













Purim Shabbat: Neil Diamond Edition! Friday, March 3 7:15pm Cocktails, 7:30pm Service

Would Vashti have left if King Ahashuarus was leading a round of Sweet Caroline instead of demanding a dance? Can Esther compete with Cracklin' Rose? What if the whole of Shushan royalty were Coming To America? When Neil Diamond meets Purim anything can happen! Get ready for a sequin filled night of Purim delights!







Violins of Hope at Temple Emanu-El NYC Tuesday, March 7, 11:00am

Join us at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan for a unique opportunity to see the Violins of Hope, a collection of restored instruments played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. Sonia Beker, author of Symphony on Fire: A Story of Music and Spiritual Resistance During the Holocaust, will recount the story of her family's resilience, from their origins in Vilna, being conducted by Leonard Bernstein in the camps, to the new families they created in America. After the presentation, there will be a tour of the exhibition which includes photographs that document the work of Amnon Weinstein, the Israeli luthier and founder of Violins of Hope. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org.



Film: 93 Queen Thursday, March 9, 7:00pm

This is the inspirational story of Rachel "Ruchie" Freier, a Hasidic judge and mother who shook up the boy's club in her community by creating Ezras Nashim, the first all-female volunteer ambulance corps in New York City. In Borough Park, Brooklyn, EMS corps have long been the province of men. Though the neighborhood has the largest volunteer ambulance corps in the world, that organization has steadfastly banned women from its ranks. Now Ruchie and and a group of tenacious Hasidic women risk their reputations and the futures of their children to provide dignified care to the Hasidic women and girls of Borough Park.

Samuel Untermyer: Forgotten Hero Thursday, April 13, 2:00pm

Stephen F. Byrns, president and founder of the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, will share a rich and riveting lecture about Samuel Untermyer (1858-1940), one of the most prominent members of the community of German-Jewish elite in America. As president of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League until 1938, he was called "Hitler's Bitterest Foe" by the British press. A brilliant lawyer and investor, he was also a leading progressive figure in the last thirty years of his life. (2)

Save the date for a tour of Untermyer Gardens Conservancy in Yonkers on Monday, May 15 at 12:00pm. More information to come.



Mimouna Shabbat: A Moroccan Culinary Celebration Friday, April 14, 7:30pm

Mimouna is a traditional end-of-Passover feast celebrated by the Jews of North Africa. It marks the return to eating bread and other *chametz* following the week of matzah. At this Shabbat we'll enjoy North African Jewish desserts and pastries and celebrate the Jewish culture of this part of the world. It is estimated that in Israel last year, over two million people celebrated Mimouna - this year Emanu-El joins that celebration!



SAVE THE DATE

Invitations will be mailed shortly!

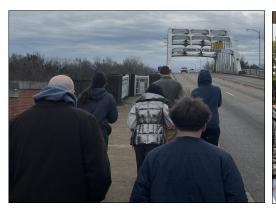
The Etgar 36 Civil Rights Trip to Georgia and Alabama

The Etgar 36 Civil Rights trip was a life changing experience. We traveled to the Rosa Parks Museum and stood where the Civil Rights movement began; we walked the Edmund Pettus Bridge; visited the Freedom Park, the 16th Street Baptist Church, and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute; and we saw the historic neighborhood where Dr. Martin Luther King was born and attended Sunday morning services at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

We will never forget what we saw, what we learned, and the people we met. It is our responsibility to make this world a better place by continuing to work together to fight for justice and equity.



















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B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

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

Emma Ashley
Nathan Koslow

RABBI GOLDSMITH'S MESSAGE

Our Relationship with Israel

Her hand lettered sign read in Hebrew, "Fighting for our Democracy." My friend had taken the day off of work - like so many Israelis - to protest the current government's push for a disastrous judicial overhaul. With her husband and children, with their friends and



neighbors, they crammed into train cars to make the trip from the center of the country to its governmental and spiritual center. In Jerusalem they streamed from the underground station to the Knesset. As they rallied outside, the government pushed the first bill through the committee, impervious to the critiques of hundreds of thousands of Israelis protesting in anguish outside.

