



Untermyer Gardens Guided Tour Monday, May 15, 12:00pm

Learn about the history of the estate from its origin in 1862, through each of its three owners, emphasizing its world famous heyday in the Untermyer years, its dramatic decline after 1940, and the remarkable restoration efforts that have been ongoing from 2010 to the present day. We will visit the Walled Garden, the Vista, the former Color Gardens, the Temple of Love and the Rock and Stream Garden.

Untermyer Gardens is located at 945 N. Broadway in Yonkers. Please bring a water bottle, and wear sturdy shoes and comfortable clothing for the 90-minute tour. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org. Friends welcome!

**2023
Spring Benefit
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The Sassoons Exhibit: A Jewish Museum Guided Tour Thursday, June 8, 11:00am

Come discover one Jewish family's pioneering role in trade, art collecting, architectural patronage, and civic engagement from the early 19th century through World War II. Paintings, decorative arts, illuminated manuscripts, and Judaica collected by the Sassoon family explores themes such as discrimination, diaspora, colonialism, global trade, and war. The exhibition narrative begins in the early 1800s when David Sassoon, the family patriarch, was forced out of his home in Baghdad due to the increasing persecution of the city's Jewish population. Cost: \$36/person. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org.



Call for Artwork: Congregant Art Show Deadline: Wednesday, May 31

Submit your art for the annual Congregant Art Show!

Showcase your talents in the beautiful, light-filled Damson Family Gallery. This show will highlight the artistic perspectives of the artists in our midst.

Paint, fiber, photography, sculpture... all mediums are welcome. We encourage all congregants to participate in this celebration of art and culture.

If you are interested in submitting artwork, contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1021.



Congregant Art Show, Annual Meeting & Haikus for Jews Sacred Stories Shabbat Friday, June 9

6:00pm Art Show

6:30pm Annual Meeting

7:00pm Service

The evening kicks-off at 6:00pm with the opening of our annual Congregant Art Show. Following the art show, we will gather for our Annual Meeting at 6:30pm. This is an important time to come together to get an update on the state of the congregation, thank outgoing board members and welcome new ones to their leadership positions.

We need to have 10% of our congregant families represented to reach a quorum for this state mandated meeting - please come!

Following the Annual Meeting, we invite a special Haikus for Jews Sacred Stories Shabbat.

Religious School Matzah Making

All of our Religious School students in grades 1-6 celebrated Passover by making matzah! Through our baking, we learned about how the Israelites didn't have enough time for their bread to rise since they were rushing to escape to freedom!



Terry Schwarz Gallery Opening

Terry Schwarz is an accomplished artist, teacher, and congregant - we enjoyed having her work displayed in the Damson Family Gallery.



A Lovely Visit

We always enjoy visits from our senior-most congregant, Roz Kahn! Some of you who have been around for a few years may remember that Roz had her own gallery exhibit at Emanu-El in 2018.





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A Message from Board President Larry Cohen

As we arrive at the end of another temple program year, I am proud to report that our synagogue community continues to thrive. Our Spring Benefit celebrating Rabbi Goldsmith was the pinnacle of our 70th anniversary year. It has been a year of celebrations, of coming together as a community, of participation and of education. As we continue to grow, from strength to strength, we will go stronger - *Chazak Chazak V'Nitchazek*.

I would like to thank all of our dedicated volunteers, staff members, and clergy who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our synagogue continues to run smoothly. From organizing events, ensuring a safe space for us to congregate, to providing pastoral care, their hard work has been essential in maintaining our vibrant community.

I also want to express my gratitude to all of our trustees who have continued to lead our synagogue financially, enabling us to continue our important work. Thank you to Michael Barnett, Kyra Darnton, David Fried, and Randy Levitt for their dedicated board service. Your efforts have helped to feed the growth we are seeing.

I look forward to continuing to serve you, our community, in my 2nd year of service as the President of the Board of Trustees. We have accomplished much, but the work to make Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester the best community continues.

The Rabbinic Future

We have been blessed this year by the contributions of our rabbinic intern, Amanda K. Weiss. Amanda came to us in her 5th and final year of rabbinical school. She taught in our Religious School, taught our teens, led services with Cantor Stone and me, and led several sessions of Beit Midrash. In her preaching and teaching, Amanda has brought "a different Torah" to our congregation, one that reflects her ongoing rabbinic education, her experience in the professional Jewish world, and her wonderful podcast *Drinking and Drashing: Torah with a Twist*.



In addition to all that Amanda has brought to Emanu-El, we have been able to give her experience in congregational life that she will carry with her into her career as a rabbi. Rabbinical school combines an academic graduate program, a spiritual seminary experience, and a pre-professional curriculum into an intense five years of learning. Getting into a congregation and seeing how the lessons of the classroom play out in the "real world", is a vital piece of any rabbi's education. The lessons and experiences that Amanda has had with us will impact the communities that she leads in the future. It is a real honor for our congregation to play a vital role in shaping new rabbis.

