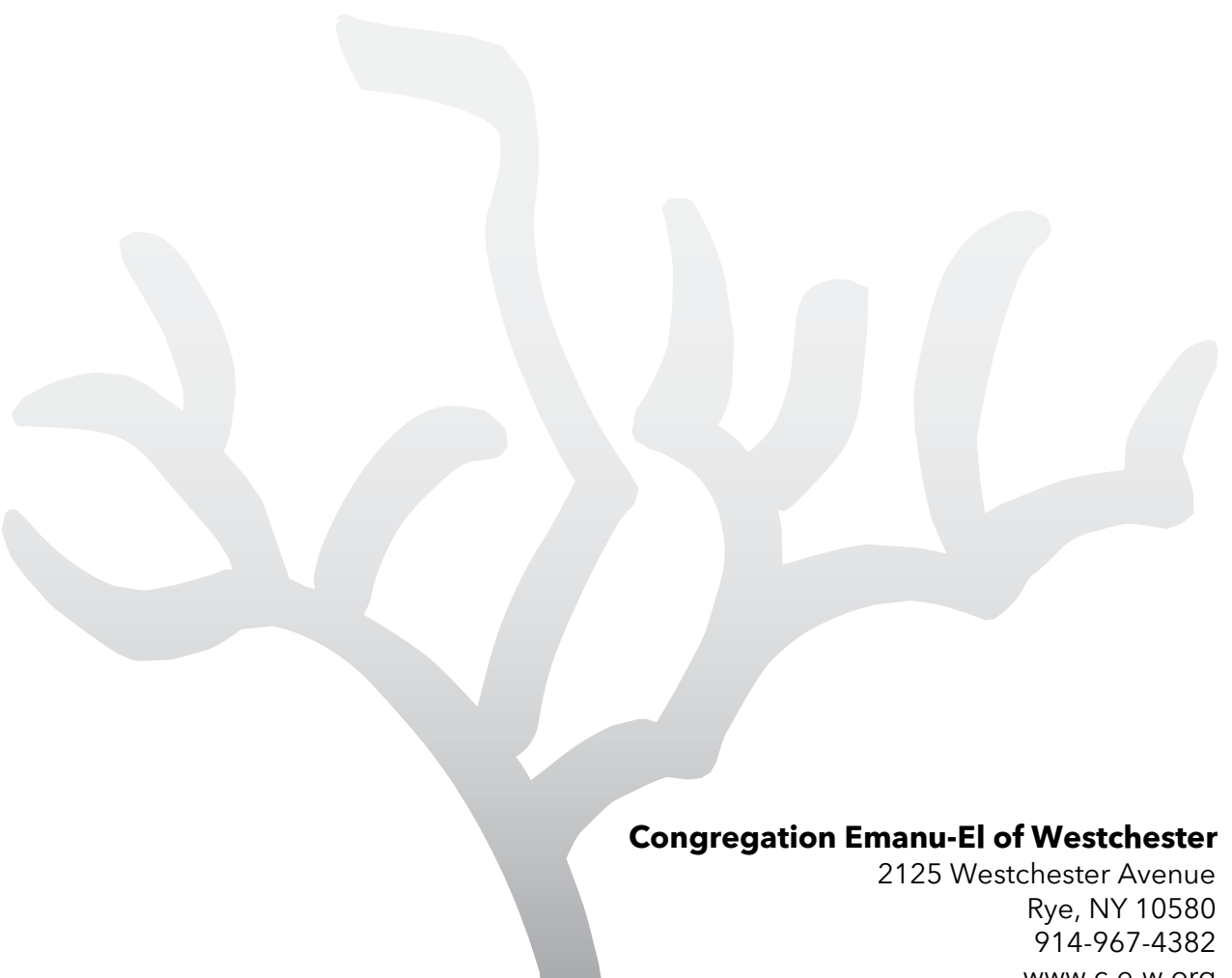




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JEWISH JOURNEYS

A CATALOG OF SERVICES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Emanu-El Community,

We recognize that any temple program is only as good as the ways it engages congregants and the community. Engagement means helping people reflect on their own Jewish experience, it means shifting perspectives and learning new things, it means building community and friendships. In a world with endless content available from our living rooms, we celebrate the unique place that synagogues have.