What's the problem? Why are so many Israelis so upset? In essence, the overhaul will concentrate power in the hands of the legislature, ending the very thin system of checks and balances that currently exists. The proposed changes would effectively allow the Knesset to both appoint judges and overrule their decisions with a simple majority. This will subject the minority to the will of majority, leaving few protections in place. The details are complicated, but the outcry is clear. Even people who voted for this coalition are concerned with the depth, breadth, and speed of this legislative wrecking ball aimed at the judiciary.

The implications for Israel's international standing are serious. Already the UAE and the USA have delayed invitations for meetings with Prime Minister Netanyahu. When Secretary of State Blinken recently visited Jerusalem, he offered thinly veiled (and not so thinly veiled) critiques of the plans. Netanyahu's efforts to get Saudi Arabia into the Abraham Accords are hopelessly stalled. Companies, investors, and banks are withholding assets or transferring them out of Israel for fear of an all-powerful Knesset's ability to simply claim the assets for itself with no check to guarantee a truly free market and the property protections that requires.

These changes also have implications for the relationship between US Jews and Israel. Over the past couple of decades, since the collapse of the Oslo Accords, there has been a widening gap between US Jews and Israeli Jews. Especially on college campuses, that gap is driven by the ongoing, intractable conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, specifically Israeli occupation of the West Bank and its control over Gaza's borders. For many younger American Jews, this Israeli government is the final straw. Not only is it on track to eviscerate Israeli checks and balances and the attendant protection of minority

rights, but it also includes far-right ministers who are explicitly anti-LGBTQ, explicitly anti-Arab, explicitly anti-Reform Judaism, and some who are explicitly misogynist. If my relationship with Israel was based on a headline in the US media, I could understand giving up on Israel.

My relationship with Israel is not based on the headlines, it is based on the people I know.

But my relationship - our relationship - is deeper. My relationship with Israel is not based on the headlines, it is based on the people I know. Long time friends who call Israel home who abhor this current government. Teachers who have been writing passionately about the need to stand up to this tyranny. Colleagues on the front lines at Reform synagogues insisting on the right of Israelis to practice Judaism anyway they see fit. My relationship with Israel is also based on the dreams of 100 generations who sought nothing more than a home in the world and on the commitment of those who have built that state over the last 120 years. And my relationship with Israel is rooted in the stories of our people, of our biblical ancestors who inspire us to this day, of the Talmudic rabbis who created the foundation of the Judaism that we practice.

We cannot allow the disturbing actions of this government to take Israel away from us. Indeed, this is the time to double down. This is the time to reach out to our friends and loved ones who live in Israel and tell them that we stand with them. This is the time to send donations to Israeli organizations who stand for civil society, pluralism, and responsible government. This is the time to visit Israel (temple trip in December!), to connect with our roots, to stand in prayer with our fellow Reform Jews, to pray at the egalitarian section of the Western Wall. This is the time to make our vision and hope for Israel known to our Israeli brothers and sisters and then to do whatever we can to help make that vision a reality.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

How Pets Make Us Better People

My mother always saw to it that the family dog was fed before dinner. She felt it was inhumane to make an animal wait while we ate. I took to heart at a young age my mother's compassion for animals. Last fall, when our daughter Lila spent a semester abroad, Martin and I had the privilege of looking after her cat.



We became very attached to Kitska during those months when she took residence with us, and we were sad to relinquish her when Lila returned.



It's been many years since I had a pet of my own. Living with Kitska reminded me of why so many people share their lives with cats and dogs. The companionship and comfort pets bring is immeasurable, and far less complicated than a

relationship with another human! You give a dog a home and tend to its basic needs and look at what you get in return: unconditional love! If you ask me, we humans get the better deal.

Of course, living and bonding with a pet goes beyond the transactional. Caring for a pet attunes us to our humanity, and has the potential to elevate us spiritually, not unlike parenthood. Have you ever noticed how parents of infants become accustomed to taking their child's messes in stride? What mother or father hasn't dealt with their fair share of pee-pee, poo poo, spit up and vomit?! Parenting requires some compromise and self sacrifice. When contemplating having children I used to wonder, "If it were so challenging, why do a majority of people go on, undeterred (if they are able) to have more than one child?" Spoiler: Because love is worth the trouble.