We are able to provide this learning experience for rabbinic students thanks to the Offit-Sekulow Memorial Internship Fund. Established by John and Hope Furth in memory of Dan Offit and Gene Sekulow, this fund provides vital resources needed to supplement the expense of having an intern. As students will only be with us for a year or two, the fund allows us to educate the next generation of rabbis in all that makes Emanu-El great. And, at the same time, we benefit from the energy and scholarship of these future rabbis. Thanks to the generosity of several families, the fund currently has over \$230,000 with another \$130,000 in pledges that will come in over the next couple of years. Our ultimate goal is to fully endow the position at \$600,000.

In addition to all of the educational and spiritual experiences that interns have with the congregation, we also help them to understand how synagogues function: the role of the board, the responsibilities of each staff person, the maintenance needs of the building, synagogue finance, and all the details that make a congregation tick. These are lessons that cannot be learned in a classroom, vital lessons that prepare the students for their future careers.

On Sunday, May 7th, Amanda was ordained in a ceremony at Temple Emanu-El in New York City. Each of her classmates, one at a time, were called before the ark. The Provost of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion lay her hands upon Amanda and gave her the title "Rabbi". It is a permanent change - unlike some other religions, once you are a rabbi, you cannot be "un-rabbi-ed". With this ceremony, Amanda joined a tradition that stretches back at least two thousand years, a tradition of Jewish leadership, of bringing Torah to our people, of caring for Jews in good times and bad, and of providing clear moral guidance to the issues of the day.

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Next year we will have a new intern, Zachary Canali. He will bring new perspectives, new Torah, and energy to Emanu-El. You'll read more about him in the next bulletin.

Working with Amanda this year has been a true blessing. She is good humored, smart, experienced, and has a true love of synagogue life. She has a wisdom beyond her years and clear communication style that helps to bring that wisdom to others. I will be honored to call her a colleague, we will all be honored to call her Rabbi Weiss.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

CANTOR STONE'S MESSAGE

Racism in the Jewish Community

Back in 2019, after our temple delegation returned from the last Biennial convention of the URJ, I heard that one of the featured speakers was so blatantly mistreated that she ended up spending most of the time in her hotel room alone, when she wasn't being escorted from place to place to avoid harassment. The biracial presenter, Marra Gad, author of *The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed Race Jewish Girl*, was stared at, confronted, whispered about and was assumed to work for the hotel. Jews of Color make up an estimated 15% of the American Jewish community. Despite efforts of the Reform Movement to welcome them into our congregations, camps, and other Jewish spaces, deep seated racism and Ashkenazic ethno-centrism are far from being eliminated.

The pain of being outsiders is also shared by Asian Jews, whose identities are often seen as separate and conflicting. Depending on circumstances, they may be perceived as not Jewish "enough" or not Asian "enough". At our recent Women's Study Group Passover gathering, we learned first hand about living with a dual identity from our guest presenters,



Rabbi Mira Rivera, the first female Filipina-American rabbi to be ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Maryam Chishti, Executive Director of The Lunar Collective, the only organization by and for Asian American Jews. It is a small, national, grassroots collective with branches in New York, the Bay Area, and Los Angeles.

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Maryam, 24, was raised as both a Muslim and a Jew. Growing up, she and her sister did not know any others who shared their dual religious and cultural heritage. At Brandeis, where Maryam was active in Jewish life, a friend's remark that she wasn't "really" Jewish was deeply hurtful, and was in some ways a catalyst toward her groundbreaking work with the Asian Jewish community. After Maryam began meeting other Asian Jews, more and more of them came out to connect with one another. Some of them are adoptees, other mixed race or interfaith, some are patrilineal Asian Jews and others Jews by choice. 80% are between the ages of 18-35, and they represent the vast diversity of Asian Americans from East, Southeast, South and Central Asia. They embody a wide spectrum of Jewish identities and practices. For Passover, Lunar hosted a large, joyful seder featuring their new haggadah, *Dancing In Between*, created by a committee of 17 Asian Jews (www.weareasianjews.org/haggadah).

As Jews we all know about being on the receiving end of anti-semitism. For most of us, though, we are not also targets of racism! Rabbi Rivera and Maryam helped sensitize attendees at the Women's Study Group gathering to the racism within the Jewish community. As the greater Jewish community continues to globalize, let us all raise our awareness of marginalized Jews, and welcome them into our midst.

If you would like to learn more about The Lunar Collective, make a contribution or connect them with funding, see <https://www.weareasianjews.org/>.

Meredith Stone

Meredith Stone, Cantor



Cantor Stone, Rabbi Rivera, and Maryam Chishti at the Women's Study Group Passover gathering.

