhat back to normal. Nearly 100% of congregants ages 12 and up are fully vaccinated. We expect that our 5-11 years olds will soon follow suit. COVID rates are dropping nationally and are lower in Westchester than they have been in months. And still, we continue to recognize that individual health considerations and risk tolerances vary. Not only that, but we have a number of families who have moved from the area but remain connected to the congregation.

We want people here in-person. And we want people to be able to access us from home when that makes them comfortable.

For all of these reasons we have made a commitment to multi-access programs, services, and meetings.

In many ways, multi-access has proven to be a major success. The High Holy Days streaming experience was excellent. Beit Midrash is being taught both in-person and via Zoom with (mostly) seamless integration. Our Tuesday Hebrew School program is entirely online with students receiving 30 minutes of private Hebrew instruction yielding unprecedented levels of Hebrew skills. Congregants, family, and friends are able to log on for b'nei mitzvah ceremonies and funerals – allowing people to be “present” for the meaningful moments in one another’s lives.

We have put a lot of thought into how to make Shabbat evening worship multi-access, as well. The best part about Zoom worship during the depths of the pandemic was the ability for people to come together before and after the service on Zoom to schmooze and catch up. There was a palpable sense of community and connection across those Zoom squares. The question

we’ve worked on is how to maintain that community feeling online while also moving worship back into the sanctuary. On the one hand, we are committed to ensuring access for people who are not comfortable coming to the sanctuary and those who live too far away. On the other, we seek a critical mass of congregants in the sanctuary for the warmth, meaning, and community that comes from being in-person. It is a tension. Hopefully, it is a creative tension.

For now, on Friday nights, we have anyone who wishes log on to our temple Zoom room. They can greet one another there and say Shabbat Shalom and schmooze a bit. Then, when the service starts, we feed the livestream of the service into the room. This “daisy chain” of internet video means the image and sound quality are a bit lower, but, hopefully, we make up for that with the sense of community that comes from being in the Zoom room together. For other programs and classes and lectures we are constantly re-evaluating what makes sense multi-access, what will only work in-person, and, occasionally, what will only work on Zoom. We want people here in-person. And we want people to be able to access us from home when that makes them comfortable. Please continue to give us feedback as we experiment with this together over the next few months.

When you are comfortable and in town, please come to the temple and be here in-person. If you are not comfortable or out of town, please continue to log in. However you connect, know that you help to build the warm sense of Jewish community and connection that defines Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard'.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

## An Homage to our Accompanist, Kevin Walters

I am writing about a member of our community who is as dear to me as any friend could be. He has served our congregation for as long as, or longer than, many of us have been attending services. He has been here, through thick and thin, for more than 25 years. He has given the temple a lion's share of his deep musical knowledge coupled with a dedication and integrity that is rare in any human being. I am writing, of course, about our long-time accompanist, Kevin Walters, who is retiring from the temple at the end of 2021.



On the High Holy Days Kevin conducted remotely from the organ. Our professional singers, stationed behind the partition in the back of the sanctuary, took their cues from him on the large screen pictured here.

Kevin has played a crucial role in providing the musical foundation for Shabbat services, B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies, the High Holy Days, funerals, weddings and special musical programs. For him, playing at the temple has never been just a job; he takes

seriously both worship and the role of music to elevate the religious experience. Not so many years ago, his interest in theology led him to pursue graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary and the Royal College of Music in London.

You may not know Kevin because during his tenure with us he has kept a low profile. But his unobtrusive demeanor belies his extensive musical background and expertise; with artistry and musical integrity, Kevin has played in synagogues and churches for over 50 years. He has degrees in organ, piano, and composition and served on the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music. Kevin can sight read any piece of music, and has endured years of my asking him to transpose the key - on the spot - of any piece I throw his way, with nary a complaint. (Please Kevin, play it higher! How about a major third up? No wait, let's try just a whole step!) You wouldn't know it, but he can also play "cocktail" piano with ease.

