



**Women on the Front Lines, Inside the Combat Units of the Israeli Army with Photojournalist Debbie Zimelman**  
**Thursday, March 3, 12:00pm** 📺

Join us on Zoom for a behind-the-scenes glimpse of women in the Israeli Defense Forces with award-winning photojournalist Debbie Zimelman, author of *Women on the Front Lines: Inside the Combat Units of the Israeli Army*.

This is the first book to offer a glimpse of these brave young women in action, along with descriptions (in their own words) of their fears, challenges, hopes, and accomplishments.

The book is a culmination of five years of photographing and interviewing soldiers from over twenty IDF units.

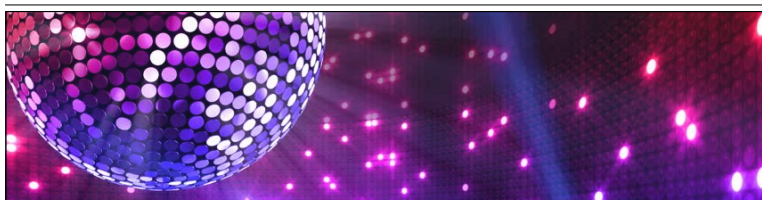


**Bingo Night in Support of the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund**  
**Thursday, March 17, 7:00pm** 📺

Rabbi Goldsmith will be calling numbers once again! All proceeds benefit the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund created by the Dubro family to support programs, initiatives, and experiences that bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world.

Can't come in-person? You can play via Zoom! This event is for all ages and friends are welcome.

Pre-purchase Bingo cards at [tinyurl.com/cewxbingo](https://tinyurl.com/cewxbingo). \$18/one card or \$30/two cards or \$45/three cards or \$60/four cards. Pay at the door: \$20/per card. In the event of bad weather, the game will be moved to Zoom.



**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 dance our way out of the lesser boroughs of Shushan and make our way to King Ahasuerus's fabulous dance competition for a Purim celebration you will not soon forget. Costumes welcome (and encouraged!).



**Israel Film Series: 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 theater that shows only love stories, run by a family of seven Romanian dwarves. Arik begins to learn the mysteries of the heart through his work with Yankele, and he falls in love with Tamara, his friend's cousin. The disparate parts of Arik's life collide in unexpected, often funny and very moving ways. English subtitles.

# Spring Benefit 2022

A Celebration of Emanu-El honoring  
**Margie McCabe and Darren Fogel**

**Saturday, April 23, 7:30pm**

Turn to pg. 2 for details

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# A Night in the Shuk

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RSVP  
& Journal  
Deadline  
April 1st

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



Margie McCabe started at Congregation 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.

RSVP or make a contribution online today at [tinyurl.com/cewbenefit](https://tinyurl.com/cewbenefit)

## Benefit Tickets

\$200 per ticket

## Journal Ads

<b>Emerald</b> Page	\$5,000
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## Ticket & Journal Packages

Jerusalem Shuk (\$6,000 value)

\$5,000: 10 tickets & 2 **Ruby** Journal Ads

Tel Aviv Shuk (\$3,200 value)

\$2,500: 6 tickets & 2 **Citrine** Journal Ads

Haifa Shuk (\$1,400 value)

\$1,000: 2 tickets & 2 **Amethyst** Journal Ads



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**[www.tinyurl.com/cewconnect](http://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 March & April:

**Marley Frieman**

**Nathan Grandwetter**

**Joshua Kaufman**

**Hannah Levine**

**Mikayla Doris Newman**

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## Nationalism: Civic or Ethnic?

As a child I marched with the Boy Scouts in the Chappaqua Memorial Day parade. We'd start around the intersection of routes 120 and 117 and then walk down King Street, finishing at the War Memorial at the train station. Together with the soccer teams, school bands, baseball teams, and dance troupes, we walked and waved to the spectators. At the War Memorial there was a ceremony with speeches by the Town Supervisor, a prayer by local clergy, and a 21-gun salute (well, maybe not 21 but that's how I remember it). Then it was off to Memorial Day barbecues and pool parties.