Each program, service, trip, class, social action project, gallery opening, memorial, social justice initiative, and celebration in this year's catalog is another chance to engage with Judaism, engage with the community, and engage with friends and family.

Whether a program is created by our clergy, professional staff, educators, or our Director of Engagement, Jane Dubro, we are all invested in making sure that every member of this community finds meaningful ways to engage with our tradition and with one another. The content will always be interesting, but it is what each one of you brings to the programs – your insights, your spirituality, your kindness, and your commitment – that helps make Emanu-El an engaged congregation. Thank you!

Now, flip through these pages, find your perennial favorites and note a new program or two that you'd like to try. We are all looking forward to seeing you at the temple!

L'Shalom,



Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

WELCOME & DIRECTORY

A Community Dedicated to Celebrating Modern Jewish Life

This is a very special congregation. Congregants of all backgrounds feel connected and inspired by our services, our Religious School, and our myriad programs. Our clergy and staff dedicate themselves to creating a robust suite of engaging programs, stimulating classes, and uplifting prayer experiences so that all can express their Jewish identity in the most personally meaningful ways. Rather than seeking conformity, we build community by honoring the uniqueness of each individual. Each facet of our community adds a new shade of light and blessing to our congregation. With over 400 services, classes, programs, social action opportunities, youth events, speakers, and more, there is something for everyone. And, more important than any program and activity, there is the warm sense of community that defines our congregation.

As a congregation committed to meeting you where you are on your Jewish Journey, we are determined to make it easy for you to identify the points of connection that most appeal to you; this way you can bring holiness, community, and wisdom to your own life while adding strength to our congregation.

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We live in safety and security, with an abundance unimaginable for past generations. Donating our time and resources to worthy causes shows our gratitude for the plenty we enjoy. These acts of tikkun olam (repairing our world) allow us to express our Jewish identity in a fulfilling, important way.

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The center of our congregation is our sense of community. We celebrate together, comfort each other, forge friendships, and make connections - that is what we can uniquely offer as a synagogue. Jewish study leads to vitality that keeps our minds sharp and our souls searching. Rather than relativism, Judaism confronts us with issues that help to clarify our place in history and our place in our world. Classes, lectures, text study, cooking, book clubs, Single Malt Torah, and the Women's Study Group; see what you can discover.

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REFLECT & ELEVATE: WORSHIP & SERVICES

Friday Night Worship Services

"More than the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." - *Ahad Ha'am*

Together we explore the many facets of Jewish worship by approaching our tradition from a variety of perspectives. Each one offers another way to understand the story of our people.

Shabbat Service Key: 🎵 Band 😊 Exceptionally Family Friendly

September 8 🎵😊

6:00pm BBQ Shabbat Dinner
7:00pm Shabbat Service

September 15

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

September 22

7:00pm Gallery Opening
7:30pm Shabbat Shuva

September 29 🎵😊

6:00pm Sukkot Bring-Your-Own Picnic Dinner
7:00pm Sukkot Shabbat Service

October 6

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

October 13

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

October 20

7:30pm Shabbat Service

October 27 🎵😊

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner
7:00pm Family Shabbat Service

November 3

7:30pm Shabbat Service

November 10 🎵

7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat Service

November 17 🎵😊

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner
6:45pm Family Shabbat Service & Consecration
with Musical Guest Joanie Leeds

November 24

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

December 1

7:30pm Shabbat Service

December 8 🎵😊

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner
7:00pm Chanukah Shabbat

December 15

6:30pm Gallery Opening
7:00pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath:
The Torah of Sondheim

December 22

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

December 29

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

January 5

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

January 12 🎵

7:30pm Social Justice Shabbat

January 19

7:30pm Shabbat Service

January 26 🎵😊

7:30pm Band Gone Bananas Shabbat

February 2

7:30pm Shabbat Service

REFLECT & ELEVATE: WORSHIP & SERVICES

Friday Night Worship Services (cont.)