Ritual Corner: The Yoms

Every year, following Passover, we enter what are sometimes called the *Yoms*. This series of four commemorations and holidays mark several important Jewish events of the 20th century. Unlike our other holidays and festivals, these do not have ancient rituals associated with them and so their observances are always evolving. They have come to take on more and more meaning, providing a time for memory, celebration, reflection, and reckoning.

Yom Hashoah



Perhaps the best well known of these days for American Jews is Yom Hashoah. The day was established by the Israeli Knesset on April 12, 1951 as *Yom Hashoah*

Ve-Hagevurah - literally the "Day of (Remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism". There was an initial emphasis on the European Jews who actively fought back against the Nazis, specifically in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. After the Eichman trial, Israelis - and Jews around the world - understood that all who perished deserved full respect which the day has preserved since. At Emanu-El we mark Yom Hashoah with a community commemoration in the evening and a county-wide commemoration on the day.

Yom Hazikkaron



Memorial Day in Israel is nothing like Memorial Day in the United States. Rather than sales at the mall and back yard bar-b-ques, Yom Hazikkaron is a day of solemn

ceremonies throughout the country. Nearly everyone in Israel knows someone who died in service to the country or in a terror attack. This day of collective mourning honors their memories.

Yom Ha'atzmaut



Independence Day in Israel immediately follows Memorial Day. This is a day for parades, celebrations, and, yes, backyard bar-b-ques. Ceremonies throughout

Israel and in Jewish communities around the world take the day to mark the miracle that is the Modern State of Israel. For as long as the State has existed, there have been disagreements about its politics, its direction, and its policies. On Yom Ha'atzmaut we set those disagreements aside for the wonder of returning to our homeland after 2,000 years of exile.

Yom Yerushalyim



A few weeks after Yom Ha'atzmaut, Yom Yerushalyim celebrates the anniversary of Israel reunited Jerusalem in 1967 as part of the Six Day War. This brought

the Temple Mount and, importantly, the Western Wall, back under Israeli sovereignty. It meant that Jews could once again return to one of our holiest sites for prayer and reflection. Needless to say, the occupation that has followed the 1967 war has caused - and continues to cause - serious political, military, and moral issues. Nevertheless, on this day, we can reflect on the miracle that going to the Western Wall is as simple as hopping on a plane.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, May 19, 5:00-6:00pm

Join us for a kid-friendly service filled with songs, stories, and blessings. Following the service, we'll have crafts along with challah, noshes for the kids, and delicious Middle Eastern food sponsored by Mark and Elizabeth Altman.

Outdoor Shabbat Service

Friday, May 19, 5:45pm Pre-neg, 6:00pm Service

Come for a delightful outdoor pre-neg and celebrate Shabbat "al fresco". BYOC - bring your own chairs!

Shavuot Yizkor Service

Friday, May 26, 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.

Confirmation Shabbat Service

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We will honor the years of learning and growth of sixteen of our high school students through inspiring music, engaging readings, and their individual reflections on the role of Judaism in their lives.

STEP-UP & GIVE BACK

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](mailto:hedoza@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!

March Local Food Pantry Pasta Drive - done!

April Midnight Run Supply Drive - done!

May 914Cares Book Drive

June Midnight Run Backpack Drive



New or Gently Used Book Drive for Children & Young Adults Now through May 31

We are collecting *new or gently used* books for babies all the way up to young adults. Collection bins are located in the lobby. Items ordered online can be shipped directly to the temple.



914Cares Diaper Drive Now through May 31

Help 914Cares collect 100,000 diapers! Each month they distribute 40,000 diapers to Westchester families in need. You can drop off unopened packages of diapers in the collection bins located in the lobby.

Gently Used Backpack Drive for Midnight Run June 1 - June 30

The school year is coming to a close, and if your child will not be using the same backpack next year, we will gladly take their gently used backpack off your hands! These bags will be distributed at the Midnight Run in the fall. Donations can be dropped off in the collection bins located in the lobby.



Bake Lasagna at Emanu-El for Lasagna Love Tuesday, June 6, 9:30am

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

Throughout the month of March the members of the Social Justice Committee continued pursuing our Climate Covenant by participating in several advocacy sessions with the staff of our elected representatives, State Senator Shelley Mayer, and Assemblypersons Chris Burdick and Steve Otis, to encourage their ongoing support for the All-Electric Building Act (S562A/A920A); the HEAT Act (S2016/A4592). Our lobbying efforts were successful in helping the All Electric Building Act remain in the budget that was passed by the State Legislature. However, we will now be working hard to get the HEAT Act passed as a stand alone bill before the legislature adjourns in June.