Those parades evoked a Norman Rockwell painting.

They spoke to key American ideals: freedom, sacrifice, liberty, equality, meritocracy, civic responsibility, and history. Anyone walking that parade could not help but feel patriotic about this great nation. There was a spirit of nationalism that brought us all together no matter your political leanings, family history, or, even, country of origin.

Nationalism is an interesting word these days, a word that evokes feelings ranging from great pride to caution to disgust. As we explore Israel and Zionism this year, I think it is important to define nationalism as, at its simplest, Zionism is Jewish nationalism.

Some people seem to conflate ultra-nationalism or fascism with nationalism. Ultra-nationalism and fascism are, obviously, extreme positions thus conflating them with normal nationalism is problematic. The Shalom Hartman Institute offers a useful definition of nationalism: "It advocates for loyalty/devotion/identification to/with one's own nation and support for its interest, including the prioritization of some of these interests over those of others. It views the sovereign state as a morally legitimate and necessary political framework wherein members/citizens distribute to each other goods and pursue, protect, and promulgate their identity, values, and culture."

The key element to this is: the "prioritization of SOME of these interests over those of others." To be part of a nation means to preference your nation over others. That is why we have borders. It is why we make trade deals. It is why we rescue US Citizens from war zones but not others. It is also why US Citizens receive benefits that non-citizens do not. The word "some" is critical because it means that we are not ultra-nationalist, not fascist; we do not exalt our nation to the exclusion or

discrimination of others. It's a balancing act of preferencing without discriminating.

What separates a country like Israel from a country like the United States is the core of our nationalism: civic or ethnic. The US is based on civic nationalism which: "Legitimizes or gives preference to nation-states formed around the inhabitants/citizens of the state in which they live regardless of their ethnic origin and/or majority or minority status." It is based on geography and law; perhaps a commitment to a common set of values or a country's history. On other hand, Israel is based on ethnic nationalism which: "Legitimizes and advocates for the formation of nation-states around members of a particular ethnic majority despite the presence of other ethnic minorities living within it. The state is 'owned' by the ethnic majority, which is defined independently from the state and predates it." In Israel, that "ethnicity" is Jewish. That Jewish identity, which predates the creation of the state, is central to the character of the State.

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Israel's ethnic nationalism is what causes the tension inherent in its co-commitments to being a Jewish State and to being a democracy for all its citizens. And, it is that ethnic nationalism, that makes it a Jewish homeland, that makes people kiss the tarmac when they land at Ben Gurion Airport.

The civic nationalism at the core of the United States, that we celebrated in those Memorial Day parades, is rare in this world. Most countries are driven by ethnic nationalism: Italy for Italians, Mexico for Mexicans, Sweden for Swedes. Much of the criticism that Israel faces from people in the US stems from an attempt to apply a civic nationalism lens to a place that is based on ethnic nationalism. There is no easy way to solve this tension. Israel would not be Israel if it did not preference its Jewish character. And, Israel strives to be a democracy for all its citizens – Israeli and Arab. Keeping this paradox in mind is vital for an honest relationship with Israel.

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Goldsmith'.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

## Purim 5782: Who Will You Be This Year?

My signature spiky pixie cut, along with heavily mascara-ed lashes and eyeliner, became my last minute go-to Purim costume in 1983 or '84 when I was a student cantor across town at Rye Community Synagogue. That day I channeled the 1972 "Cabaret" Liza Minnelli and my inner Sally Bowles. That day, I got to be an exaggerated and different version of myself.



Purim, like Mardi Gras, gives us a chance to escape the doldrums of late winter by indulging in some much needed revelry. The rabbis of the Talmud tell us it is our duty to drink until we can't tell the difference between "cursed be Haman" and "blessed be Mordechai".

On Purim it is also customary to dress up in costumes. Wearing a costume or mask gives us a chance to be someone else for a little while, to embrace an alter ego.

