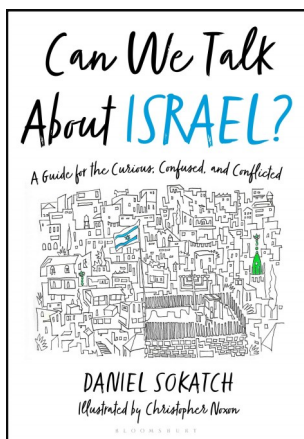


**Community Read: Can We Talk About
Israel?: A Guide for the Curious, Confused,
and Conflicted by Daniel Sokatch** 🧑🏽📺



We chose to focus our programming on Israel this year to help deepen and elevate what can be a fractious, emotionally charged topic in the American Jewish community. This book, by Daniel Sokatch, CEO of the New Israel Fund, delves into the Zionist issues that raise the most controversy in the American Jewish community. Over the course of 5 sessions we will explore this best-selling

new book to ask what we agree with, what we disagree with, and how can we use its ideas to shape our own personal Zionisms.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/CEWread.

Monday, January 24, 12:00pm: Intro & Lexicon

Monday, February 7, 12:00pm: Chapters 1-6

Monday, February 28, 12:00pm: Chapters 7-14

Monday, March 21, 12:00pm: Chapters 15-19

Monday, April 4, 12:00pm: Chapters 20-23



**Women's Study Group 21st Annual
Shabbat Retreat at the Interlaken Inn
Friday, January 28 - Saturday, January 29** 🧑🏽

How often do you have the opportunity to take time away for yourself? Join the women of Congregation Emanu-El for our Women's Study Group Annual Shabbat Retreat at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, CT to unwind and engage in fantastic learning. We begin the retreat at 5:00pm on Friday and conclude at 4:00pm on Saturday.

Cost (includes 3 meals): \$300/person double occupancy or \$380/person single occupancy.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/WSGevent by Thursday, January 6.

For more information, contact Tal at tdrori@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1012.

Spring Benefit 2022 - Save the Date!

**A Night
in the Shuk**

A Celebration of Emanu-El
honoring Margie McCabe
and Darren Fogel
Saturday, April 23, 7:30pm

It is time to celebrate our congregation and well-deserving honorees with an evening featuring the sights, smells, tastes, and sounds of a Middle Eastern market. And what could be more appropriate for honorees who have brought bountiful gifts to Emanu-El?

Margie McCabe started at Emanu-El as the temple secretary in 1987. After helping ensure a smooth transition from Rabbi Wolk to Rabbi Goldsmith, Margie retired from the temple but has continued to bring endless energy, joy, and song to our community.

Darren Fogel served as a trustee of Emanu-El from 2015-2017 and then as president from 2017-2020. Under his leadership we not only fixed the sanctuary roof, we also realized the goal of paying off our mortgage, balancing our operating budget and ensuring a strong financial foundation for the congregation.

Save the date for what promises to be an Emanu-El benefit to remember!

Israel Film Series: 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 kidneys are failing and his son Gadi, 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 Rueben does not have the right to authorize such an invasive procedure. The film's portrayal of a relationship full of love, rejection and co-dependency, sheds some light on and questions the importance of human life and connection. English subtitles.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/CEWfilm. Friends welcome!

Family Learning Shabbat & Consecration with Musician and Educator Noah Aronson



Women's Study Group Chanukah Gathering & Spa Gift Project for My Sisters' Place





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www.tinyurl.com/cewconnect

Most worship services may also be viewed on our Facebook page and website.

B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

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

Zachary Berg

Natalie Geller

Ethan Goldstein

Joshua Kaufman

Sara Levine

Samara Weinfeld



Westchester 2040

For the last year and a half, I have been honored to serve as the President of the Westchester Board of Rabbis. My term will wrap up in June, though I'm sure that my community facing work will continue in new and interesting ways. The presidents of the Westchester Board of Rabbis each choose an area of focus. For example, seeking new ways for rabbis to support one another, focusing on deep Jewish learning, or engaging with Israel. I have focused my time on the future of the Westchester Jewish community with an initiative called Westchester 2040.