Several members of CEW's Social Justice Committee attended the New York Jewish Climate Organizing Summit on Sunday, April 23 at Temple Shaaray Tefila. This event was hosted by RAC-NY and Dayenu. At this inspiring afternoon we built relationships, shared organizing and advocacy skills, heard from several elected officials, and learned how to make a meaningful climate impact in NY state and in our congregations. It was an opportunity for all Jewish New Yorkers and allies who are interested in tackling the climate crisis to gather, learn, organize, and take action together.

As always if you would like to join the Social Justice Committee in our efforts, please reach out to committee co-chairs, Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.com) or Marcie Aiuvalasit at marciena33@gmail.com.

May Their Memory be for a Blessing: Comforting the Bereaved

When thinking about comforting the bereaved, I immediately begin reflecting on our son Jared's short life and enduring legacy.

Losing a loved one, especially a child, is a difficult and painful experience. When it comes to comforting the bereaved, there is no perfect formula or one-size-fits-all approach. Every individual and every family grieves differently, and the best approach is to simply be there, offer support and love, and let the family or friend know that they are not alone.

Making a *shiva* call is a traditional Jewish custom in which friends and family visit the bereaved during the first week of mourning. In fact, shiva is derived from the Hebrew '*sheva*,' or seven. It is a time for offering comfort, sharing memories, and providing support. When making a shiva call, it is important to be respectful of the family's mourning customs and traditions. You can offer words of condolence, express your sympathy, and share a fond memory of the deceased. You can also offer to help with practical tasks, such as cooking, cleaning, or running errands.

It is also important to remember that the grieving process takes time and varies from situation to situation. It can be long and challenging and the bereaved need us as much during this period as during shiva. Be patient and understanding, and let the bereaved know that you are there for them; continue to continue to offer support and love in the months and years ahead.

There is no right or wrong way to grieve, and everyone's experience is different. Simply offering support, love, and understanding can go a long way in helping the bereaved through their grief.

In Jewish tradition, it is customary to say "*zikhrono*



livrakha" (for a man) or "*zikhronah livrakha*" (for a woman), which means "may their memory be for a blessing". This phrase is often used when speaking of someone who has passed away, and it expresses the hope that the person's memory will be a source of comfort and inspiration for those who knew them.

In Judaism, it is believed that the deceased continue to live on through the memories and actions of those who knew them. By remembering the good deeds and qualities of the person who has passed away, we honor their legacy and keep their spirit alive. Speaking their name and sharing stories about them can also be a way of keeping their memory alive.

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In this way, the phrase "may their memory be for a blessing" is not just a wish or a prayer, but a call to action. It reminds us of our responsibility to carry on the legacy of those who have passed away, and to strive to emulate their virtues and values in our own lives.

For me, creating the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund in memory of my son, June 21, 1989 - February 12, 2018, was a meaningful way to keep Jared's memory alive. The Fund, which was organized by the temple after Jared's death, supports programs, initiatives, and experiences that bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world. Acts of kindness in Jared's name are both a gift and a source of great solace.

Peace & Love,



Jane Dubro, Director of Programming & Engagement

ADULT LEARNING & PROGRAMS



Mah Jongg & Canasta

Mondays, June 5, 12 & 26, 2:00pm

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



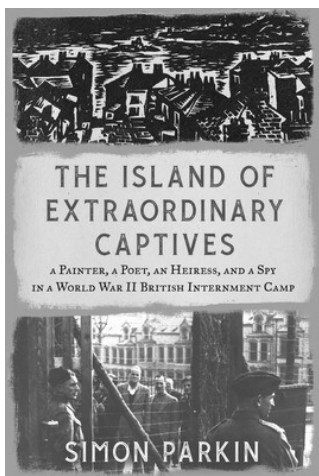
Single Malt Torah

Thursday, May 18, 8:00pm

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

Come for the final Single Malt Torah of the year!

Book Club: *The Island of Extraordinary Captives* **Thursday, May 25, 11:00am (Zoom only)**



The Island of Extraordinary Captives: A Painter, a Poet, an Heiress, and a Spy in a World War II British Internment Camp by Simon Parkin tells the remarkable untold story of a Jewish orphan who fled Nazi Germany for London, only to be arrested there by the British government and sent to an internment camp for suspected foreign agents on the Isle of Man, alongside a renowned group of refugee

musicians, intellectuals, artists, and—possibly—genuine spies. Drawing from unpublished first-person accounts and newly declassified documents from the British government, award-winning journalist Simon Parkin tells the story of this unlikely group of internees.