We're all familiar with "wearing different hats" as we transition in and out of the roles we play in our lives. Many of us know how different it feels, after a long pandemic of wearing tee shirts and sweats at home, to step into our professional attire, our dresses and heels, our power suits.

How the external affects the internal brings to mind a fascinating documentary I saw recently, called Kumare, about a young filmmaker who impersonates a wise Indian guru in order to show how blindly people will follow a person who looks like a leader. An American of Indian descent from New Jersey, he draws on both his lapsed Hindu education and years of watching his grandmother's religious practice. For his role, he grows long hair and beard, dons red robes and speaks with a convincing Indian accent. He gains followers with fake mantras and improvised wisdom.

The more time he spends with them, however, he realizes the ruse is not sustainable, so he tries to wean them away by teaching them that the real wisdom resides inside themselves. What surprises him and the viewer is that by acting as if he were an empathetic, wise, non judgmental person, he realizes his own capacity to become that kinder, better person. Although it is debatable whether the end justifies the means - he deceives people, after all - both students and filmmaker end up transformed.

Many of us have heard some iteration of assuming the mantle of what you want to become. The philosopher and psychologist William James and others theorized that if you want to have a quality, act AS IF you already have it. Books like "The Secret" have popularized the law of attraction. In songs like "Put on a happy face" and "Whistle a Happy Tune" we hear the lyrics "make believe you're brave and the trick will take you far, you may be as brave as you make believe you are". Then there are the commercial slogans: "Fake it til you make it" and "Fake it until you become it" and just plain, "Just Do It."

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What does this all have to do with Judaism, you might ask. In Judaism, action takes precedence over belief; do the mitzvah even before you understand it. Since we're not born automatically knowing right from wrong, the laws of the Torah call upon us all to act as if!

Take the famous words from Exodus 24:7 that the Israelites standing at Mount Sinai utter when they agree to accept the obligations of the laws of Torah: "Naaseh v'nishmah - we will do and we will hear/understand". It was as if God had just said to them, "Listen up folks, Just Do It. Don't do it only by rote - later you can ask questions, find out about the details, and understand what you're doing - but first, do the good thing I've prescribed. That will make you a good person and create a just society." And the Israelites said, "Okay."

This year, on Purim, will you don the dress of Esther, who overcomes her fear and finds her voice by speaking out courageously on behalf of her oppressed people? Or of Vashti, who is not afraid to call out sexual harrassment, who retains her dignity and self respect by standing up for her rights as a woman? Or of Mordechai, who refuses to bow down and uses his ingenuity to help save his people? This year, as we celebrate Purim, who will you be?

*Meredith*

Meredith Stone, Cantor



## Ritual Corner

“Everyone should see themselves as if they, personally, went forth from Egypt.” - The Hagaddah

This central commandment is the root of our Passover Seder. We come together and tell the liberation story of our ancestors from Egypt so that we can, in some small way, imagine that we too went forth from Egypt. The problem that we face is that many of our Seders are, well, boring. Things like the Four Questions were originally designed to engage and draw in the youngest people at our Seder tables. Frankly, they fall short these days. So, at your Seder this year, do not hesitate to get creative. When singing *dyeinu*, use scallions to slap the wrist of the person sitting next to you. When it comes

time to read about the Israelites crossing the split sea, get up from your table and head outside. When reading about the enslavement and the building we were forced to do, grab handfuls of Lego pieces and see who can build the best pyramid. Instead of the same old songs, check out some of the parodies online that tell the story.

These days there are endless websites and books with ideas about livening up your Seder that go well beyond plague puppets (really? Puppets for plagues?!). No matter what you do, make sure to enjoy this celebration of our freedom! For more fun ideas, see pg. 11.



A Lego exodus



Plague finger puppets



Make your own charoset bar

### Shabbat Honoring Hineini Students & Families Friday, March 4, 7:30pm

We will celebrate the dedication and commitment of both our Hineini students and their families who together fill this formative year with meaning, joy, and blessings.