Kevin has also patiently put up with my last minute changes along with my various foibles. Like any great musical collaboration (think Rodgers and Hammerstein), behind the scenes of our hopefully polished musical services, we have had our temperamental scuffles. But make no mistake, Kevin is as dear to my heart as anyone

I've ever worked with. We have shared many laughs and memorable moments. In the old days, on a sleepy Friday night, we sometimes played "Stump the Cantor". He would choose the service music which I only found out about when I was on the bimah and he played the organ introduction. As times changed and worship became less formal, Rabbi Wolk and I dispensed with our black robes and the organ gradually fell out of favor. Kevin adapted to a looser style of playing, and on a rare occasion he has even been known to remove his requisite sport jacket and tie.

Over the years of our close collaboration, Kevin has been genuinely caring. He has driven me home to NYC when I was too ill to go out onto the bimah and given me many thoughtfully chosen gifts. He has rarely sent a sub to a service. Kevin has been, above all, a man of utmost integrity and loyalty, far beyond what is required for a job.

In reflecting on the fragility of life, prior to the 20th anniversary of Sept 11, 2001, Kevin was struck in a new way by the words of Micah 6:8: "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what the Eternal requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk modestly with your God." Kevin wrote: "There is no way to know the burden being carried by those we know or those we sit next to on the train or bus; everyone carries a private burden, an anxiety they can never share with us. Solitude is comforting for some but profoundly lonely for others. A Peanuts cartoon some years ago showed Schroeder asking Charlie Brown, "Charlie Brown, what does it mean when bad things happen to people?" "I don't know," said Charlie Brown, "but I guess it means that we have to stay close to each other." Once again Charlie Brown gets it right, totally. May it be so for each of us as we remember September 11, 2001 twenty years on."

It is this kind of depth of spirit that has deepened the spirituality of our prayer through Kevin's gift of music. May it be so for us.

If you would like to recognize Kevin's years of service to our congregation, please consider a donation to the Music Fund in his honor.

*Meredith*

Meredith Stone, Cantor

## Ritual Corner: One Holiday, Two Reasons

Chanukah! The lights! The latkes! The presents! The dreidel! The parody music videos! Thanks to its proximity to Christmas, it is one of the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays in the United States. We all know that it has something to do with the Maccabee's victory over the Greeks. We all know that it also has something to do with oil lasting a really long time. What many people do not know is that these origin stories come from very different times and places.

Chanukah began as a festival celebrating military victory – no oil miracle in sight. We find the original Chanukah story in the Books of Maccabees, semi-historical books included in some versions of the Christian Bible though not part of the Jewish canon. The books were written by an anonymous author some time in the late 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE. They tell the heroic story of the Maccabee's defeat of the Greek Seleucid Empire and its hellenizing ruler, Antiochus IV Epiphanes. We read at the end of First Maccabees that after the military victory, “Judas and his brethren with the whole congregation of Israel ordained that the days [celebrating victory] should be kept in that season from year to year for eight days, from the five and twentieth day of the month Kislev, with mirth and gladness.”

While the Jews had sovereignty and self-determination in the Land of Israel, celebrating a military victory made sense. It highlighted all that the Jews could achieve when they remained committed to their history and identity. It reminded them year after year of the importance of standing up and fighting for what they believed in. And, undoubtedly, it had some political benefit for the powers that be – encouraging idealistic citizens to join the military to defend the country.

And then the Romans conquered Jerusalem and scattered us among the nations of the world. Now, instead of a people in our own land exercising self-determination, we were small minority communities living at the mercy of host countries. The rulers of those host countries often faced political instability and needed to make certain to quash any threats to their grip on power. You can imagine how they felt, then, about one of the minorities in their country celebrating a military victory – not too good!

Still, by that time, Chanukah was a widely observed festival. We did not have the gift exchanges and music videos of today (YouTube was a few thousand years in the future!), but we did light candles and celebrate with friends and family. The rabbis recognized that we needed a reason to celebrate that would not aggravate the non-Jewish

political leaders. This actually aligned with the rabbinic agenda which was decidedly non-military and non-nationalistic and much more focused on faith and ritual observance.