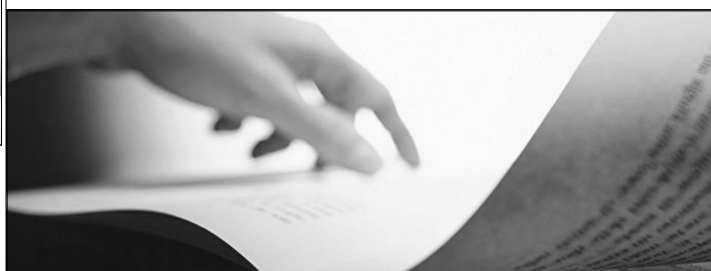
RSVP to Marcie at marciena33@gmail.com.



Drinks with the Clergy in NYC

Thursday, June 1, 6:30pm

Young adults who grew up at the congregation are invited to come meet-up with Rabbi Goldsmith, Rabbinic Intern, Amanda K. Weiss, and Cantor Stone for an after-work cocktail. More information to come!

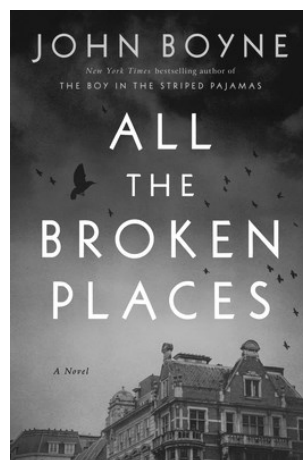


Beit Midrash

Saturday, June 10, 9:00am

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.

Book Club: *All the Broken Places* **Thursday, June 29, 11:00am (Zoom only)**



All the Broken Places by John Boyne is a sequel to his 2006 book *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

Ninety-one-year-old Gretel Fernsby has lived in the same well-to-do mansion block in London for decades. She lives a quiet life despite her disturbing, dark past. She doesn't talk about her escape from Nazi Germany at age 12 or the grim post-war years in

France. Most of all, she doesn't talk about her father, who was the commandant of one of the Reich's most notorious extermination camps.

RSVP to Marcie at marciena33@gmail.com.

JACKIE KURLAND'S MESSAGE

Thanks for a Great Year!

As we approach our last days of Religious School, I am so happy with what we've accomplished this school year. Starting somewhere new is always challenging, but with such great support from CEW staff and members, I couldn't have had a smoother transition. I'm so grateful to have joined this community and I look forward to many more years to come.



Nothing brings me greater joy than seeing our students learning together. From watching them dance and sing during music to hearing their joy as they compete in trivia games, it feels great to have everyone in-person together again. We've painted prayers, baked matzah, performed Purim stories, learned Krav Maga, and planted flowers for seniors. Hineini has been able to resume all of their offsite volunteering, and it's truly inspiring what they are doing each week. Our students are spending weekly sessions developing their Hebrew skills both online and in-person, and we love having teachers from all over the country working with our learners.

In October, we honored over 45 new students at our Simchat Torah consecration service, and we've continued to celebrate many holidays and Shabbat services together throughout the year. We samba'd,

barbecued, created family blessings, made blankets for refugees as we learned Jewish refugee stories, and we lit candles as a community for Chanukah. With so many young families coming to our programs this year, we also added Tot Shabbat to the calendar this winter, and it is incredible seeing our youngest congregants coming to sing and eat challah with us.

This year, I also had the wonderful opportunity of getting to know our CEW teens. We have over 25 dedicated teens who work in our madrichim program every Sunday morning to enrich the Religious School experience for our students. I love spending time with our 8th and 9th graders on Monday nights during our Academy program, and our students have made us so proud as they have developed their Jewish leadership skills and put them into action through programmatic and philanthropic projects. It's amazing what our teens are doing at CEW, and I hope that we continue to engage even more of them in the future.

It has been a pleasure getting to know you this year and I am looking forward to creating new and exciting programs for next year. Wherever you will be, I wish you all an incredible summer filled with relaxation, discovery, and adventure.



Jackie Kurland, Director of Education

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Tot Shabbat

Friday, May 19, 5:00-6:00pm

Join us for a kid-friendly service filled with songs, stories, and blessings. Following the service, we'll have crafts along with challah, noshes for the kids, and delicious Middle Eastern food sponsored by Mark and Elizabeth Altman.



End of Year Celebration & Carnival Sunday, May 21, 9:30-11:45am

Bouncy house, Gaga, face painting, balloon art and more!

Parents and families are invited to join their 1st-7th grade students at our end of year celebration with a special ceremony honoring our amazing team of Religious School teachers and madrichim.

Confirmation Shabbat Service Friday, June 2, 7:30pm

We will honor the years of learning and growth of sixteen of our high school students through inspiring music, engaging readings, and their individual reflections on the role of Judaism in their lives.