February 9 🎵😊

5:30pm Shabbat Dinner

6:00pm Family Service: Pizza, Pasta & Prayer

February 16

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

February 23

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

March 1 🎵

7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat

March 8

7:00pm Gallery Opening

7:30pm Union Prayer Book Shabbat Service

March 15 🎵😊

7:30pm Purim Shabbat Service

March 22

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

March 29

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

April 5

7:30pm Friedman Lecture on Peace and Understanding

April 12 🎵

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

April 19

7:30pm Shabbat Service

April 26 🎵😊

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

May 3 🎵😊

7:30pm Teen Shabbat Service Honoring Our Graduating Seniors

May 10 🎵😊

5:30pm Shabbat Pizza Truck Dinner & Social Action Projects

6:30pm Mitzvah Shabbat Service

May 17

7:30pm Shabbat Service

May 24

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

May 31 🎵

7:30pm Confirmation Shabbat Service

June 7 🎵

6:00pm Congregant Art Show

6:30pm Annual Meeting

7:00pm Sacred Stories Pride Shabbat

June 14 😊

6:00pm Outdoor Early Shabbat Service

Tot Shabbat Services

Welcome Shabbat at these services for little ones filled with songs, stories, and blessings. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends - you're all invited to come along! Also, check out our Young Families Celebrations on pg. 4.

Friday, October 13, 5:00pm

Friday, April 26, 5:00pm

Friday, December 8, 5:00pm

REFLECT & ELEVATE: WORSHIP & SERVICES

Holiday Worship & Celebrations

"Lovingly, God, You have given us the gift of festivals for joy and holy days for happiness..."
- *From the Festival Kiddush*

We join together to observe and celebrate the holy days and festivals that allow us to relive the story of our people. [Note: We celebrate many holidays on the nearest Friday evening.]

Saturday, September 9

7:00pm Community Selichot Service
at Westchester Reform Temple

Friday, September 15

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 16

10:00am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
12:00pm Rosh Hashanah Reception
1:45pm Rosh Hashanah Youth Service
3:00pm Rosh Hashanah Young Families Service
& Celebration

Sunday, September 17

10:15am Rosh Hashanah Nature Walk
11:00am Tashlich

Friday, September 22

7:30pm Shabbat Shuva

Sunday, September 24

6:00pm Kol Nidre Early Service
8:30pm Kol Nidre Late Service

Monday, September 25

10:00am Yom Kippur Morning Service
1:15pm Yom Kippur Youth Service
2:15pm Yom Kippur Young Families Service
3:00pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
3:30pm Yom Kippur Healing Service
of Music and Meditations
4:00pm Yom Kippur Yizkor Service
4:45pm Yom Kippur Concluding Service
5:30pm Break Fast

Tuesday, October 3

6:00pm Women's Study Group
Sukkot Gathering

Friday, October 6

7:30am Sh'mini Atzeret Yizkor Service

Friday, November 17

6:45pm Family Shabbat Service & Consecration
with Musical Guest Joanie Leeds

Friday, December 8

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner
7:00pm Chanukah Shabbat Service

Tuesday, December 12

6:00pm Women's Study Group Chanukah Dinner

Friday, March 15

7:30pm Purim Shabbat

Sunday, March 17

11:30am Purim Carnival

Tuesday, April 16

6:00pm Women's Study Group Passover Dinner

Tuesday, April 23

9:00am Passover Morning Service

Monday, April 29

7:30am Passover Yizkor Service

Wednesday, June 12

7:30am Shavuot Yizkor Service

REFLECT & ELEVATE: WORSHIP & SERVICES

Young Families Holiday Celebrations

"From generation to generation..." - *From the morning liturgy*

We are committed to helping young families begin their Jewish journeys! Bring your little ones - children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren - to discover the joy of Jewish life through holiday celebrations throughout the year. Our Young Families events are overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun! These events are free and open to the community and are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade. Many celebrations are preceded by our drop-off kindergarten and pre-k program (see pg. 16). To learn more, contact Director of Education, Jackie Kurland at jkurland@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1015.