### Pop Shabbat: Melodies that Rock! Friday, March 25, 7:30pm

Join the clergy as they set the words of our prayers to popular music for a worship experience like no other. Familiar melodies combined with ancient prayers helps us gain new perspectives on Shabbat – and it’s fun!

### Union Prayer Book Service: A Tribute to Our Reform Heritage Friday, April 1, 7:30pm

Our congregation began with a group of families committed to worship in the Classical Reform style of the day. Grandeur and transcendence found expression in formal prose and poetry, classical organ music, and a dignified atmosphere. Each year we honor this heritage with our Union Prayer Book Service at which we use this beloved prayer book and familiar music to connect with our past and to consider the ways that beauty and majesty echo not only in the sanctuary, but in the world around us.

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

In the book of Leviticus we read “...on the 14th (of Nissan), at twilight, there shall be a Passover offering to God, and on the 15th of that month, God’s Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. On the first day you shall celebrate a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations...” We will celebrate Shabbat and the first day of Passover as a “sacred occasion” with a brief, meaningful morning service. Use this moment of reflection between Seders to appreciate the blessings of freedom that we all enjoy.

### Passover Yizkor Service Friday, April 22, 7:30am

We come together as a community to remember those who have passed away. We have scheduled the service at this early hour so that those who work full-time can attend this brief service to honor the memory of their loved ones.

### Community Yom HaShoah Service at Jewish Community Center of Harrison Wednesday, April 27, 7:30pm

Together as one community with KTI, JCCH, and Community Synagogue of Rye, we gather for a program of readings, music and prayer in remembrance of the 6 million Jewish lives lost during the Holocaust. JCCH is located at 130 Union Avenue in Harrison.

## 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 - done!

February: Cottage School Art Supply Drive - done!

March: Pasta & Sauce Collection for the Friendly Fridge

April : Brunch Run Collection

May: Pajama & Book Collection for 914Cares

June: Gently Used Backpack Drive for Midnight Run

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](mailto:hedozo@aol.com).

## Lasagna Noodles, Sauce, and Disposable Pans for the Port Chester Friendly Fridge Now through Thursday, March 31



We are teaming up with the Port Chester Friendly Fridge to provide meals to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. Our current effort is to fill bags with lasagna noodles, tomato sauce and disposable pans for a fun and healthy.

Items needed:

- boxes of lasagna noodles
- pasta sauce in a **plastic jars**
- 9x13 disposable pans

For more information, contact Social Action Committee Chair Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedozo@aol.com).

## Social Justice Committee Update: RAC-NY Climate Covenant Information Sessions Tuesday, March 22, 7:00pm & Wednesday, March 23, 12:00pm

RAC-NY will be focusing on climate change legislation throughout 2022. Please join us as part of the CEW delegation for the Zoom launch of RAC-NY's Climate Covenant: A RAC-NY Campaign to Combat Climate Change. In addition, please save-the-date for a Westchester-wide in-person gathering on Sunday, May 15, 1:00-5:00pm at Congregation Kol Ami.

We must come together as Reform Jews and join with others across lines of race, faith, and socio-economic class in action to end our dependence on fossil fuels and stop global warming.

Please let us know if you are able to attend the launch of this important campaign and register now for whichever Climate Covenant Zoom session is most convenient for you. Please share this information with others who may be interested, and of course, reach out with any questions/concerns.

If you would like to learn more about the Social Justice Committee, please contact committee co-chairs Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedozo@aol.com) or Marcie Aiuvalasit at [maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org).

## Brunch Run Collection Friday, April 1 - Friday, April 29

Help us collect clothing and supplies for our spring Brunch Run to Manhattan with donations of the items listed below.

Items needed (adult sized clothing only; toiletries and personal care items must be unused):

- Blankets
- Coats
- Jeans
- Sweatshirts
- Socks
- Boots/sneakers
- New underwear
- Soft luggage
- Backpacks
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Disposable razors
- Moisturizer
- Dental care items
- Women's sanitary napkins

Contact Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1021 for more information.

## Israel in Our Hearts Now and Forever

Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester has always been a great starting point for our own personal explorations.