And so, buried in the Talmud, in a section about Shabbat, in a discussion of allowable fabric for Shabbat candle wicks, we find a new explanation for the festival of Chanukah. “What is the reason for Chanukah? ... When the Greeks entered the Temple, they defiled all the oils, and when the Maccabees defeated them, they found only one bottle of holy oil that would last for one day's lighting only. Yet, a miracle occurred and it lasted eight days. The following year these days were appointed an eight-day festival.” Now, instead of being about military victory, Chanukah transformed to be about a miracle, about faith, about what God will do for us.

As you may imagine, there is debate in Jewish circles about which is a more important reason for celebrating Chanukah: the military victory or the miracle. I see no reason to choose. The military victory lets us reflect on the importance of standing up for what we believe in, for taking action to change the world. The story of the miracle tells us to pause and appreciate the miraculous things in our lives. The balance of gratitude-filled reflection and inspiring action can illuminate our lives as menorahs have illuminated the lives of our ancestors for thousands of years.

Happy Chanukah!



### Band Gone Crazy Shabbat Service Friday, December 10, 7:30pm

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!

# STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

It is more important than ever that we continue our acts of *tikkun olam* (repairing our world) in our communities. To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Social Action Committee Chair Hedy Cardozo at [hedoza@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.com).

## 2021-22 Social Action Collections

September: Food Drive for Feeding Westchester - done!

October: Coat Drive for Children's Hope Chest - done!

November: Have A Heart Gift Drive for WJCS

December: Afya Collection

January: 914Cares Collection

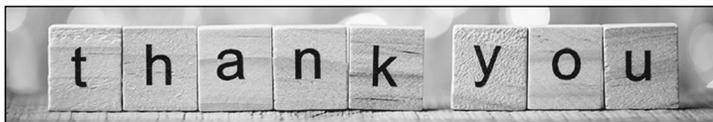
February: Pleasantville Cottage School Art Supply Drive

March: Pasta Collection for Local Food Pantry

April : Midnight Run/Brunch Run Collection

May: Pajama & Book Collection for 914Cares

June: Gently Used Backpack Drive for Midnight Run



### High Holy Day Food Drive, Coats for Hope, Afghan Refugee Collection, and Midnight Run

September and October were busy collection months at Emanu-El. Our community delivered almost one thousand pounds of food for Feeding Westchester; new coats of all sizes for children and teens; coats and bags for newly arrived Afghan refugees; and clothing and personal care items for Midnight Run. We made a difference!

### Freedom to Vote Call-In Days Volunteers Monday, November 8 - Thursday, November 11

Voting rights are under attack as forty-seven states, including Texas and Georgia, passed laws that make it harder for people to vote. There are two sweeping Federal bills – the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voter Rights Advancement Act – that could become law and prevent voter interference and suppression. Calls to our senators and President Biden could make the difference.

To learn more and participate in the call-in days, sign up at <https://rac.org/callfreedomtovote>.

### The Caring Community

The Caring Community provides comfort to temple families in times of need or stress, joy or sorrow. Over the past six months, the Caring Community has been delivering bereavement baskets and healing to congregants. We are touched to be receiving such positive feedback from the community. If you are interested in volunteering with the Caring Community, contact Michelle Schwarz at [prettypaper1@gmail.com](mailto:prettypaper1@gmail.com).



### Have A Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive Monday, November 1 - Sunday, December 5

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

Donate a new unwrapped gender neutral toy or a \$25 Amazon gift card. A collection bin will be located in the main entrance vestibule. To make a donation to WJCS directly, go to [www.tinyurl.com/WJCSLOY](http://www.tinyurl.com/WJCSLOY). Let them know you found them via Emanu-El!

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



### Afya Foundation Collection: New Toiletries December 1 - Friday, December 24

Afya Foundation delivers medical supplies and personal care items domestically and internationally to those in need. Items can be dropped off in the main lobby vestibule. Please remember that only NEW items are being accepted at this time.