Does a baby really care if its onesie is dirty? No. Does your cat or dog mind if its bowl is clean? Unlikely. Will Fido be okay on a walk without a sweater and boots? Probably. So why do we take the time and effort? Because we love. Loving another made in the divine image means showing respect and care, treating them the way we would want to be treated. How we attend to those who are vulnerable, who cannot care for themselves, reflects the kind of person we are. The intentionality and quality with which we perform ordinary acts of service for others can elevate those acts. You don't have to be Mother Theresa for simple acts of service to bring meaning and purpose to your life.

You have probably seen young couples practicing "starter parenthood" with cats and dogs. Pets open our hearts to nurturing, to opportunities to call forth our "better angels". Caring for another, whether human or not, is holy work! The Torah tells us that animals are part of God's creation. They have sensitivity and the potential to feel pain. People are, therefore, responsible for showing compassion toward them and protecting them. The Torah also includes a mandate, tsa'ar ba'alei chayyim, not to cause suffering to animals. Several stories in the Torah equate kindness to animals with human virtue.

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In the months of living with Kitska, I noticed subtle changes as she adapted to our household. The daily rituals we settled into over many weeks became routine, providing a rhythm to our days: Kitska's dawn visitations to the bedroom, morning playtime followed by feeding, tending the litter box, grooming, nighttime "zoomies" around the living room. Each day was punctuated by small, holy moments.

As an empty nester, with a few years of separation from the needs of both young children and elderly parents, I am grateful to Kitska (and to Lila) for the opportunity to open my heart to the divinity of one of God's creatures. Caring for a cat made me a better person.

During my months of cat sitting, a beautiful poem from the 18th century poet, Christopher Smart, frequently came to mind. I share it with you below:

For I will consider my cat Jeoffry. For he is the servant of the living God. Duly and daily serving him. For at the first glance Of the glory of God in the East He worships in his way. For this is done by wreathing his body Seven times round with elegant quickness. For he knows that God is his saviour. For God has bless'd him In the variety of his movements. For there is nothing sweeter Than his peace when at rest. For I am possessed of a cat, Surpassing in beauty, From whom I take occasion To bless Almighty God.

Mereolith

Meredith Stone, Cantor

Ritual Corner: Torah Breastplates

Among the decorations adorning the Torah Scrolls in our ark are breastplates. The Torah Breastplate harkens back to the breastplate worn by the High Priest in ancient times. Exodus 28 describes the intricate beauty of that breastplate including colorful stones representing each tribe of Israel, braids of gold, and gold rings. The breastplate on the Torah also fulfills the commandment of *chidur mitzvah*, which states that we are to make the fulfillment of our commandments beautiful. In this case, we make the Torah, the source of our commandments, beautiful with the silver breastplates. Next time you are at temple and we open the ark, take a moment to notice our beautiful breastplates that help make Torah shine for Emanu-El.



Shabbat Honoring Hineini Students & Families Friday, March 10, 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.

Sacred Stories Shabbat Service Friday, March 17, 7:30pm

We are ignited by the sacred sparks from ordinary stories that congregants share with us all. Our thematic Sacred Stories Shabbat services inspire as they connect us to each other and our tradition.

Tot Shabbat & Young Families Passover Event Friday, March 24, 5:00-6:00pm

Tot Shabbat is back and this time we're celebrating Passover too! Join us for a kid-friendly service filled with songs, stories, and blessings. Following the service, we'll have Passover themed crafts along with challah, matzah, and juice.

Passover Morning Service Thursday, April 6, 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 Wednesday, April 12, 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.

Tot Shabbat Service Friday, April 14, 5:00-5:30pm

Start Shabbat with your little ones at Tot Shabbat! Songs and stories, juice and challah, all help end the week with that Shabbat feeling. Bring your friends and neighbors!

Community Yom HaShoah Service at Congregation KTI Monday, April 17, 7:15pm

"Never forget." It is our obligation to remember. We remember the lives lost. We remember grand acts of heroism. We remember the quiet heroism of living one more day. We remember the rich heritage of communities that were destroyed. And then we vow to live our lives for those who perished. We join together with Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation KTI, and Jewish Community Center of Harrison as we fulfill this sacred obligation. KTI is at 575 King Street in Port Chester.