A few years ago, I noticed that my colleagues and I often approached our jobs in a reactive way. Congregants would come to us with an idea or concern, and we would create a program in response. Board members would come to us with the latest demographic projections for the Jewish community and we would wring our hands and imagine long-range plans for a diminished future. I thought it was time for the rabbis of our county, as a group, to join the “planning table” for the future of our community. To do that, we would need a shared vision, a way to say, “The rabbis of Westchester are committed to working for THIS particular future for our broad Jewish community.” We could be proactive instead of reactive.

We then embarked on a two-year visioning process funded generously by UJA-Federation of New York. We began with workshops with the full Board of Rabbis. We continued with interviews and focus groups to understand two related but distinct ideas: 1) Where the rabbis of the county thought we were headed, and, 2) What the rabbis of the county wanted to see for the county's future. This was followed by a survey of all rabbis to confirm the ideas generated to that point. Finally, we took at the collected data and crafted a statement that captured the essence of where we hoped to see Jewish Westchester in the year 2040. The statement was unanimously adapted by the members of the Board of Rabbis. (You can read the statement at tinyurl.com/WBOR2040.) The vision focuses on four areas: vitality of Jewish life, collaboration among Jewish organizations, embracing diversity, and lowering barriers to entry for the sake of community.

When I embarked on this work, I imagined completing the vision and then joining an existing “planning table” that was already planning for the future. It turns out that no planning table existed, but UJA-Federation was

happy to continue the funding so that I could create just such a table. During the summer I met with over a dozen Jewish communal leaders and professionals to share the vision and seek buy-in for communal work towards our vision. We then had a couple of group meetings in the fall. Everyone agreed that each area of the Vision will play a vital role in the future of the Westchester Jewish community. And, we all agreed that the first focus should be collaboration among existing organizations: synagogues, non-profit agencies, day schools, JCCs, cultural groups, advocacy organizations, etc.

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The good news is that the professional leadership of these organizations are on board and excited. The Westchester leadership of UJA-Federation of New York is also excited about the potential for increased collaboration. The challenge is that the lay leadership of most synagogues and many other organizations are hesitant to collaborate. The hesitancy represents a range of concerns and fears and often boils down to concerns about financial sustainability. This is a real concern, a legitimate challenge that we need to navigate in this work. And, we want to make sure that we approach the future from a place of vision and strength rather than a place of fear and diminishing resources. Isn't it better for several strong organizations to collaborate rather than waiting for several of them to shrink and weaken before being willing to work together? Our next steps will be facilitating cooperation among organizations in each of Westchester's geographic regions.

Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester is our Jewish home. It always will be. And I hope that the efforts that I've been leading for the Board of Rabbis will yield more collaboration with neighboring congregations and organizations. I believe that those partnerships will allow for even deeper, more meaningful Jewish life for us and for the whole community.

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

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

Eco-Gift Wrapping for All Year Round

This year in mid-January we celebrate *Tu Bishvat* (literally, the 16th of the month *Shevat*), the minor holiday that marks the day that trees age a year, for the purpose of determining if we can eat from them. A tree's fruit should not be eaten for 3 years, and the 4th year is "for God". In Israel the first buds of early spring may be seen around *Tu Bishvat*, but here in the U.S. it feels odd to celebrate the birthday of trees in the midst of winter.



For us, *Tu Bishvat* is an environmental holiday, a time to remind ourselves of our duty to take care of the natural world. While the holiday is not mentioned in the Torah, the Torah gives countless laws regarding acting responsibly toward the world around us. Among the many ecological mandates are the laws of "*bal tashchit*," regarding not destroying nor wasting resources unnecessarily. At the temple, we've been increasing the "greening" of our building by installing new LED lighting throughout and minimizing the usage of plastic bottles.

