



A YEAR IN REVIEW

This year we held more programs, services and events at Emanu-El than ever before — and with an increase in program attendance and new Religious School students, we can confidently say 2022-23 was a banner year for our congregation. This bulletin issue highlights some of these wonderful moments we experienced together. We hope you enjoy!

Rosh Hashanah Nature Walk & Tashlich

Services in the sanctuary evoke the grandeur and dignity of the High Holy Days. Getting out in nature helps us revel in the wonders of the world around us, the world our tradition tells us was born on Rosh Hashanah. Over one hundred congregants and friends enjoyed our Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Nature Walk and Tashlich at the Edith Read Wildlife Sanctuary. With sunny weather, a warm sense of community, uplifting readings and songs, and a beautiful nature preserve, we celebrated the birthday of the world. From the shofar blasts to the water's edge to the challah with honey, it was a perfect Holy Day morning.



Sukkot for All

If the ancient rabbis called Sukkot *zman simchateinu*, time of our rejoicing, then we did Sukkot right this year at Emanu-El! Our dedicated sukkah construction team got it built quickly so our Religious School students could hang their colorful decorations. Our Young Families event, this year co-hosted with UJA-Federation of New York, drew dozens of our youngest members and guests for a raucous, snack- and song-filled celebration in the sukkah. The Women's Study Group marked the festival with a lunch and learn in the sukkah. Rabbi Amanda K. Weiss (then a rabbinic intern) brought excellent learning to that beautiful gathering. Finally, Rabbi Goldsmith again welcomed the congregation to his backyard sukkah for a joyous afternoon of lulav shaking and community.



Did you know that this year...

...6 different drummers played with the Temple Band

...47 new students attended Religious School

...our oldest congregant turned 103 years old

...21 children became B'nei Mitzvah

...Hineini students did 38 hours of service projects

...there were 240 challahs eaten during Religious School



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Purim Shabbat and School Celebration

This year we kicked off another rollicking Purim weekend with our sequin filled night of Purim delights in "A Very Diamond Purim". Rabbi Goldsmith tried to convince us why Neil Diamond should be inducted into the Rockin' Shushan Hall of Fame, congregant Margie McCabe made her annual appearance as both Vashti and Esther, with *Song Sung Blue/ I'm a Jew* and *Sweet Caroline*. Director of Education Jackie Kurland, our rabbinic intern Amanda K. Weiss, and temple president Larry Cohen, all joined in the fun, and Cantor Stone rounded out the prayer parodies with singalong favorites like *Cherry Cherry*, *Love on the Rocks*, and *Cracklin' Rosie*. On Sunday morning our littlest members celebrated with a Young Families program, our Religious School students came in costume, each class acting out a part of the Megillah, and all enjoyed our annual Purim carnival.



Sisterhood Boutique



Our Sisterhood Boutique brings people together, supports small businesses, and raises funds for local charities. This year's boutique supported the Children's Hope Chest.

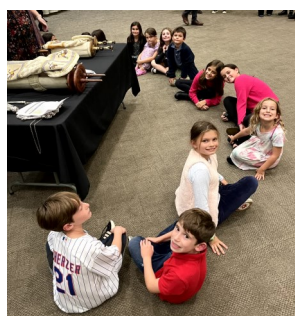
We offer a diverse range of gifts and goodies for Chanukah or any occasion – jewelry, stationery, clothing, accessories, artwork, and handmade goods, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Simchat Torah Shabbat & Consecration

Simchat Torah is always a holiday filled with joy as we finish reading the Torah and start it all over again. It's a celebration filled with singing and dancing, and this year, our sanctuary was bursting with congregants! We unrolled one of our Torah scrolls across the sanctuary, and marveled at how long it is as we actually read prayers directly from the scroll. Many of our youngest members had never seen a Torah up close, so this was a particularly unique experience for them.

During the Simchat Torah service, we also held Consecration, a ceremony honoring all of our students who are starting their Religious School journey at CEW.