Shabbat Honoring Our Graduating Teens Friday, April 21, 7:30pm

Family and friends are invited to participate in a teen Shabbat service honoring our graduating high school seniors and their many accomplishments.

2022-23 Social Action Drives

It is more important than ever that we continue acts of *tikkun olam* (repairing our world) in our community.

To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Social Action Committee Chair, Hedy Cardozo, at hedozo@aol.com.

September Feeding Westchester Food Drive - done!

October Children's Hope Chest Coat Drive - done!

November WJCS Gift Drive - done!

& December

January 914Cares Diaper Drive - done!

February Cottage School Art Supply Drive - done!

MarchAprilMidnight Run Supply DriveMay914Cares Pajama & Book Drive

June Midnight Run Gently Used Backpack Drive

(Garilla (Barilla)

Pasta Collection for Feeding Westchester March 1 - March 31

We are collecting boxes of regular and whole wheat pasta for Feeding

Westchester. All shapes and sizes of pasta are welcome! Pasta can be dropped off in the main lobby during normal business hours.



Midnight Run Collection April 1 - April 30

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

Contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1021 for more information.



Bake Lasagna at Emanu-El for Lasagna Love Tuesday, March 14, 9:15am

In partnership with Lasagna Love, a platform that connects neighbors with home-cooked meal delivery, congregants are invited to a lasagna-making session which will benefit local non-profit partners.

Cost: \$10 donation that goes directly to the purchase of ingredients. RSVP to Abbie at alevitt@c-e-w.org.

Social Justice Committee Update

Following a January webinar with RAC-NY members statewide, the RAC-NY Strategy Team has decided to move forward with legislative and congregational campaigns towards our Climate Covenant. The legislative campaign consists of lobbying elected officials in Albany for their support of two bills in the upcoming legislative session: the "all electric buildings act" (NY State Senate Bill S6843C and NY State Assembly Bill A8431B) and the "gas transition and affordable energy act" (NY State Senate Bill S8198 and NY State Assembly Bill A9329).

This spring, the Social Justice Committee will focus on steps we can take as individuals to 'green' our congregation and our homes. We will be convening Social Justice Committee meetings to brainstorm steps we can take to make a positive impact on climate change.

In addition to our work with RAC-NY, the Social Justice Committee continues partnering with WJCI in their settlement of refugees in and around Westchester. The partnership with WJCI was highlighted last month during Family Learning Shabbat when our Religious School families participated in making fleece blankets for refugees supported by the work of WJCI.

If you would like to be a part of any of these efforts please watch Emanumail for updates and meeting information, or reach out to Social Justice Committee co-chairs Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com or Marcie Aiuvalasit at marciena33@gmail.com. As always, we welcome your feedback.

Save the Date: The Annual Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony Tuesday, May 9, 7:30pm

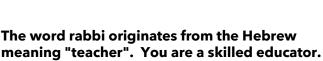
Named after Julian Y. Bernstein (z"l), a former Westchester Jewish Council board member who was a visionary communal leader, the Westchester Jewish community comes together to celebrate those who follow in his footsteps. Congregant Jane Meryll will be honored at this year's ceremony.

Interview with Rabbi Goldsmith

Rabbi Goldsmith is celebrating his 13th or 'Bar Mitzvah' year at CEW. Over the course of his tenure, the temple has grown, changed, endured difficult times and celebrated successes.

While many of us know Rabbi Goldsmith in one capacity or another, we are always interested in discovering more about him - read on for some Q&A with the rabbi!

What do you enjoy teaching the most?



I most enjoy teaching students who are unafraid to challenge and ask tough questions. The topic matters less than the people in the room and their willingness to engage with the material and each other.

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment as a rabbi?

I've been blessed with some Big Important Moments: accepting the pulpit here at Emanu-El, being President of the Westchester Board of Rabbis, and, of course, having Rabbi Howard Goldsmith Day in Westchester County. But, really, the greatest accomplishments are the small moments with families and individuals when I'm able to be with them for the intense moments of their lives.