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Despite our shift to the digital world, according to the EPA, paper and paperboard products make up the largest portion of municipal solid waste in the U.S. Only half of the paper produced is recycled; each year approximately one billion trees worth of paper are thrown away.

Learning creative ways to reduce the tremendous waste generated by gift wrapping was the focus of our Women's Study Group Chanukah gathering in December. Our Director of Education, Naomi Fabes, took apart the meaning of the word, Chanukah - dedication/rededication/education - and connected it to a discussion of Chanukah gift giving.

We then turned to a display of gifts wrapped in a more eco-friendly manner. Some of us will now be using what we already have at home, finding inspiration in everything from newspaper to maps to brown paper and children's artwork, decorated with seasonal greenery, twine, fabric strips and much more.

Wrapping gifts in decorative fabric is a centuries old practice from Japan, and is still popular there. (Imagine recycled silk kimonos!) Families might unwrap gifts together, then collect the fabric squares for use the following year. This simple technique called *furoshiki* requires no tape, scissors or ribbons, and whatever fabric is used - a square scarf, vintage napkins, tea towels - can be a lovely part of the gift. No waste! Our Women's Study Group attendees practiced this wonderfully practical and attractive *furoshiki* technique, and in doing so created 25 beautiful "spa" gift boxes to donate to clients of My Sisters' Place, which provides services to victims of domestic violence.



As one participant told me, she has designated a box for recycled gift wrap items.

Though Chanukah is past, everyone has a birthday - at least once a year!

Meredith

Meredith Stone, Cantor

Ritual Corner: What's the deal with fasting?

While everyone knows that Jews are supposed to fast on Yom Kippur, fewer are aware of the other major and minor fasts scattered about the Jewish calendar.



Many of the other fasts are associated with calamities that took place during biblical times. For example, *Tisha B'av* takes place each summer on the 9th day of the Hebrew month of *Av*. According to tradition, this is the anniversary of the destructions of both the first and second temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE, respectively. Fasts take place to commemorate other biblical events: the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem in 69 CE (17th of *Tammuz*), the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem in 597 BCE (10th of *Tevet*), the

assassination of the governor of Jerusalem named Gedalia in the year 582 BCE (3rd of *Tishrei*), and the fast of Queen Esther before she approached the king in the 5th century BCE (13th of *Adar*). While the fasts on Yom Kippur and *Tisha B'av* are full day fasts, the others only run from sunup to sundown.

Fasts were traditionally meant to facilitate repentance by embodying the humility needed for true penitence. Fasts are also traditionally seen as ways to purify the soul and bring us closer to God. The Reform movement has only ever embraced the fast on Yom Kippur, a fast that resonates ideologically with our contemporary understanding of Judaism. Nevertheless, the prevalence of fasts can offer us a bit of wisdom for the rest of year: there is a meaningful connection between our bodies and our spiritual health. What we put into our bodies and the way we take care of them will have an impact on our overall well-being: physical, psychological, and spiritual. So, whether we fast one day a year, several times a year, or not at all, the wisdom of this practice can still offer meaning for us all.



Social Justice Shabbat

Friday, January 14, 7:30pm  

Robbie Gringas, our scheduled guest for this special Shabbat service is not able to travel to the United States due to Israel's COVID-related travel restrictions

We are working on alternatives for the evening and will announce details soon.

Sacred Stories Shabbat

Friday, February 4, 7:30pm  



We are 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, while the joyful music of our band uplifts these services.

Family Learning Shabbat with Artist & Jewish Educator Jennifer Levine

Friday, February 11, 7:00pm  

Jewish prayer comes to life through collaborative mural making with Jennifer and a joyous Shabbat service. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the process and learning behind the artwork that will soon fill the halls of our Religious School with color and meaning, made by our very own students.

Religious School families are required to attend this service.