This year, we welcomed 47 new students to our school! To mark this special occasion, Rabbi Goldsmith blessed our new students on the bimah and received their own personal Jewish journal. After the service, we continued celebrating with Israeli Dancing with our Torahs. Everyone had a blast!



Tot Shabbat

A congregant came to us earlier this year asking us to hold Tot Shabbat services on Friday evenings for the younger kids in our congregation. We gave it a try, and over 20 families joined us as we held three Tot Shabbat services in the winter and spring. It was so sweet to see so many young families attending, and we know that for some of those families, it was the first experience that their children had in a synagogue. We sang songs with Cantor Stone like *Bim Bom* and the *Shabbat Dinosaur*, we recited Shabbat blessings, and we heard stories from Rabbi Goldsmith. Best of all – we ate challah!

We are excited to offer Tot Shabbat and Young Family Celebrations to congregants, prospective congregants, and the local Jewish community. Stay tuned for next year's dates!





Annual Women's Study Group Retreat

Not everyone loves poetry. But at our 22nd Annual Women's Study Group Retreat - held in-person at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, Connecticut after a 3-year hiatus, even the self-declared "poetry challenged" among us were drawn in to our theme, *The Eyes of the Poet; a Jewish Lens*. Rabbi Pam Wax, former director of the WJCS Jewish Spiritual Healing Center and beloved guest teacher, led us in an exploration of a range of poetry, from the biblical to the contemporary and the spiritual.

Rabbi Wax helped us experience how connecting with poetry can enrich our lives. As at all our retreats in the lovely outskirts of the Berkshires, we got the chance to power off our devices for a 24-hour Shabbat in which we laughed, ate and drank, and shared great quality time with wonderful women.

Garment Center Tour & Jewish Deli Exhibit

The Garment Center Walking Tour was an informative and entertaining experience. Our tour guide Mike Kaback, a "garmento" with over 50 years of experience, provided valuable insights into the Schmatta Biz, a term used to describe the old garment industry in New York City. His firsthand knowledge and expertise gave a unique perspective on the inner workings of the industry, its history, and its significance to Manhattan.

"I'll Have What She's Having: The Jewish Deli," an exhibit at the New York Historical Society, was an immersive and educational experience. It celebrates Jewish history, traditions, and the cultural importance of Jewish delis. We delved into the experiences of Jewish immigrants, how they brought their culinary traditions and adapted them to create a unique American dining experience. Food has always played a significant role in building and preserving community, and the Jewish deli serves as a prime example of this. The collection of neon signs, menus, advertisements, uniforms, photographs, and film and TV clips offered a multi-dimensional look at the deli's history and evolution over time. These artifacts provide a glimpse into the visual and cultural elements associated with Jewish delis, capturing the ambiance, nostalgia, and charm that have made them enduring icons of American dining.

We gained a deeper understanding of the Jewish deli's impact on American cuisine, its contributions to the fabric of immigrant communities, and its continued influence on contemporary food culture.



Civil Rights Trip

There is a big difference between reading about things in books and walking in the places where they happened, with the people they happened to.

A group of Religious School families was blessed to experience a trip to Georgia and Alabama to see where Rosa Parks rode the bus, where Martin Luther King preached, where John Lewis marched in Selma. At each stop along the way, we saw our Jewish values reflected clearly in the fight for equality that has come so far and still has so far to go. We returned from the trip not only with a greater understanding of our history, but with a commitment to bending the arc of history a little bit closer to justice.



The Farah Family Hineini Program

This year's Hineini service projects and community engagement opportunities provided a well-rounded experience for our students, allowing them to develop a deeper understanding of their heritage and responsibilities as they become B'nei Mitzvah.

It's been inspiring to see students engaging with the community and actively working to make a positive impact. The focus on Jewish values and identity, particularly the concept of being an upstander and advocating for those in need, is an important lesson for all members of the community. It's great to see that the students had the opportunity to meet with and learn from "Upstanders" in the community, and then apply those values through their volunteer work.