B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

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

Lacey Esterow
Madison Frankel
Bodin Geller
Olivia Ifrah
Jake Nachman

Standing Again at Sinai: This Time as a Rabbinic Intern

As I write my final article as CEW's rabbinic intern, I find myself reflecting on the significance of Shavuot, also known as "*Zman Matan Torateinu*,"—literally "the time of the giving of our Torah." This holiday not only celebrates our ancestors receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai, but also invites us to reflect on how this same Torah remains relevant and meaningful in our everyday lives.



we perpetually receive each week), upon work and service (through worship and to the world) and upon acts of loving-kindness (to those who need it most)." (Avot 1:2) Each of us has the power to inspire any or all of these pillars that inform and transform our world.

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A few weeks ago, in a sermon for Shabbat Vayikra, I echoed a significant piece of Torah given by my teacher Rabbi Jan Katzew. He explained that it is imperative that we consider both what keeps us up and what gets us up. What anxieties keep us from preparing to show up at Sinai? What inspirations move us toward the mountain? In today's world: what holds us back vs. what gets us going?

I am kept up by the conflicts and everlasting challenging work that still needs to be done, the never-ending efforts toward tikkun olam, to making this world that we live in a better place. Facing climate change and class inequities, struggling with social relationships, or finding the meaning in troubling texts and traditions—all of these are weighty challenges that could keep any rabbi (and especially a newly ordained rabbi) awake at night.

However, what gets me up in the morning is the knowledge that we can each have revelations that open our eyes to our ability to make an actual difference in the world. The Torah that we received at Sinai and that we retain ownership of today reminds us that each of us has the power to help bring peace (*shalom*) to our world, making it more whole (*shalem*) with every contribution. Shimon the Righteous said "The world stands upon three things: upon Torah (that

Shavuot is a time that we can reflect on this transformational power, both personally and globally. As we celebrate receiving the Torah, I hope that each of us may also be inspired to continue the work of creating a more compassionate and complete world.

I am so appreciative of the revelations that I have received as your rabbinic intern. Being part of the CEW community and having the opportunity to share and receive Torah with you all has been a true gift. It has been an honor to learn and grow with each and every one of you. Thank you for every gift you've shared with me—may they continue to inspire and inform the influence you have on this incredible community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda K. Weiss".

Amanda K. Weiss, Rabbinic Intern



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Spring Benefit Honoring Rabbi Goldsmith

25 North	Constantino's	Greca Mediterranean Kitchen
5th Dimension Virtual Reality	Craftee Parties	Karel & Frank Greenberg
Stephen & Meryl Adler	Ben & Stacey Cross	Greenwich Cosmetic Dentistry
Marcie Aiuvalasit	Current Home	Lawrence & Christine Griff
Timothy & Phyllis Alexander	Dabney Lee	Liz Grill
Andy & Diane Alson	Joan Damson	Adam & Denise Groothuis
American Prime	Richard & Peggy Danziger	Daniel & Tamra Gropper
Dana Anesi	Lynda & Steven DeLott	Roslyn Grubel & Alan Plafker
Anonymous	Denny's	Sandy Grundman
Lisa & Douglas Antonacci	Robyn & Jonathan Deutsch	Harrison Bake Shop
Aurora Restaurant	Earl & Diane Doppelt	Harrison Meadows Country Club
Shari & Jonathan Austrian	Helen & Neil Dorman	Patricia Harte
Martin & Arlene Avidan	Denise & Nathan Eisler	Havana Jeans
Gary & Jill Baker	Emma's Ale House	Dick & Susan Hecht
Balducci's	Bruce & Jeannie Evans	Lee Helman & Amy Schulhof
Ballard Durand Funeral Home	Lois Falberg & Brian Sinder	Myra Hersh
Bareburger	Roger & Vivian Farah	Hibachi NY Catering
Bar Taco	Lawrence & Harriet Feldman	Hi-Five Sports
Michael & Denise Barnett	Lisa Bottomley Finkenstaedt	Scott Hirsch & Christine Staeger-Hirsch
Michael & Lauren Baruch	David & Amy Fischer	Abby & Andy Hodes
Benefit Cosmetics LLC	Eva Fischer	Greg Hodes & Heidi Hertel
Shelly Benerofe	Jeremy Fischer	Lawrence Hoffman
Kevin & Carrie Berg	Sam Fischer	Hott Blowdry and Beauty Lounge
Greg & Janelle Berger	Eliane & Carl Fishkind	Ice Cream Social
Marty & Pat Bernstein	Nina Fixler & Mark Rosenstein	Frederic & Caroline Ifrah
BeYOUUnique	Darren & Jeanne Fogel	Inga Photography
Stephanie & Eric Biderman	Fortina	In Thyme Catering
Adam & Marj Blinderman	Chase & Sarah Foster	Jack Resnick & Sons
Bill & Hinda Bodinger	Frankie & Johnnie's Steakhouse Rye	JECT
John & Patty Bottomley	Ross & Beth Freedman	J-Joe Kosher Pizza & Berrylicious
Boxcar Cantina	Liz Freirich & Saul Kaiserman	Johanna Pryluck
Gary & Barbara Brandt	Freshmade NYC	John's of Arthur Avenue
Dan & Amy Braude	Bruce & Dana Freyer	David & Rory Jones
Elana Bresler	David Fried & Kathy Marks	Rich & Arline Josephberg
Debra Brosan & Mark Magerman	Funky Monkey	Jun & Ho
Rachel Brumberg	John & Hope Furth	Richard & Elizabeth Kadin
Michael Bruzik	Rob & Melissa Gaynor	Cliff & Janice Kaplan
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John Carton & Wendy Rowden	Janice Gilligan	Joy Klebanoff
Cava	Andrew & Amanda Gitkind	Bill & Fran Klingenstein
Cemar Landscaping	Glenville Pizza	Kneaded Bread
Susan Chapiro	Jim & Elaine Glover	Jim & Meredith Kornreich
Cherry Lawn Farm	Howard & Jennifer Goldsmith	Neil Kozek & Alison Doppelt
Danny & Rhonda Chestler	Rachel Goldsmith	Lindsay & Matt Kraut
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Joan & Edward Cohen	Robin Goldstein	Phil & Patti Laskawy
Larry & Debra Cohen	Ryan & Lorri Goldstein	Learning Express
Michael & Arleen Cohen	Sandy & Brianne Goldstein	Bob & Jane Lehrman
Richard & Emily Cohen	David & Jessica Gordon	John & Madeleine Leigh
Terry & Norman Cohen	Anne Gottlieb	Lenny's Bagels
Stacey Cole & Mark de Jong	David & Kyra Grann	Mark & Fran Lerner
Bill Colish & Ellen Levitt	Michael Granoff	Rachel & Eric Lerner