This year is no different as we turn our attention to all things Israel. Our goals are many, including expanding our knowledge, understanding the complexities, and deepening our connection. These opportunities help us understand why Israel is so important to Jews everywhere.



We have another goal as well. It is our hope that all of our Israel-focused programming will motivate each of us to go beyond the programs, the speakers, the films and the presentations. Let's take what we are learning this year, and branch out - perhaps watch more Israeli movies, read books about Israel, cook Israeli foods, learn Hebrew, listen to podcasts, or plan our next trip to Israel! If each of us commits to taking our learning one step further, who knows where it could lead?

Remember - the more we engage, the deeper our connection to Israel grows. Don't forget to use CEW programs as a springboard for your personal learning and growth.

For example:

Hear from IDF female soldiers and photojournalist Debbie Zimelman, photojournalist and author of *Women on the Front Lines*. They will share their fears, challenges, and accomplishments. (March 3, 12:00pm)

Community Read/Discussion: *Can We Talk About Israel? A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted* by Daniel Sokatch (next sessions: March 21, 12:00pm, chapters 15-19 and Monday, April 4, chapters 20-23)

'Israel Mondays': Delve into the different forms of Zionism and explore how each of us can build a personal Zionism that aligns with our own values. This series helps us unpack complex questions with room for rich, civilized discussion and debate. (next session: March 21, 7:00pm - A Palestinian Perspective).

Come to our next gallery opening on April 1. Gal Segall is our featured artist and she will share how her love of Israel has impacted her work and her goals as an educator.

Join us for our next Israeli film screening on April 7th. See Avi Nesher's *The Matchmaker*, which takes place in the city of Haifa in the summer of 1968, about one year after the Six-Day War.

Learn with Rabbi Goldsmith's Beit Midrash as it takes an in-depth approach to Jewish Study with a special focus on Israel. Saturdays, March 5, March 19, and April 2, at 9:00am

Remember - the more we engage, the deeper our connection...

What's next? How can we continue to expand our 'Israel horizons' and deepen our connection to Israel?

Continue to learn about Israel, either on your own, through the temple or any other resource available to you. Share your knowledge with others! For example, take an Israeli cooking class and invite friends over for a delicious Israeli meal! Following dinner, enjoy an Israeli movie together! Get involved with Israeli organizations, follow the news, read Israeli authors (in Hebrew or in translation), listen to podcasts on all topics about Israel, immerse yourself in Israeli music, and/or shop for Israeli products. These are just some ideas - the sky's the limit!

Shalom, Peace, Ahava & Love,



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities & Program Director



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

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

Session schedule:

Antisemitism as a Divisive Force  
Thursday, March 3, 7:30pm

Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism  
Thursday, March 10, 7:30pm

The Accusation and Dilemma of Dual Loyalties  
Thursday, March 17, 7:30pm

Identity Politics in North America  
Thursday, March 24, 7:30pm

From Family to Consumer  
Thursday, April 7, 7:30pm

## Beit Midrash

**Saturdays, March 5 & 19, April 2, 9:00am**

**Sunday, May 1, 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 RSVP, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at 914-967-4382 x1013 or [hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org).

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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

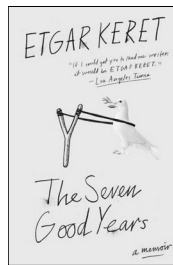
## Book Club

**Thursday, March 10, 7:30pm **

**(led by Rabbi Goldsmith)**

*The Seven Good Years: A Memoir*

by Etgar Keret



The seven years between the birth of Etgar Keret's son and the death of his father were good years, though still full of reasons to worry. Lev is born in the midst of a terrorist attack. Etgar's father gets cancer. The threat of constant war looms over their home and permeates daily life. What emerges from this dark reality is a series of sublimely absurd ruminations on everything from Etgar's three-year-old son's impending military service to Lev's insistence that he is a cat. Etgar's siblings, all very different people who have chosen radically divergent paths in life, come together after Lev's shiva to experience the grief and love that tie a family together forever.