We are collecting the following items:

- soap
- lotion
- dental floss
- toothbrushes
- adult diapers (packages need to be unopened)

For more information, contact Abbie at [alevitt@c-e-w.org](mailto:alevitt@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1018.

## Welcome Back to In-Person Programs!

Psalm 133 is familiar to many and it is often part of our worship service at Emanu-El.

הִנֵּה מֵהַטּוֹב וּמֵהַנְּעִים שְׂכַת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד:

*"Hinei ma tov umanaim shevet achim gam yachad."*



"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together."

How many times have we joined in this song without giving much thought to the meaning of the words. Yet today, more than 1 ½ years after the onset of the pandemic, I cannot think of any thought that better summarizes our gratitude for, and appreciation of, being able to meet safely in-person at the temple.

There is no doubt that we have made the most of a less than ideal situation. Since March 2020, Rabbi Goldsmith, along with the professional and lay leadership of CEW, have worked tirelessly in an effort to meet the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of our congregants. And as a community we have risen to the challenge and offered support for those in need, engaging programming and a welcoming smile (even via Zoom) for all.

Join us for meaningful services, lectures, classes and activities. Come check out our beautifully updated sanctuary...

Nevertheless, *hinei ma tov* (how wonderful it is...) to know that we can meet safely in-person once again. Join us for meaningful services, lectures, classes and activities. Come check out our beautifully updated sanctuary and meet Jamie Villarie, our wonderful Director of Technology, Facilities & Events. He has done an outstanding job making the temple a comfortable place to gather while protecting our well-being. Our dedicated Reopening Committee has worked tirelessly to bring us together while following COVID-19 protocols. We now have the ability to meet in-person and also offer multi-access to virtually all of our programs. *Hinei Ma Tov!*

I was thrilled to welcome students back to the temple last month and the smiles on their faces demonstrated their delight at being back. Whether praying together as a community, performing acts of kindness, or discovering the meaning and importance of our age-old traditions, our students are thriving. I am happy to

report that students, staff, and families have begun to settle into our new routines and rebuild the in-person relationships that we missed so much. We have several new teachers on board! I hope you will have the opportunity to meet them. Our school is growing by leaps and bounds! *Hinei Ma Tov!*

It's an exciting time, and also a busy time!

We have lots of great programs for the community that can be enjoyed in-person and are also multi-access for those who are not able to attend. Please check the bulletin and emails to stay up to date on the meaningful engagement that we have planned for our "*Kehillah Kadosha*" - our holy community. I hope to see all of you in the coming months.

Peace & Love,

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director

## B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

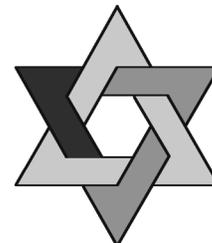
We would like to honor the following students who will become B'nei Mitzvah in November & December:

**Hailey Baruch**

**Peyton Blaine**

**Juliette Hirsch**

**Samantha Hirsch**



# ADULT LEARNING & PROGRAMS

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

## **Meditation for Stress Reduction and Healing with Jane Meryll**

**Wednesdays, November 3, 10 & 17, 8:00pm** 



Mindfulness meditation practice embodies loving kindness, forgiveness, and self-compassion for peace from the inside out. Friends outside of the congregation are welcome!

## **Beit Midrash**

**Saturday, November 6, 9:00am & Sundays, November 21, December 12 & 19, 10:30am** 

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 us 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.

To learn more about Beit Midrash and to RSVP, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x1013 or [hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org).

## **Single Malt Torah**

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



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.

## **Next Step Sundays, November 14 & December 12, 11:00am**



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

## **Israel Mondays**



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 at Emanu-El and Community Synagogue of Rye located at 200 Forest Avenue in Rye.

For more information, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at [hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org) or 914967-4382 x1018.