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 hedozo@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 - done!
December: Afya Collection - done!
January: Animal Shelter 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

The Friendly Fridge at the Carver Center in Port Chester

Started by a group of local teens (including Ryan Frieman, from Emanu-El), The Friendly Fridge is a grassroots movement addressing food insecurity using a "take what you need, leave what you don't" model. People with extra groceries or cooked meals are encouraged to drop off a donation and, in turn, anyone can visit to take whatever they need. If you'd like more information or to see how you can best help this mission, feel free to reach out to the teens who coordinate this project at thepcfriendlyfridge@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee Update: RAC-NY

After the successful passage of the Less is More parole reform bill, RAC-NY leadership has researched the next legislative campaigns for 2022.

RAC-NY will be initiating a 3-year campaign with several advocacy allies to support efforts to combat climate change. In addition, we will be working to support the implementation of the Less is More provisions and to pass Senate Bill S6843A/Assembly Bill A8431, the All Buildings Act that will mandate new building construction be fully electric by 2024.

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 13 at 7:30pm on Zoom; all are welcome. If you would like to learn more about the Social Justice Committee or attend our next meeting, please reach out to committee co-chairs Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com or Marcie Aiuvalasit at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.



Have A Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive

Thank you for supporting Westchester Jewish Community Services and the hundreds of children who received holiday gifts this year. With your support, 1,200 toys and over 500 gift cards were distributed!



Cleaning Supplies, Pet Care Items, Food and Toys for the Humane Society of Westchester Monday, January 3 - Monday, January 31

Our Religious School 5th graders are spearheading an animal care drive to support the efforts of the Humane Society of Westchester in New Rochelle, which cares for over 100 animals at the shelter on any given day. There are many items that are needed to clean, house and enrich the lives of these pets while they wait for their forever homes.

Please consider making a donation of any of the items listed below by dropping them off in the collection bin in the temple lobby.

You can also donate via their Amazon wishlist at <https://amzn.to/3pcSB3e> or scan the QR code below.

Supplies & Toys

- paper towels
- disinfecting wipes
- dish soap and liquid hand soap
- hand sanitizer
- wee wee pads
- towels and bedding
- pet carriers and crates
- dog and cat beds
- resealable plastic gallon bags
- pet safe ice melt
- heating pads and hot water bottles
- large Kong toys for dogs
- stuffed animals

Food

- canned pumpkin
- dog and cat treats
- canned dog and cat food



Something for Everyone! We've Got You Covered at Emanu-El!

It might be cold outside, but things are just warming up at Congregation Emanu-El. We invite you to join us, whether virtually from home or in-person at the temple, for a wide range of multi-access, Israel-related programs.



Do you have young children? Then you won't want to miss our Young Families Tu Bishvat Celebration on Sunday, January 9. All Young Families Committee events are free, so bring friends that have children six months through 2nd grade.

Need a lunch break? Join us on Monday, January 10 at 12:00pm for a discussion with Holocaust Survivor and author Isaac Levendel. Isaac will share his experiences managing a boarding high school for at-risk youth on a kibbutz in Israel.

Are you a film buff? Join us for our screening of Israeli film *Shoelaces* on Thursday, February 17 at 7:00pm as part of our Israel Film Series. The film features 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. The film's portrayal of a relationship full of love, rejection and codependency, manages to shed some light on the importance of human life and human connection and questions whether life is even possible without either one of them.

You want to learn something new? No worries! Don't forget to check out our amazing educational opportunities for all ages!

Beit Midrash with Rabbi Goldsmith will include a visit with Gary Levy, Director of Dror Israel, on Saturday, February 5 at 9:00am. Dror Israel is an organization of 1,500 educators who live in intentional communities - educators' kibbutzim - throughout Israel, educating on behalf of a just and equal society.

Our Israel Mondays Series continues with Community Synagogue of Rye. Once a month, we delve into the many ways to support Israel in 2022. What does it mean to be a centrist Zionist? A center-right Zionist? Our guest speakers will share their ideologies with us. Learn what Centrist Zionism is on Monday, January 24 at 7:00pm and Center-Right Zionism Monday, February 14 at 7:00pm. This series of speakers will help us unpack these concepts with room for rich, civilized discussion and debate.