What's most challenging about being a rabbi?

It's probably the "gear-shifting", going from the cemetery to my kid's baseball game. It can be a challenge to be fully present with a grieving family and then fully present for my family. Or, on the other side of the coin, going from a joyous service like a bat mitzvah and then going home and just doing the dishes. That "gear shifting" can sometimes be a bit disorienting but it is so important in allowing me to be a good rabbi and a husband and father.

What are you most passionate about?

I'm probably supposed to say "Judaism" for this one... and I am passionate about Judaism. But it's probably a three-way tie among Judaism, food, and the outdoors. I love a good meal - cooking, eating, the whole dining experience. And, as everyone knows from my Emanumail messages, I love the outdoors - hiking, skiing, kayaking, really any time to be outside in nature.

What's your favorite way to spend a day off? Skiing or hiking.

If you could choose one superpower, what would it be?

There is always so much that I want to do and experience but there are only so many hours in the day. So I'd love the power to be in multiple places at the same time.

As a skilled chef, what is your favorite Jewish food to prepare?

Bacon-lobster-cheese burgers... just kidding! Probably challah. I love the tactile experience of making the dough, the smell that fills the house, and the knowledge that we'll not only enjoy the flavor of it, but we'll use it to mark the time as special, as holy.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday?

There is a tie here. I love Sukkot because I get to build a hut in my backyard, decorate, and invite friends over to hang out. It also means that the rush of the High Holy Days is past which is always a bit of relief. The other is Passover, I love Passover because I create a new Haggadah every year based on whatever interests my kids. We've had them based on: Disney, Star Wars, Hamilton, the game Clue, Marvel superheroes, and more. I also love that we host the second night for our parents, siblings and friends - I love to entertain.

What is the last book you read?

I just finished *The Mercies* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave about women accused of witchcraft in Northern Norway in the 1600s. We're headed to Norway this August and I like to read historical fiction about the places we plan to travel. It was a compelling book about that beautiful land, its history, and the dangers of religious fanaticism.

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment at CEW?

It's all about the people. My greatest accomplishments are the relationships that I have with congregants, lay leaders, and the professional team. Without that, none of the rest of it matters... paying off the mortgage was pretty great, too:-)

You can read more about Rabbi Goldsmith at tinyurl.com/RabbiGoldsmith.

t Jane Dubro, Director of Programming & Engagement

ADULT LEARNING & PROGRAMS

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Many of our programs continue to be multi-access. The icons below let you know how you can take part in services and programs:











God During Times of Crisis - Zoom Series (in conjunction with CSR, JCCH & KTI) Thursdays, March 2,16 & 30, 7:30pm

Where is God when the world seems to fall apart before our eyes? In this course, we will consider the relationship between faith and what transpires in the world. When, why, and to what degree does God intervene in world affairs? What is the relationship between human initiative and Divine involvement in the world? Where is God in moments of tragedy? What characterizes the relationship with God submission, dialogue, argumentation, doubt - and how does the relationship change over time?

Session topics and instructors:

March 2 (Rabbi Gropper): Faith and Tragedy March 16 (Rabbi Gropper): Debate & Submission March 30 (Rabbi Goldberg): Intimacy, Distance & Doubt



Beit Midrash Saturdays, March 4 & April 15, 9:00am Sunday, March 12, 10:30am Sunday, March 26, 10:15am (note earlier time)

We continue our exploration of Jews whose legacies have shaped our religion and our people to this day. From Rashi to Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Moses to Moshe Dayan - we'll look at the writings and actions of those who helped create the Jewish people and Judaism. Come to every session or just drop in. All are welcome! <a>♠



Community Read - All We Can Save: Truth, Courage and Solutions for the Climate Crisis Mondays, March 6 & 20, 12:00pm

This extraordinary book takes an unabashedly feminist, anti-patriarchal approach to the climate crisis that focuses on leadership and action based in compassion, connection, creativity, and collaboration. With dozens of essays by women from around the world, this volume offers new ways to look at climate change and how to address it. The old ways of thinking have gotten us to this precipice. Only new ways of thinking can chart a path forward.