**Thursday, April 21, 11:30am **


*The Corset Maker*

by Annette Libeskind Berkovits



A Parisian Count, a Moroccan arms smuggler, and an orphaned Spanish boy test the convictions and tug at the heart of Rifka Berg, a young Jewish corsetiere from Warsaw. *The Corset Maker* follows the enthralling life of Rifka Berg leading up to, during, and after WWII.

For more information, contact Marcie at [maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org](mailto:maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org)

**Former & Current Board Member Dinner  
Friday, March 11, 6:00pm **

Former and current board members are invited to this wonderful opportunity to reconnect and get an update on temple happenings. Following the dinner, stay for our Saturday Night Fever Purim Shabbat at 7:00pm. RSVP to Dan at 914-967-4382 x1011 or [doconnor@c-e-w.org](mailto:doconnor@c-e-w.org).

# ADULT LEARNING & PROGRAMS

## Next Step

**Sundays, March 20 & April 24, 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.

## 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, delves into the Zionist issues that raise the most controversy in the American Jewish community. We continue to 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.

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

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

## Israel Mondays



Once a month, we will delve into the many ways to support Israel. Where did the conflict begin and what are its dynamics? How can we each build a personal Zionism that aligns our deeply held values

with the realized dream of Jewish sovereignty?

Together we will unpack these questions with room for rich, civilized discussion and debate. For more information, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at [hgoldsmit@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1018.

A Palestinian Perspective (at Emanu-El)

Monday, March 21, 7:00pm

Constructing a Personal Zionism (at CSR)

Monday, April 4, 7:00pm

CSR is located at 200 Forest Avenue in Rye.

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

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:



Livestream/Zoom



In-person



Multi-access

## Drinks with the Clergy

**Thursday, March 24, time TBD** 

Young adults who grew up at the congregation are invited to come meet-up with Rabbi Goldsmith and Cantor Stone for an after-work cocktail.

Watch Emanuemail for location and timing details.

## Single Malt Torah

**Thursday, March 31, 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.

## Gallery Opening: Gal Segall


**Friday, April 1, 7:00pm** 



Join us for the gallery opening of Israeli-born artist, Gal Segall. Her works reflect memories and realities which she willingly shares with us. Her compositions are dictated by anxiety, pain, loss, hope, and love. They represent reflection on life, encounters, and experiences.



## Women's Study Group Passover Gathering

**Tuesday, April 19, 7:30pm** 

The annual Women's Study Group "Seder" is a longstanding tradition at Emanu-El. Every spring we gather in the company of friends to celebrate the festival of freedom. More details will be shared soon, we hope you will join us!

## Passover Fun For Everyone

Spring is just around the corner which can only mean one thing: Passover is almost here! In just a few weeks, many of us will be busy preparing our kitchens, stuffing our grocery carts with matzah, gefilte fish, and horseradish, or packing our bags to go celebrate the holiday with loved ones.



Passover is the most celebrated of all Jewish holidays with more than 70% of Jewish Americans taking part in a Seder. Like many of our festivals, it is replete with traditions and rituals that engage Jews of all ages. There are so many ways to make this holiday meaningful and memorable for our children and grandchildren, whether they are toddlers or have left for college.

**Bedikat Chametz (Search for Bread).** Chametz (a Hebrew word derived from the verb “to sour or ferment”) refers to any food made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt, or their derivatives, which has come in contact with moisture or water and has been allowed to leaven or rise. To commemorate the Jewish slaves’ hasty departure from Egypt when there was no time for bread to rise, families often celebrate Passover by feasting on matzah and removing all types of chametz or leavening from their homes. The Torah instructs “For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses” [Exodus 12:19]. In the days leading up to Passover, go on a “chametz-hunt” with your family, using flashlights to search for any leftover crumbs or errant boxes of crackers hiding around your home.