## **A Quick History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict with Muki Jankelowitz in Jerusalem Monday, November 15, 7:00pm**

   
Location: Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester

## **Progressive Zionism**

**Monday, December 13, 7:00pm**  

Location: Community Synagogue of Rye

## **Book Club**

**Thursday, November 18, 11:30am** 

*The Words of My Father: Love and Pain in Palestine*  
by Yousef Bashir

**Thursday, December 16, 11:30am** 

*Concealed* by Esther Amini

## **Books & Bites**

**Wednesday, December 15  
(Time & Location TBA)**

*Concealed* by Esther Amini

RSVP to Marcie at [maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org).  
Newcomers always welcome!

## **Challah Baking with Debra Cohen** **Thursday, November 18, 12:00pm**



Debra Cohen, congregant and local challah baker, graduated from college with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. She left the workforce to stay home with her two young children until her son's nursery school asked her to teach challah making. Having never baked a challah before she quickly perfected a recipe and "rose" to the occasion. Now she enjoys teaching and baking challah into many letters and shapes and loves adding all sorts of ingredients into the dough. Cost: \$36/person. If you plan on participating via Zoom, contact Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1021.

RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/CEWchallah](http://www.tinyurl.com/CEWchallah).

## **Women's Study Group Chanukah Gathering** **Tuesday, November 30, 7:30pm**



Kindle the lights of Chanukah and gather in the warmth of our Women's Study Group as we learn *furoshiki*, the centuries old Japanese art of sustainable gift wrapping. We will prepare packages to benefit a needy cause in our community and take away a fun and practical new skill in the midst of Chanukah! If you have large pieces of attractive fabric to donate for this activity please contact Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x1019 or [mstone@c-e-w.org](mailto:mstone@c-e-w.org).

RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/WSGevent](http://www.tinyurl.com/WSGevent).

## **Israel Exhibit: Congregant Photographs** **Friday, December 10, 7:00pm**

Travel through Israel by viewing the memorable photos from past temple trips. See the meaningful images and learn about Israel through the photographs of your fellow congregants.

## **Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone** **Monday, December 13, 12:30pm**

Together we will write on various topics and discuss as a group, strengthening connections to one another and to our tradition. Our services are enriched by writings from this workshop. Newcomers are always welcome - no experience necessary!

RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/CEWreflections](http://www.tinyurl.com/CEWreflections).

## **WJC Night of Learning and Celebration 2.0:** **The Virtual Edition**

### **Saturday, November 20, 7:00pm**

The Westchester Board of Rabbis and the Westchester Jewish Council are proud to once again offer this special community learning event which will take place virtually. There will be over 20 different classes offered by various Westchester Rabbis (including Rabbi Goldsmith) with two sessions, 7:30pm and 8:30pm. A list of classes will be available soon.

Registration required at [www.tinyurl.com/WJCLearning](http://www.tinyurl.com/WJCLearning)  
Zoom links will be shared the week prior to the event.

## **Travel to Israel with Emanu-El** **Friday, August 19 - Sunday, August 28, 2022**



There is no better way to experience Israel than on a life changing congregational trip with Emanu-El.

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 rabbis, 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 [www.tinyurl.com/IsraelCEW](http://www.tinyurl.com/IsraelCEW)

Have questions or want to discuss?

Give Rabbi Goldsmith a call at 914-967-4382 x1013.

## The Recipe for Jewish Resilience

As a child, reading was my least favorite activity. I could usually be found anywhere other than curled up with a book: rollerblading through the neighborhood, creating a new piece of jewelry, playing with my dogs, or voluntarily cleaning my room (which my mother secretly loved!). That all changed the summer before high school when the required reading for my English class was *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. I could barely put the book down, my brain needing to absorb every letter and punctuation mark on the page. I'm still not sure why this was the book that resonated so deeply with me, but it sparked the beginning of what would become a long and winding literary journey, putting me directly into the driver's seat as I navigated the limitless world of writings.



Shortly after completing *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, my father introduced me to an essay written by Twain, titled *Concerning the Jews*. While it continues to be somewhat of a controversial piece, there was a rumination that immediately jumped out at me:

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and obtuse learning are also way out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all the ages and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, and faded to dream stuff and passed away. The Greeks and the Romans followed and made a vast noise and they are gone. Other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time. But it burned out, and they sit in twilight now or have vanished. The Jew saw them all. Beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew. All other forces pass, but he remains.