Mah Jongg & Canasta Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 10, 17 & 24, 2:00pm

All levels of players are welcome; friends are invited too! RSVP required to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org. (2)

Books & Bites at North Street Tavern: Trust by Hernan Diaz Wednesday, March 8, 7:00pm

Even through the roar and effervescence of the 1920s, everyone in New York has heard of Benjamin and Helen Rask. He is a legendary Wall Street tycoon; she is the daughter of eccentric aristocrats. Together, they have risen to the very top of a world of seemingly endless wealth-all as a decade of excess and speculation draws to an end. But at what cost have they acquired their immense fortune? North Street Tavern is located at 1128 North Street in White Plains. RSVP to Marcie at marciena33@gmail.com.



Single Malt Torah Thursdays, March 9 & 30, 8:00pm

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

ADULT LEARNING & PROGRAMS

Next Step Sundays, March 12 & April 16, 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 retired Paul Spindel. For more information, contact Paul at 914-632-1264.



Gallery Opening: Terry Kessler Schwarz Friday, March 17, 7:00pm

In her upcoming painting and drawing exhibition *Impressions*, congregant and artist Terry Kessler Schwarz will be presenting scenes of nature focusing on land, sky and water. In addition, colorful images of flowers will be included to complement this celebration of nature.



End of Life Decisions Panel Sunday, March 19, 10:30am

Too often families face impossible end of life decisions without guidance from their loved ones. During this panel presentation we learn about important decisions that may face us or our loved ones. We will also discuss the vital ways to communicate our wishes to our loved ones. Facing these difficult conversations now will make life – and the end of life – easier in the future. Our panel will include: Rabbi Goldsmith; Sara E. Meyers, Elder Law Attorney; Heidi Weiss, WJCS Licensed Social Worker and Healthcare Specialist; and Timothy P. Barr, Executive Vice President of the Calvary Fund, Inc.

Book Club: *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro Thursday, March 22, 11:00am

Signal Fires opens on a summer night in 1985. Three teenagers have been drinking. One of them gets behind the wheel of a car, and, in an instant, everything on Division Street changes. Each of their lives, and that of Ben Wilf, a young doctor who arrives on the scene, is shattered. For the Wilf family, the circumstances of that fatal accident will become the deepest kind of secret, one so dangerous it can never be spoken. RSVP to Marcie at arciena33@gmail.com.



Jared Dubro Legacy Fund Bingo Night Thursday, March 23, 7:00pm

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



Women's Study Group Passover Gathering Tuesday, March 28, 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!

Comforting the Mourner & Supporting the Bereaved Sunday, April 16, 10:30am

We often do not know what to say to someone who has lost a loved one. Too often this leads us to say nothing at all. Yet our tradition teaches that we have an obligation to comfort the bereaved. Rabbi Goldsmith and Jane Dubro will lead this important discussion to offer both a framework and specific guidance on what to say to friends and family in the face of loss.

Mark Your Calendars!

Friedman Lecture on Peace and Understanding: The View From Journalism's Frontlines with Reporter Tyler Pager

Friday, May 5, 7:30pm

Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday, May 12, 5:30pm

Congregant Art Show & Annual Meeting

Friday, June 9, 6:00pm Show, 6:30pm Annual Meeting

JACKIE KURLAND'S MESSAGE

Turning Your Dining Room into a Classroom

Passover has always been my favorite holiday. It is never surprising to me that kids tend to say that Chanukah is the holiday that they love most, but I always want more kids to choose Passover as it's a holiday filled with so many traditions and has a pretty awesome story too. It's the one holiday where I



get to see all of my cousins and I really do happen to love matzah. That being said, if your seder looks anything like mine has in recent years, it also means that there are kids and adults of all ages who struggle to get through the Haggadah and just want to get to the meal. A traditional seder where people just take turns reading out of the Haggadah may in fact be pretty boring to a lot of people, and there's a reason for that because we all learn in different ways!