**Make an Elijah’s or Miriam’s cup.** Elijah the Prophet is an important part of Passover, and it’s customary to leave a glass of wine on the table for his arrival. In recent years, more progressive Jews have also added a cup for Miriam to make space for women at the Seder. Children can be part of this tradition by creating a cup for one of these biblical guests. They can get crafty with multi-colored yarn and beads, permanent markers, puffy paint, or adhesive gemstones. Then fill it with wine (or grape juice) and wait for Elijah or Miriam to visit your Seder.

**Put kids in charge of the Passover plagues.** The ten plagues are an integral part of the Passover story. Before Passover begins, put a “goodie bag” together with items that represent each of the different plagues. During this portion of the Seder, have the kids take over by explaining each plague and demonstrating it with the toys from the bag. If you have multiple kids attending, consider making a “plague bag” for each child.

**Make a matzah house.** Who said December is the only time to construct an edible house? Chances are you’ll be buying matzah for your Seder, so don’t let the leftover crackers go to waste! Have kids create a Matzah house (similar to a gingerbread house) and decorate it with all kinds of Passover candy. Then place it on your Seder table as a centerpiece!

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**Afikomen Hunt.** Children love to search for the afikomen, also known as the “dessert matzah”, during the Seder. How about making it more involved by creating clues or a treasure map leading to the afikomen? Offer a prize for the child who finds the treasure, as well as little gifts for all the children who participate.

**Invite Harry Potter to the Seder.** Purchase The (unofficial) Hogwarts Haggadah penned by Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg, and inject some wizardry and witchcraft into your Passover meal. From parallels between the Four Children and the four Hogwarts houses to an essay titled “Empathy for Your Enemies,” Harry Potter fans both young and old should find something intriguing here.

**Play Passover Bingo.** Create Bingo cards using any 30-40 Passover-related words that you can think of: Moses, matzah, plague, desert, pharaoh, etc.. Everyone gets a highlighter, and the game starts as soon as the Seder does. If during a prayer they hear, “matzah,” for instance, they highlight that word. The winner calls out Bingo!

**Seek out new traditions.** Look to a variety of Jewish traditions for inspiration. Persian and Afghani Jews, for instance, tap each other on the back with green onions while singing *dyeinu*. Syrian Jews put matzah in a bag on their backs as if preparing to leave Egypt in haste. Some Sephardi Jews with roots in Spain hold the Seder plate over the head of each guest during one of the opening readings of the Haggadah.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Naomi Fabes in dark ink.

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](mailto:nfabes@c-e-w.org).


## **Pre-K/K Celebrates Purim**

**Sunday, March 13, 9:30 - 10:45am** 

Drop your little hamantaschen off to learn about the joyful holiday of Purim through hands-on artistic exploration inspired by the techniques of Israeli artist, Chanoch Piven. Costumes are encouraged!

This program is followed by a Young Families Purim celebration at 10:45am.

## **Pre-K/K Passover**

**Sunday, April 3, 9:30 - 10:45am** 


Our youngest students will answer way more than four questions! Followed by Young Families Passover Celebration at 10:45am.

## **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](mailto:nfabes@c-e-w.org).

## **Young Families Purim Celebration**

**Sunday, March 13, 10:45 - 11:45am** 

## **Young Families Passover Seder**

**Sunday, April 3, 10:45 - 11:45am** 



## **Religious School Purim Carnival**

**Sunday, March 13, 11:30am - 1:00pm** 

Come dressed in your best Purim costume to celebrate this over the top holiday! There will be games galore, costume contests, and a topsy turvy celebration you won't want to miss!

The class that comes with the most costumes wins a pizza and ice cream party!

## **6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Retreat**

**Friday, April 29, 6:00-9:00pm**

**& Saturday, April 30, 8:30-11:30am** 

Students will connect with other families while learning everything there is to know about b'nei mitzvah at Emanu-El. All 6th graders are expected to attend both sessions with a guardian.