Rosh Hashanah Service & Celebration

Saturday, September 16, 3:00pm

Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 10, 10:30am

Yom Kippur Service

Monday, September 25, 2:15pm

Tu BiShvat

Sunday, January 21, 10:30am

Torah Celebration

Sunday, October 22, 10:30am

Passover Celebration

Sunday, April 7, 10:30am

Shabbat Celebration

Sunday, November 19, 10:30am

Yizkor Memorial Service

"May God remember forever my loved ones who have gone to their eternal rest."

- *From the Prayer of Remembrance*

Four times a year, we come together as a community to remember our loved ones who have passed away. They live on through our memories bringing blessing to us all. [Note: Sh'mini Atzeret, Passover, and Shavuot Yizkor services last half an hour.]

Yom Kippur Yizkor Service

Monday, September 25, 4:00pm

Passover Yizkor Service

Monday, April 29, 7:30am

Sh'mini Atzeret Yizkor Service

Friday, October 6, 7:30am

Shavuot Yizkor Service

Wednesday, June 12, 7:30am

REFLECT & ELEVATE: WORSHIP & SERVICES

B'nei Mitzvah

B'nei mitzvah ceremonies mark the beginning of children's journeys to adulthood with prayer, Torah, and celebration. We honor the young people in our congregation who will become b'nei mitzvah this year.

Sabrina Roth

Saturday, September 9

Hadley Cohen

Saturday, September 23

Molly Stergiou

Saturday, September 30

Josh Cohen

Saturday, September 30

Charlotte Roseman

Saturday, October 21

Layla Morris

Saturday, October 28

Benji Cutler

Saturday, October 28

Chloe & Carrie Berg

Saturday, November 4

Sydney Levitt

Saturday, November 4

Eli Karasik

Saturday, November 11

Colette Giberga

Saturday, November 18

Emilia & Julian Austrian

Saturday, December 2

Daniella Sales

Saturday, December 2

Talia Goldsmith

Saturday, December 9

Matthew & Samantha Geller

Saturday, December 16

Jordan Friedman

Saturday, January 27

Rae Katz

Saturday, January 27

Eli Resnick

Saturday, March 2

Tessa Lerch

Saturday, March 30

Emily Levine

Saturday, April 13

Jax Blaine

Saturday, April 13

Charlotte Hodes

Saturday, April 20

Micah Grandwetter

Saturday, May 4

Justin Saladino

Saturday, May 11

Miles Geller

Saturday, May 18

Brooke Vinikoor

Saturday, May 18

Ella Levine

Saturday, June 8

STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK: SOCIAL ACTION & SOCIAL JUSTICE

"If I am for myself alone, what am I?" - *Hillel*

The story of the Jewish people is the story of tikkun olam, our ageless efforts to repair our world. Help make our community a better place. Our award-winning Social Action Committee runs projects throughout the year that further this mission. One day or every week – anything you do makes a big difference!

Social Action Committee Drives

We are committed to tikkun olam, repairing our world. Help make our community a better place and participate in the important drives scheduled throughout the year. For more information, contact co-chairs Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com and Lauren Shalem at lauren.beitman@gmail.com.