During the seder, we read about four children who each teach us something about different learning styles. The wise one represents those of us who are more analytical and use logical reasoning. They like structure and order, which speaks perfectly to this holiday since seder actually means "order." The wicked child is meant to represent those who are rebellious. They probably give teachers and their parents the hardest time, but many times that's because they're not being taught in a way that speaks to them. They may do their best by learning through exploration or experiential education instead of in traditional learning classrooms. The simple one is someone who likes things in a straightforward manner. They like clear assignments with real examples and they may do well with repetition. As for the one who does not know how to ask, this child may be someone who is shy or doesn't like to share in front of others. They may do better in smaller groups and with people they know so that they can feel comfortable. This child also may need to be exposed to new ways of doing things and encouraged to express themselves in new ways.

While the Haggadah lists these as four distinct children, we all embody aspects of each of them even though we usually relate to some more than others. Just like our teachers try to incorporate multiple intelligences into their classrooms to relate to different learners, our seders can do the same. We all like to experience things and learn in different ways so if you're looking for a more inclusive way of engaging your guests, here are some ideas that speak to our different intelligences:

- Act out the story by assigning everyone different roles and telling the story in a dramatic way.
- Use finger puppets and other props to teach the story.

- Play "10 Plagues" charades and have everyone represent a different plague or play Passover trivia. Games are always a great way to get everyone involved!
- Sing the prayers and songs in the Haggadah to the tunes that you know and add in your own too! Many children learn Passover songs like the Frog Song in Nursery School and Religious School so it's great to incorporate them into the seder, even if they're not explicitly in the Haggadah.
- Create new "Four Questions" each year that relate to the holiday and thoughts that you are having about it.
- Find a way to help those who are in need. Passover is a time that demands action - we were freed from slavery but with that freedom comes a responsibility to help those who are not yet free. Use this holiday as an opportunity to teach your children about opportunities to help others.
- Invite new people to your seder. On Passover, we are commanded to welcome in "strangers" or people who we know don't have a place to go for the holiday. Sharing a seder with someone who has never experienced one can be such an incredible learning opportunity for all who are present.
- Watch a Passover themed movie before the seder or use clips of it during the seder itself. If your kids aren't ready to watch the classic *The Ten Commandments*, watch *The Prince of Egypt* to help them understand the Exodus story.
- Give everyone a turn to teach the group about what one item on the table represents for Passover.

Try a different themed Haggadah. There many types of haggadot available to download online and here are just a few of the great ones that are out there:

The URJ has a chocolate seder; AJWS has a Global Justice Haggadah as well as starter questions for everyone to think about how they're pursuing justice in today's world; HIAS has a refugee Haggadah; Repair the World has a Haggadah about modern day slavery; PJ Library has a wonderful kid-friendly Haggadah that you can sign up for as Passover is nearing. There's even a Hamilton themed Haggadah!

Wishing you and your families a very happy Passover!

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Jackie Kurland, Director of Education

AMANDA K. WEISS' MESSAGE

Time Will Tell

The time has come,' the Walrus said,
To talk of many things:
Of shoes–and ships–and sealing-wax–
Of cabbages–and kings–
And why the sea is boiling hot–
And whether pigs have wings."



– Lewis Carroll The Walrus and the Carpenter

In Lewis Carroll's poem *The Walrus and the Carpenter*, the two titular characters take young oysters (insert "aw shucks!" joke here!) on a walk, telling them of "many things" along the way, distracting them with a million images a minute. This story illustrates the importance of being mindful of the time we have and the choices we make.

It is hard to believe how quickly the days have flown by since the beginning of 2023 - somehow, we have made our way towards the Red Sea and have crossed it through our Torah readings, and now, many of us are preparing to relive this experience with our upcoming annual seders. Passover encourages reflection on the concept of time. The holiday marks the Jewish people's liberation from slavery and the beginning of their journey towards the Promised Land. We are supposed to observe Passover as if we were there during the Exodus; the song *Avadim Hayyinu* "We Were Slaves" bridges the "lived" experience of millennia of generations. As we retell this story, we are reminded of the importance of living in the present and appreciating the freedom we have.

The Jewish holidays of Passover and the Omer (the forty-nine days that we count between Passover and Shavuot) are both centered around the concept of time and offer an opportunity for reflection and personal growth. As we approach these holidays, it's worth considering the meaning of time and how it shapes our lives.