What's there for young adults? A myriad of activities that will connect them with Israel in a tangible and relatable manner.

Our 7th grade Hineini students will pack care packages for IDF soldiers and meet a former soldier. Hineini will also learn about Israel advocacy in the world of social media with Laura Ben-David from Nefesh B'Nefesh. How can we know what's true and what's false? Why is it so challenging for Israel to tell its story and be heard?

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Academy students in 8th and 9th grades examine coexistence through a different lens with guest speaker Laura Ben-David. She shares her unique and creative perspective on Israel and the challenges of coexistence between Jewish Israelis and Palestinian Arabs, all presented through words and stirring photographs.

Yum! Academy will also learn to cook with renowned Israeli Chef Renana Shvil. Renana will help us prepare healthy Israeli food while immersing students in this delicious aspect of Israeli culture and traditions.

I look forward to sharing these meaningful experiences with you!

Peace & Love,



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director

ADULT LEARNING & PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, the link for programs and services is: tinyurl.com/cewconnect

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



Livestream/Zoom



Multi-access

Single Malt Torah



Thursdays, January 6 & February 17, 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.

Beit Midrash

Saturdays, January 8 & 22, February 5, 9:00am

Sunday, February 13, 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.

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



February 5 Special Guest: We will be joined by Gary Levy, Director of Dror Israel. Dror Israel is an organization of 1500 Israeli educators who live in intentional communities and educate to help create a just and equal

society. They run the largest youth movement in Israel, have schools for youth at risk, provide community programs in partnership with underserved communities, and provide educational workshops for the IDF and national police on coexistence, equality, and social justice. Together with Gary we will explore how our ancient Jewish values and texts inform this important work in Israeli society.

Next Step


Sundays, January 9 & February 13,

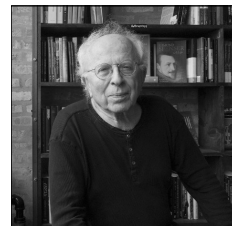
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This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed this group to continue for many years. Next Step is facilitated by Paul Spindel (retired executive).

For more information, contact Paul at 914-632-1264.

A Conversation about Making Meaning with Isaac Levendel

Monday, January 10, 12:00pm 



How does one find meaning in life after tragedy? While the pieces of normal life in Israel slowly fell into place for Isaac following the Holocaust, meaning came from an unexpected source: his work

with troubled youth. We will learn about Isaac's 5-year management of a boarding high school for youth at risk in Kibbutz Beit-Kama, a member of HaKibbutz Ha'artzy organization. The years he spent caring for these young people, gave his own life a new sense of purpose and hope.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/CEWspeaker.

Book Club

Thursday, January 20, 11:30am 

Concealed by Esther Amini

Esther Amini grew up in Queens, NY during the 1960s. She also grew up in a Persian-Jewish household, the American-born daughter of parents who had fled Iran. She tells the story of being caught between these two worlds: the dutiful daughter of tradition-bound parents who hungered for more self-determination than allowed.

Thursday, February 24, 11:30am 

Book to be announced.

Books & Bites

Tuesday, February 15, 7:30pm 

Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead

Spanning Prohibition-era Montana, the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New Zealand, wartime London, and modern-day Los Angeles, the book tells the unforgettable story of a daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in life, at any cost.

iEngage: Together and Apart

A Course of Jewish Peoplehood in our Day



The headlines tell us that the American and Israeli Jewish communities are facing a schism. Can what we share as a people hold us together? Together our congregations will explore timely and complex issues facing the

Jewish people in an era of power and prosperity living in two different homes. We will examine stories of Jewish peoplehood, contemporary challenges to the notion of Jewish peoplehood, and imagine new models of relationship as we thrive in two different parts of the world. Together, we'll get beyond partisanship to the values that we all share.