# Spring Benefit 2022

# A Night in the Shuk



## Saturday, April 23, 7:30pm

### A Celebration of Emanu-El honoring Margie McCabe and Darren Fogel

Turn to pg. 2 for details

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**Our community offers condolences to**  
The Beilenson Family on the death of Nick Beilenson

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# MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p> <p>7:30pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00pm Women of the IDF with Debbie Zimelman</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30pm Hineini Shabbat Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Beit Midrash</p> <p>11:00am Mikayla Newman Bat Mitzvah Ceremony</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm Academy</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>7:30pm Book Club</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm Former &amp; Current Board Member Dinner</p> <p>7:00pm Saturday Night Live Purim Shabbat</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00am Hannah Levine Bat Mitzvah Ceremony</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p> <p>9:30 - 10:45am Pre-K/K: Purim</p> <p>10:45 - 11:30am Young Families Purim Celebration</p> <p>11:30am - 1:00pm Purim Carnival</p> <p>4:00pm Westchester Chamber Music Society</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Academy</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>7:00pm Bingo Night</p> <p><i>Purim</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm Early Shabbat Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Beit Midrash</p> <p>11:00am Skyler Sommers Bat Mitzvah Ceremony</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p> <p>11:00am Next Step</p> <p>12:00pm Religious School Madrichim Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00pm Academy</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>6:30pm Drinks with the Clergy</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30pm Pop Shabbat Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00am Nathan Grandwetter Bar Mitzvah Ceremony</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Academy</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>8:00pm Single Malt Torah</p>		

# APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00pm Gallery Opening 7:30pm Union Prayer Book Service	2 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Jacob Paterno Bar Mitzvah Ceremony
3 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30 - 10:45am Pre-K/K: Passover 10:45 - 11:45am Young Families Passover Celebration 4:00pm Westchester Chamber Music Society	4 7:00pm Academy	5 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 7:30pm Board Meeting	6	7 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:00pm Film: <i>Matchmaker</i>	8 9:00am Political Staffer Meeting 6:00pm Early Zoom Shabbat Service	9
10 <i>No Religious School</i>	11 <i>No Academy</i>	12 <i>No Hebrew Tutoring and B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</i>	13	14 <i>No Hebrew Tutoring</i>	15 5:00pm Early Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service  <i>Passover 1st Seder</i>	16 9:00am Passover Morning Service
17	18 7:00pm Academy	19 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 6:30pm Women's Study Group Passover Gathering	20	21 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	22 7:30am Passover Yizkor Service 7:30pm Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding <i>Office closed for the 7th day of Passover</i>	23 5:00pm Marley Frieman Bat Mitzvah Ceremony 7:30pm Spring Benefit
24 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 11:00am Next Step	25 7:00pm Academy (Last Session)	26 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	27 7:30pm Community Yom HaShoah Service at JCCH	28 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom <i>Yom HaShoah</i>	29 4:00pm Josh Kaufman Bar Mitzvah Ceremony 6:00pm Early Shabbat Service 6:00pm 6th Grade Retreat	30 8:30am 6th Grade Retreat



## Academy Makes Shakshuka with Israeli Chef Renana Shvil



## Music and Movement with Cantor Stone



## Family Trip to the Lower East Side of Manhattan



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## March & April Shabbat Services

March 4 (in-person & live stream) 🎵📺😊

7:30pm **Shabbat Service Honoring  
Hineini Students and Families**

March 11 (in-person & live stream) 🎵📺😊

7:00pm **Saturday Night Live Purim Shabbat**

March 18 (in-person & live stream)

6:30pm **Early Shabbat Service**

March 25 (in-person & live stream) 🎵📺

7:30pm **Pop Shabbat**

April 1 (in-person & live stream)

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

April 8 (Zoom)

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

April 15 (Zoom)

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

April 22 (in-person & live stream)

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

April 29 (in-person & live stream)

6:00pm **Early Shabbat Service**



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Family Friendly

## 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.

## Save the Date: Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner Friday, May 6, 6:00pm 🧑🏻



With fun mitzvah projects, a delicious pizza truck dinner, our wonderful community, and a brief lively service, this will be a meaningful evening for everyone!

Remember, with a little bit of time, fueled by delicious pizza, you can make a real difference!