Spring Benefit Honoring Rabbi Goldsmith (cont.)

Lester's	Erica & David Peltz	Bonnie Stein
Level Up Organizers	Penguin Books	Steph's Sweet Creations
Lisa & Douglas Levine	Josh Perlman & Yan Yunqing	Jessica & Andrew Stergiou
Shari & David Levine	Lisa Perlman & David Kaufman	Jim & Jane Stern
Randy & Jen Levitt	Cary & Michele Potkin	Jonathan & Sydney Stern
David & Niki Levy	Pretty Paper & Polka Dots	Stuart & Lisa Sternberg
Timothy & Lisa Lindon	Rafele Rye	Meredith Stone & Martin Rutishauser
Jan & Ellen Linhart	Don Rappaport	Alan & Jackie Stuart
Little Maestros	Gene & Susan Resnick	Sugarhi
Livano's Restaurant Group	Jonathan & Joelle Resnick	Lauren Sweder Friedman & Matt Friedman
Mark & Carla Lobel	Saul & Amy Richman	John & Amy Tanenbaum
Stan & Evelyn Lobel	Susan Richman	Cara Tannenbaum
Tom & Peggy LoCastro	Jason & Jessica Riesel	David & Peggy Tanner
Longford's Ice Cream	Bob & Randi Robinowitz	Tazza Cafe
Elaine Losquadro	Rebecca & Eric Roseman	Ruth Teig
Love Bella	Kim & Rich Rosenbaum	JoAnn Terdiman
Jason & Melissa Lupow	Michael N. Rosenblut & Hedy R. Cardozo	Terez
Madison's Niche	Rosina's	The Edge VR
Ashley Malpass	Jade & Dan Ross	The Grit Ninja
Lauren & David Marcus	Royal	The Lobster Bin
Joan & Joel Mark	Mark & Nina Rubin	The Melting Pot
Brett & Ilissa Marks	Ruby & Jenna	The Puzzle Parlour
Edgar & Margie Masinter	Ruby's	The Well Center
Norman & Joanne Matthews	Rye Country Store	The Wine Cellar
Steve & Margie McCabe	Rye Grill & Bar	Town Dock
Brett & Sharon Mehlman	Rye Ridge Deli	Trattoria Vivolo
Barry & Gloria Meisel	Rye Ridge Pharmacy	Tredici North
Bruce & Abby Mendelsohn	Charles Salomon	Pooch Tropp Epstein
Meritage Restaurant	Sam's Bar & Grill	TruGrace Fashion Lounge
Yuval & Jana Meron	Lanier Saperstein & Stefanie Kalkut	Shari & Scott Turner
Jane Meryll	Sarza	Nancy Ullman
Michael Albert	SAYSO	Kimberly Vale
Neil & Mara Miller	Jason Schechter & Michelle Wallach	Valtori Pizza Kitchen
Lindsay & Lee Milstein	Harvey Schulweis & Barbara Benerofe	Vanilla Sky
Barry & Mary Mishkin	Axel & Sara Schupf	Villa Rustica
Geoff Mitelman & Heather Stoltz	Scoop Shop	Village Social
Mixology	Susan Sekulow	Evan & Lindsay Weinberg
Moderne Barn	Sergio's Saw Pit	Maj Wickstrom
Marcelo & Marcy Modica	Lauren & Etan Shalem	Gabriella & Austin Wiley
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Brian & Jaime Morris	Melissa & Tony Shapiro-Bey	With Love Designs
Bruce & Audrey Nathanson	Shaye Isabel	Eric & Regina Witkin
Elyse Nathanson	Sam & Jill Sheppard	Robert & Carol Wolf
Nest Inspired	Shoe-Inn	Katie & Will Wolff
Laura Newman	Shoes 'N' More	Rick & MJ Wolff
North Street Tavern	Bonnie Shyer	Michael & Lynne Wolitzer
Ken & Jill Novak	Lilian Sicular	Kevin & Jackie Wyman
Oodle Monkey Art & Discovery Studio	Simply Nic	Mara & Mark Young
Hadar Orshalimy & Sheldon Low	Matt & Deborah Sindell	Lynn Zimmer
Rachel Ossakow	Andrew & Harriet Singer	
Steven Ossakow	Sketches by SKS	
Jon & Donna Ostrau	Snackery	
Out of the Box NY	Splattered by Gilda	
Clark & Debbie Pager	Sportech	
Harriet Madoff Parker	Audrey Stein	