This 9-session course was created by the Shalom Hartman Institute and will be taught on Zoom by Cantor Askenazi (JCCH), Rabbi Goldberg (KTT), Rabbi Goldsmith (CEW) and Rabbi Gropper (CSR). Cost: \$36/congregant and \$54/non-congregant.

For more information, contact: Rabbi Goldsmith at [hgoldsmit@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1013.

Session Schedule:

From No Home to Two Homes (Rabbi Goldsmith)
Thursday, January 20, 7:30pm

On Universalism and Particularism (Rabbi Gropper)
Thursday, January 27, 7:30pm

Between Nationalism, Ultra-Nationalism, and Fascism (Rabbi Goldsmith)
Thursday, February 10, 7:30pm

Moral Implications of Jewish Nationalism (Cantor Askenazi)
Thursday, February 17, 7:30pm

Antisemitism as a Divisive Force (Cantor Askenazi)
Thursday, March 3, 7:30pm

Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism (Rabbi Gropper)
Thursday, March 10, 7:30pm

The Accusation and Dilemma of Dual Loyalties (Rabbi Goldberg)
Thursday, March 17, 7:30pm

Identity Politics in North America (Rabbi Goldberg)
Thursday, March 24, 7:30pm

From Family to Consumer (Rabbi Goldberg)
Thursday, April 7, 7:30pm

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 [hgoldsmit@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org) or 914967-4382 x1018.

Session Schedule:

Centrist Zionism (at Emanu-El)
Monday, January 24, 7:00pm

Center-Right Zionism (at CSR)
Monday, February 14, 7:00pm

A Palestinian Perspective (at Emanu-El)
Monday, March 21, 7:00pm

Constructing a Personal Zionism (at CSR)
Monday, April 4, 7:00pm



**Political Staffer Meeting:
Zach Fisch, Chief of Staff
for Congressman Mondaire Jones**
Friday, January 28, 9:00am 

The most powerful people on Capitol Hill may be each congressperson's chief of staff. We are lucky to be able to spend an hour with Zach Fisch, Chief of Staff for Representative Mondaire Jones (NY-17).

We'll have the opportunity to introduce the congregation to Mr. Fisch and then hear about the congressman's priorities.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/poliCEW.

Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone
Monday, February 14, 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.

L'Dog V'Dog: Animals Bringing Generations Together

Dogs are often referred to as man's best friend, and for good reason. Our furry family members are with us through all of life's ups and downs, and there's something indescribable about the power of canine companionship. It's clear that many Americans feel this way, as an estimated 39% of US households (roughly 100 million people) own at least one dog, while 34% of households own at least one cat. When we take into account the millions of birds, rabbits, gerbils, lizards, fish and a host of other household pets, we begin to realize to what degree animals play a role in our lives.



What is not so well-known is that Judaism establishes a fundamental connection between human beings and animals in the first chapter of the Torah. In Genesis 1:22, we read that God's very first commandment is to the birds, whales, fish, and other creatures to "be fruitful and multiply" and fill the seas and the skies. God's first Commandment to humans, which can be found just a few verses later in Genesis 1:28, is to "replenish the earth ... and have dominion" over other creatures. Jewish sages have long interpreted "dominion" as meaning responsible stewardship rather than unconditional control over the Creation. Throughout the Book of Genesis, God looks with special favor on "the swarms of living creatures" that God created, blessing them and repeatedly characterizing their creation as "good".

Kindness to animals is stressed throughout the Torah, and has even been codified into a set of laws that we know as *tza'ar ba'alei chayim*, the requirement to "prevent the suffering of living creatures". In the Ten Commandments, God forbids us to make farm animals work on the Sabbath; we must give them, too, a day of rest (Exodus 20:10, 23:12, Deuteronomy 5:14). Beyond simply prohibiting cruelty to animals, Jewish tradition associates care for animals with righteousness. Within the Torah, the commandment to send a mother bird away before taking eggs or chicks from her nest is one of the few commandments that promises long life to those who fulfill it. Even the Talmud stipulates that it is "forbidden for a person to eat before feeding his animals" which instills in us the sensitivity for the needs of other living creatures.