During the Omer period, we count the days from the Exodus to the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. This practice reminds us of the importance of taking things day by day and being mindful of our choices. As we count the Omer, we reflect on our personal growth and consider what changes we can make to become better versions of ourselves.

With a focus on timely conversations and choices, I have been thinking about how we might create a deliberate daily practice of asking ourselves four questions about how we use our time:

How did I prioritize my time today? What did I choose to spend my focus on?

What am I celebrating today? What was one small win?

What did I choose to let go of today? How am I freeing myself?

Who had a big influence on my time today? Whose day did I influence today?

The Jewish holidays of Passover and the Omer...are both centered around the concept of time and offer an opportunity for reflection and personal growth.

As we prepare for these holidays, I am encouraged by aiming to partake in a deliberate daily practice: aiming to focus on the influences and significance of each day that has inspired mindful choices. Let us use both Passover and the Omer period to reflect on our personal growth and the changes we can make (the things that count!) to become better versions of ourselves. And as we retell the story of Passover, let us appreciate the freedom we have and be mindful of the choices we make in our lives. By doing so, we can make the most of our lived experience, spanning millennia and sharing in generational growth.

Amanda K. Weiss, Rabbinic Intern

The Bauman-Greene Pre-K & Kindergarten Program (2)

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. Sessions are followed Young Family Celebrations at the temple - fun for the whole family. Free and open to the community. All classes meet from 9:30 - 10:45am on Sundays.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Jackie at jkurland@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1015.

Pre-K/K Purim Sunday, March 5, 9:30am

It's time for our silliest holiday of the year! Drop your little ones off first to learn all about Purim.





Pre-K/K Yom Ha'atzmaut Sunday, April 23, 9:30am

Israel is turning 75 this year!

Drop off your kids for a morning of exploring Israel through art and stories.

Young Family Programs 3

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. Our Young Families events are overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun!

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

For more information and to RSVP, contact Jackie at jkurland@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1015.

Young Families Purim Celebration Sunday, March 5, 10:45am

We'll sing, hear stories, and decorate crowns and masks in preparation of our carnival! Costumes are encouraged!





Young Families Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration Sunday, April 23, 10:45am

Families celebrate Israel with our celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day).

We'll "travel" around Israel to learn more about its many cultures and traditions.



Purim Carnival Sunday, March 5, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Everyone is invited to join us for our Purim Carnival! Come dressed in your best Purim costume to celebrate this super fun holiday with hamantaschen for all!



Tot Shabbat Service Friday, April 14, 5:00 - 6:00pm

Start Shabbat with your little ones at Tot Shabbat! Songs and stories, juice and challah, all help end the week with that Shabbat feeling.
Bring your friends and neighbors!

Passover Tot Shabbat Friday, March 24, 5:00 - 6:00pm

Tot Shabbat is back and this time we're celebrating Passover too! Join us for a kid-friendly service filled with songs, stories, and blessings. Following the service, we'll have Passover themed crafts, matzah, and juice.



6th Grade Retreat at Emanu-El Friday, April 28, 6:00pm Saturday, April 29, 8:30am

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. (2)

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7:30pm Shabbat Honoring Hineini Students & Families

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March 24 (in-person & livestream)

5:00pm Tot Shabbat (in-person only)

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March 31 (Zoom)

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Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service 6:00pm

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5:00pm Tot Shabbat (in-person only) Mimouna Shabbat: A Moroccan 7:30pm

Culinary Celebration

April 21 (in-person & livestream)

7:30pm Teen Service Honoring Our Graduating Seniors

April 28 (in-person & livestream)

6:00pm Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Service







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Film: Who Will Write Our History Thursday, April 27, 7:00pm

This screening is in honor of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, a clandestine group of journalists, scholars, and community leaders in the Warsaw Ghetto vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propaganda not with guns or fists but with pen and paper. Now, for the first time, their story is told in the documentary featuring the voices of Joan Allen and Adrien Brody. Viewing followed by a discussion with Steve Goldberg, Director of Education at the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center.



Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Service Friday, April 28, 6:00pm

We pause from wrestling with Israel's challenges to celebrate the miracle that is the modern Jewish State. After 2,000 years of exile, we celebrate the hope and potential embodied by Israel: to be a free people in our ancient homeland!