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Jonathan & Joelle Resnick in support of new seating for the
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Melissa Ashley in honor of Emma Ashley becoming Bat Mitzvah
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acknowledged in the next bulletin.**

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta</p> <p>7:15pm Confirmation</p>	<p>2</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>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30pm Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:00am Ruby Deutsch Bat Mitzvah</p> <p>7:30pm Spring Benefit</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p> <p>10:00am Hineini at Cottage School</p> <p>11:00am Next Step</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00pm Reflections Workshop</p> <p>2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta</p> <p>7:15pm Confirmation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30pm Mitzvah Projects & Pizza Truck Dinner</p> <p>6:30pm Mitzvah Shabbat</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am Beit Midrash</p> <p>11:00am Madison Frankel Bat Mitzvah</p>
<p>14</p> <p>No Religious School</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00pm Trip to Untermyer Gardens</p>	<p>16</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00am Book Club</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>8:00pm Single Malt Torah</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00pm Tot Shabbat</p> <p>5:45pm Pre-neg</p> <p>6:00pm Outdoor Shabbat Service</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School Final Session</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00am Jake Nachman Bar Mitzvah</p> <p>4:00pm Bodin Geller Bar Mitzvah</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30am Shavuot Yizkor</p> <p>6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service</p> <p><i>Shavuot</i></p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Temple office closed for Memorial Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p> <p>7:15pm Confirmation Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p>			

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30pm Drinks with the Clergy	2 7:30pm Confirmation Shabbat Service	3 5:00pm Lacey Esterow Bat Mitzvah
4	5 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta	6 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	7 9:30am Lasagna Love	8 11:00am The Sassoons Exhibit Tour	9 6:00pm Congregant Show 6:30pm Annual Meeting 7:00pm Sacred Stories Shabbat	10 9:00am Beit Midrash 5:00pm Olivia Ifrah Bat Mitzvah
11	12 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta	13 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	14	15 11:00am Book Club	16 6:00pm Outdoor Shabbat Service	17
18	19 Temple office closed for Juneteenth	20	21	22	23 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat	



Spring Benefit Honoring Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

Oh, what a night! This year's Spring Benefit honoring Rabbi Goldsmith was a wonderful success—thank you to all who were there in-person and in-spirit!



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May & June Shabbat Services

May 19 (in-person & Zoom)

5:00pm Tot Shabbat (in-person only) 😊

6:00pm Outdoor Shabbat Service

May 26 (Zoom)

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

June 2 (in-person & livestream)

7:30pm Confirmation Shabbat Service 🎵 😊

June 9 (in-person & livestream)

6:00pm Congregant Art Show

6:30pm Annual Meeting

7:00pm Haikus for Jews Sacred Stories Shabbat 📺 🎵

June 16 (in-person & Zoom)

5:45pm Pre-neg

6:00pm Outdoor Shabbat Service

June 23 (Zoom)

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

June 30 (Zoom)

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

📺 Prayers Projected 🎵 Band 😊 Family Friendly



2023 Family Trip to Israel

Thursday, December 21 – Sunday, December 31

There is nothing like a family trip to Israel and there is no better way to travel through Israel than with your congregation! Led by Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith, on this trip of lifetime you will deepen your family's connection with Judaism while enjoying the very best of what Israel has to offer. Come with the kids, come with the grandkids, come with your parents - create lifelong memories together.

Contact Rabbi Goldsmith at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013 for more details!