Thousands of years ago, when rules were formulated for slaughtering farm animals, the Jewish laws were remarkably enlightened for their time. The knife had to

be as sharp as possible, to avoid inflicting any unnecessary suffering to the animal being killed. The laws also prohibited the then-common practice of cutting limbs off live animals, which was performed in the belief that the creature would remain alive and the meat would not spoil.

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It's no secret that Jewish tradition is filled with laws, statutes, and beliefs that help us to actualize God's presence in this world. It is these same laws, statutes, and beliefs that inform the Religious School's values-based curriculum which helps our students navigate this oftentimes complicated world by translating our centuries-old tradition into modern day practices. Our 5th grade class has spearheaded a service learning project that highlights the mitzvah of *tza'ar ba'alei chayim*. After studying the notion that all creatures are created in the image of God, or *b'tzelem elohim*, they were compelled to take action. They invited the Humane Society of Westchester to their class to learn about the organization and to understand how they can make a difference in our community. For the month of January, the 5th grade, in partnership with the Social Action Committee, will be collecting a multitude of donations to support the efforts of the Humane Society. I hope you consider donating one of the items on pg. 7 to support the next generation as they continue to learn not only what it means to be Jewish but also what it means to be a member of Congregation Emanu-El.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read '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 and highlights the unique rituals and celebrations of each Jewish holiday through a variety of artistic explorations. All classes meet on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:45am.

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.

RSVP to Naomi at nfabes@c-e-w.org.

Pre-K/K Tu Bishvat Session

Sunday, January 9, 9:30 - 10:45am

Give your little ones a taste of Religious School! Led by our talented early childhood specialist, Gal Segall, your children will celebrate Tu Bishvat, the new year for the trees, with a multi-sensory experience of the gifts provided by our natural world. This program is free and open to the community - invite your friends, cousins, and neighbors! Save the dates for Purim on Sunday, March 13; Passover on Sunday, April 3; and Yom Ha'atzmaut on Sunday, May 1.

Young Families Programs

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).

RSVP to Naomi at nfabes@c-e-w.org.

Young Families Tu Bishvat Celebration

Sunday, January 9, 10:45 - 11:45am



Families are invited to celebrate Tu Bishvat, the new year for the trees, with song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun! This program is free and open to the community and is appropriate for children ages 6 months through 2nd grade. Save the dates

for Purim on Sunday, March 13; Passover on Sunday, April 3; and Yom Ha'atzmaut on Sunday, May 1.

Farah Family Hineini Israel Programs

IDF Soldier Care Package Assembly
with guest Phil Steinmetz
Sunday, January 9, 9:30-11:45am

Israel Advocacy on Social Media
Sunday, January 30, 9:30-11:45am

Israeli Photojournalist Laura Ben David
Sunday, February 7, 9:30-11:45am

Academy Israel Programs

Tu Bishvat: Israel & the Environment
Monday, January 10, 7:00-8:15pm

Seeing Coexistence through a Different Lens
with Israeli Photojournalist Laura Ben David
Monday, January 31, 7:00-8:15pm

Monday, February 7, 7:00-8:15pm
Israeli Chef Renana Shvil (Fiddleheads Cooking Studio)

Monday, February 28, 7:00-8:15pm
Israeli Art-Making with Israeli Artist Gal Segall

Family Learning Shabbat with Artist & Jewish Educator Jennifer Levine

Friday, February 11, 7:00pm

Jewish prayer comes to life through collaborative mural making with Jennifer and a joyous Shabbat service. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the process and learning behind the artwork that will soon fill the halls of our Religious School with color and meaning, made by our very own students.