For years, I've been contemplating our resilience and I knew that our secret didn't just lie in our famous matzah ball soup. I believe that our immortality is rooted in the three pillars of Judaism, originally outlined in *Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of our Fathers*, a compilation of teachings and maxims from Rabbinic Jewish tradition. Shimon the Righteous claimed that "The world stands upon three things: *Torah* (study), *Avodah* (worship), and *Gemilut Chasadim* (acts of kindness)."

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Never have these pillars been more palpable in our lifetime than in the past eighteen months. The universe threw a curveball our way and we've been trying to navigate these unprecedented times ever since, both collectively and individually. When the world came to a screeching halt, there was a part of us that believed our Judaism would too. How would we attend Shabbat services? How would we celebrate holidays? How would we show up for the lifecycle events of loved ones? How would we survive being apart when, at our core, our survival comes from our unity? This community chose to cleave to their Judaism, embracing each of the three pillars that Shimon noted in his writing. The study of Torah has expanded and deepened since the beginning of the pandemic, as the Religious School has welcomed fifty-three new students (and counting!), resulting in the highest enrollment in over five years! Participation in our community's worship, *Avodah*, has also multiplied as we've had record numbers attend our weekly Shabbat services. And while *Gemilut Chasadim*, acts of loving kindness, have always been part of the genetic makeup of the Emanu-El community, the pandemic has given us more empathy, compassion, and understanding, each of those coming through in every interaction as we transition into a post-pandemic world.

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

Naomi Fabes, Director of Education



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

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

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 classes meet from 9:30 - 10:45am on Sundays.

All pre-k and kindergarten programs are followed by Young Family Celebrations at the temple – fun for the whole family. Free and open to the community.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Naomi at [nfabes@c-e-w.org](mailto:nfabes@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1015.

### 2021-22 Schedule

<b>Chanukah</b>	<b>Sunday, December 5</b>
<b>Tu Bishvat</b>	<b>Sunday, January 9</b>
<b>Purim</b>	<b>Sunday, March 13</b>
<b>Passover</b>	<b>Sunday, April 3</b>
<b>Yom Ha'atzmaut</b>	<b>Sunday, May 1</b>

### Save the Dates:

#### 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.

**Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Noah Aronson (see pg. 1)**  
**Friday, November 5, 7:00pm**

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

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

## Young Families Programs

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 song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun!

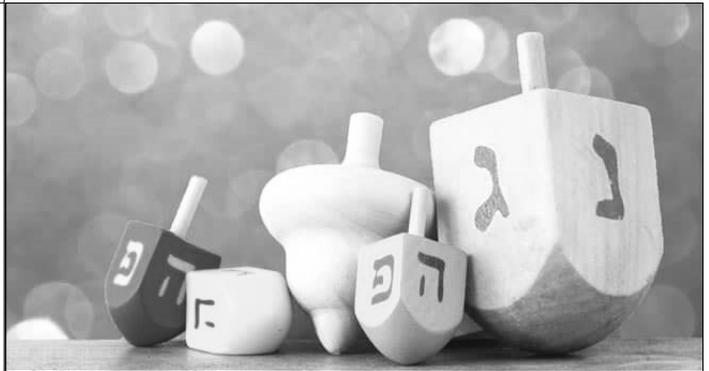
All Young Families events are free and open to the community, and are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade.

Young Families events run from 10:45 - 11:45am on Sundays (immediately following pre-k and k sessions).

To learn more about our Young Families events or to join the Young Families Committee, contact Naomi at [nfabes@c-e-w.org](mailto:nfabes@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1015.

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### Young Families Chanukah Celebration

**Sunday, December 5, 10:45 - 11:45am **

Experience the excitement of Chanukah through an interactive celebration led by our clergy and staff.

Come sing your favorite Chanukah songs and enjoy a variety of games and crafts while making new friends!