We are very grateful to the Farah family for continuing to support these meaningful experiences for the Hineini students, contributing to their growth and the positive impact they make on the community.



Mitzvah Shabbat

What a spectacular Mitzvah Shabbat! Thanks to the efforts of dozens of volunteers we were able to complete hundreds of mitzvah projects on behalf of local non-profits. Our projects supported Afya, Billy's Baseballs, Don Bosco, Gilda's Club, HOPE Community, our LGBTQ+ inclusion work, My Sister's Place, 914 Cares, Pet Rescue, and our climate change work. What a difference we can make when we come together as a community!

In the midst of the projects there was, of course, delicious pizza for all generously sponsored by Marcie Aiuvalasit. The service that night featured a special blessing for all the volunteers who help make Emanu-El such a special place.



Spring Benefit Honoring Rabbi Goldsmith

Plans to honor Rabbi Goldsmith on the occasion of his 10th year at Emanu-El were thwarted back in 2020 due to the pandemic. Fast forward a few years to 2023 – and we finally had the chance to honor Rabbi Goldsmith at this year's Spring Benefit during what we called his "bar

mitzvah" year - his 13th with Congregation Emanu-El. We had a wonderful turn-out, raised significant funds, and couldn't be happier to have celebrated together.

More celebrations to come!



Challah Baking with School Parents

With so many new families joining our third and fourth grade this year, we held a parent "Sip 'N Bake" for the parents of these classes to get to know one another over wine and cheese and challah baking! Challah connoisseur Debra Cohen led our session, teaching us how to create our own challah dough from scratch and guiding us in our braiding techniques. We even got pointers on how to add in our toppings so that they bake best. In the end, our challah not only looked great, but they tasted amazing as well! We had a great time chatting and baking and we hope to do more programs like this next year!



Lasagna Love

As a way to give back to their community during the pandemic, a family in California began baking lasagnas to give to neighbors. Fast forward to today, and what started as a grassroots project on the West Coast now has 20,000 volunteers nationwide and over 3,500 lasagnas baked weekly. Where does Emanu-El fit in with this movement? Congregant Lauren Shalem and some local friends decided they too wanted to get involved. They got busy during the pandemic baking dozens of lasagnas weekly in their own kitchens. When Lauren's family joined Emanu-El, lasagna baking was moved to the temple kitchen, and volunteers donated funds and came in monthly to make lasagnas that were then donated to HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle. We're happy that Lauren brought this act of kindness to Emanu-El!



Seder with the German School

What a joy to welcome the German School of New York back to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester! After a COVID-caused hiatus, over 40 teens from the German school joined with 40 teens from Emanu-El for a fun-filled Passover experience. We sang, we blessed, we reinterpreted our ancient Exodus story, we even danced a bit. A powerful part of the evening was when Rabbi Goldsmith told us that his grandparents first learned the Four Questions in German and then a student from the German School read them in German. We affirmed that the past need not dictate the future, that building ties and sharing culture can create a better world.



Looking Ahead: 2023 Family Trip to Israel December 21 - 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.

This trip is filling up so contact Rabbi Goldsmith soon at [hgoldsmit@c-e-w.org](mailto:hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1013 for more details!

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2023 High Holy Days

High Holy Day information and tickets
will be mailed in mid-August.

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 15

Rosh Hashanah
Saturday, September 16

Rosh Hashanah Day 2
Sunday, September 17

Shabbat Shuva
Friday, September 22

Kol Nidre
Sunday, September 24

Yom Kippur
Monday, September 25



Shabbat on the Beach

Friday, August 4

6:00pm Noshes & Snacks/6:30pm Service

Surround yourself with the sights and sounds of nature as Congregation Emanu-El celebrates Shabbat on the Beach at the Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary at Playland in Rye.

Our annual Shabbat on the Beach service is a relaxing way to bring a close to your week, and appropriate for all ages. We welcome you to bring beach chairs and blankets to sit on during the service. In the event of cancelation due to bad weather, an email will be sent to the congregation ahead of the service.