Save the Date: Mitzvah Shabbat
Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner
Friday, May 6, 5:30pm Outdoor Dinner & Projects

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Our community offers condolences to

Daniel Braude on the death of his father Michael Braude
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JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>No Religious School</i>	3 <i>No Academy</i>	4 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	5	6 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 8:00pm Single Malt Torah	7 7:30pm Shabbat Service	8 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Josh Kaufman Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
9 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30 - 10:45am Pre-K/K Tu BiShvat Program 10:45 - 11:45am Young Families Tu BiShvat Celebration 11:00am Next Step	10 12:00pm Making Meaning with Isaac Levendel 7:00pm Academy	11 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 7:30pm Board Meeting	12	13 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:30pm Social Justice Committee Meeting	14 7:30pm Social Justice Shabbat	15
16 <i>No Religious School</i>	17 <i>No Academy</i> <i>Office Closed: Tu BiShvat and Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	18 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	19	20 11:30am Book Club 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:30pm iEngage	21 6:30pm Early Shabbat Service	22 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Natalie Geller Bat Mitzvah Ceremony 4:30pm Samara Weinfeld Bat Mitzvah Ceremony
23 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School	24 7:00pm Israel Mondays & Academy	25 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	26	27 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:30pm iEngage	28 9:00am Political Staffer Meeting 5:00pm Women's Study Group Retreat 6:00pm Early Zoom Shabbat Service	29 Women's Study Group Retreat (ends 4:00pm)
30 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School	31 7:00pm Academy					

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	2	3 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:00pm Committees in Community	4 7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat	5 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Ethan Goldstein Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
6 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School	7 7:00pm Academy	8 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	9	10 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:30pm iEngage	11 7:00pm Family Learning Shabbat	12 9:00am Zachary Berg Bar Mitzvah Ceremony 11:30am Sara Levine Bat Mitzvah Ceremony
13 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 10:30am Beit Midrash 11:00am Next Step	14 12:30pm Reflections Workshop 7:00pm Israel Mondays 7:00pm Academy	15 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 7:30pm Books & Bites	16	17 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:00pm Film: <i>Shoelaces</i> 7:30pm iEngage 8:00pm Single Malt Torah	18 6:00pm Early Zoom Shabbat Service	19
20 <i>No Religious School</i>	21 <i>No Academy</i> <i>Office Closed:</i> <i>President's Day</i>	22 <i>No Hebrew Tutoring</i> <i>and B'nei Mitzvah</i> <i>Boot Camp</i>	23	24 11:30am Book Club <i>No Hebrew Tutoring</i>	25 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service	26
27 <i>No Religious School</i>	28 7:00pm Academy					

Pre-K & Kindergarten Menorah Making for Chanukah



Pre-K & Kindergarten Shabbat and Havdalah Program



Young Families Chanukah Celebration



Name
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January & February Shabbat Services

January 7 (in-person & Zoom)
7:30pm **Shabbat Service**

January 14 (in-person & Zoom) 🎵 📺
7:30pm **Social Justice Shabbat**

January 21 (in-person & Zoom)
6:30pm **Early Shabbat Service**

January 28 (Zoom)
6:00pm **Early Zoom Shabbat Service**

February 4 (in-person & Zoom) 🎵 📺
7:30pm **Sacred Stories Shabbat**

February 11 (in-person & Zoom) 🎵 📺 😊
7:00pm **Family Learning Shabbat with
Artist & Jewish Educator Jennifer Levine**

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

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



Band



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Family Friendly

Save the Date: Saturday Night Fever Purim Shabbat Friday, March 11, 7:00pm

Disco balls! Light up dance floors! White suits!
Big lapels! It can only mean one thing...
Purim: Saturday Night Fever Edition! We'll be dancing
our way out of the lesser boroughs of Shushan and
making our way to King Ahasuerus's fabulous dance
competition for a Purim celebration you will not soon
forget. Save the date and get ready to boogie!



Save the Date: Bingo Night Thursday, March 17, 7:00pm

Rabbi Goldsmith will be calling numbers once again!
This event is for all ages and friends are welcome.
Registration details will be announced soon.