RSVP to Naomi at [nfabes@c-e-w.org](mailto:nfabes@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1015.

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# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Academy	2 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom  4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	3 8:00pm Mindfulness Meditation	4 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom  7:00pm Bingo Night	5 7:00pm Family Learning Shabbat and Consecration with Noah Aronson	6 9:00am Beit Midrash  11:00am Juliette & Samantha Hirsch B'not Mitzvah Ceremony
7 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School	8 7:00pm Academy	9 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom  4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	10 8:00pm Mindfulness Meditation	11 11:00am RBG Exhibit at New York Historical Society  3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	12 6:00pm Early Zoom Shabbat Service	13
14 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School  11:00am Next Step	15 7:00pm Israel Mondays  7:00pm Academy	16 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom  4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp  7:30pm Board Meeting	17 8:00pm Mindfulness Meditation	18 11:30am Book Club  3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	19 7:30pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath with RabbiOr & Feliza Zohar	20
21 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School  10:30am Beit Midrash	22 No Academy	23 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom  4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	24	25 <i>Temple office closed for Thanksgiving  No Hebrew Tutoring</i>	26 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service  <i>Temple office closed for Thanksgiving</i>	27
28 No Religious School	29 12:00pm Lunch & Learn: Former Mossad Agent Isaac Levendel  7:00pm Academy	30 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom  4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp  7:30pm WSG Chanukah Gathering				

# DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	3 7:00pm Chanukah Shabbat	4 5:00pm Peyton Blaine Bat Mitzvah Ceremony
5 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30 - 10:45am Pre-K/K Chanukah Program 10:45 - 11:45am Young Families Chanukah Celebration	6 7:00pm Academy	7 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 7:00pm Committees in Community	8	9 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	10 7:00pm Israel Art Gallery Opening 7:30pm Band Gone Crazy Shabbat Service	11
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26 <i>No Religious School</i>	27 <i>No Academy</i>	28 No Hebrew Tutoring & B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	29	30 No Hebrew Tutoring	31 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service <i>Office closes at 12:00pm for New Year's Eve</i>	

**High Holy Days and Simchat Torah**



**Women's Study Group  
Sukkot Gathering in the Sukkah**



**Meeting with Sarah Idrissu, Chief of Staff  
for Congressman Jamaal Bowman  
(thank you, Bruce Freyer, for taking the picture!)**



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## November & December Shabbat Services

November 5 (in-person & on Zoom) 🎵 📺 😊  
7:00pm **Consecration & Family Learning Shabbat  
with Noah Aronson**

November 12 (Zoom)  
6:00pm **Early Zoom Shabbat Service**

November 19 (in-person & on Zoom) 🎵  
7:30pm **Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath  
with Rabbi Or & Feliza Zohar**

November 26 (Zoom)  
6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

December 3 (in-person & on Zoom) 🎵 📺 😊  
7:00pm **Chanukah Celebration**

December 10 (in-person & on Zoom) 🎵 📺 😊  
7:00pm **Israel Exhibit Opening**  
7:30pm **Band Gone Crazy Shabbat Service**

December 17 (in-person & on Zoom)  
6:00pm **Early Shabbat Service**

December 24 (Zoom)  
6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

December 31 (Zoom)  
6:00pm **Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service**

🎵 Band    📺 Prayers Projected    😊 Family Friendly



### Chanukah Celebration

**Friday, December 3, 7:00pm** 📺 📺

B.Y.O.M. (Bring Your Own Menorah) for our annual Shabbat celebration of Chanukah. Together we will sing joyful Chanukah songs, light menorahs on the bimah, and bask in the glow of our sanctuary. Don't forget to bring your favorite menorah and candles!

### Israel Film Series: *Crescendo*

**Thursday, December 16, 7:00pm** 📺



World-famous music conductor Eduard Spork 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. With the first glimmer of hope, however, the political opponents of the orchestra show them how strong they are. *English subtitles.*

RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/CEWfilm](http://www.tinyurl.com/CEWfilm).