September	Food Drive for Feeding Westchester
October	Coat Drive
November	Have A Heart Gift Drive for WJCS
December	914Cares Collection
February	Art Supply Drive for Pleasantville Cottage School
March	Pasta Collection for Hope Community Services
April	Midnight Run/Brunch Run Collection
May	Book Collection for 914Cares
June	Gently Used Backpack Drive for Midnight Run

Social Justice Committee

Our Social Justice Committee is dedicated to making our world a better place by advocating for important social issues on the local, state, and federal levels in partnership with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and its New York affiliate. Currently we are working on a statewide Climate Change Covenant that is committed to reducing our carbon footprint and saving our planet. If you would like to learn more, contact co-chairs Marcie Aiuvalasit at marciena33@gmail.com or Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

Committees in Community: Moving Emanu-El Forward

A whole book of the Torah is dedicated to the work of the Levites, the people who managed the details, logistics, set-up, and finances of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. That so much of our most sacred book is about the Levites shows that it is, in fact, holiness that is "in the details". Those volunteers who serve as committee members and chairs are the Levites of today. And just as the Levitical work was holy in ancient time, so too is the work of Emanu-El's dedicated volunteers. To help make our committees as effective as possible and to help build an even stronger sense of community and purpose, committees will meet on the same nights over the course of the coming year. We call these evenings Committees in Community.

Get Involved! We have a number of committees that would welcome your participation, input, and support. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Abbie Levitt at alevitt@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1018.

Thursday, October 5, 6:00pm

Thursday, January 18, 6:00pm

Thursday, March 19, 6:00pm

Thursday, May 2, 6:00pm

STEP-UP & GIVE-BACK: SOCIAL ACTION & SOCIAL JUSTICE

And more...

This year, congregants of all ages will have a chance to participate in social action activities at Shabbat dinners and through on-site visits to our non-profit partners. Together we can support our community and fulfill our obligation of tikkun olam, repairing the world. If you are interested in joining the Social Action Committee, contact co-chairs Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com and Lauren Shalem at lauren.beitman@gmail.com. Volunteer opportunities will be announced throughout the year. Here is a list of some of our non-profit partner organizations:

Afy Foundation

The Afya Foundation collects unused medical supplies and equipment and distributes items to under-resourced health systems all over the globe to improve access to healthcare and the quality of care delivered. For more information, contact Jane Dubro at jdubro@c-e-w.org.

Feeding Westchester

Feeding Westchester serves over 300 local hunger-relief programs throughout Westchester, including food pantries, soup kitchens, child and adult day-care centers, and community shelters. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

Lasagna Love - new!

Lasagna Love is a grassroots effort to provide neighbors in need with home cooked meals. Congregants are invited to lasagna-making sessions to benefit HOPE Community Services in Port Chester. For more information, contact Lauren Shalem at lauren.beitman@gmail.com.

Kosher Food Pantry

Hope Community Services is looking for volunteers to help pack, hand out, or deliver Kosher food. These volunteer opportunities are one-time only so there is no long-term commitment. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

Midnight Run

Midnight Run coordinates over 1,000 "runs" each year - volunteers distribute food, clothing, blankets, and personal care items to those in need on the streets of New York City. For more information, contact Jane Dubro at jdubro@c-e-w.org.

914Cares

914Cares provides resources to local organizations and encourages generosity through programs that provide clothing, items for families with newborns, personal care items, and literacy support. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

Westchester Jewish Community Services

WJCS provides mental health treatment, community residences, social and vocational programming for disabled adults, child and parent development programs, LGBTQ+ youth, family, and educational services, senior care, and spiritual and cultural programming for the wider Jewish community. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

PROGRAMMING: LEARNING & COMING TOGETHER

Beit Midrash

The sacred books of the Jewish people are a sort of time machine. Each successive layer of Jewish writing - from the Torah to today - reflects the period in which it was written. When we study these texts, we discover an endless diversity of perspective and thought. Each generation's interpretation is shaped by time and place, received tradition and folkways, host culture and ethical norms. What do they all have in common? A search for the holy, a pathway to bring God's goodness to earth through our actions and beliefs. This year, we will look at the weekly Torah portion and discover how it filters through the prism of time and through each generation. From the biblical text to rabbinic and medieval commentaries, through the enlightenment and into our own day, we will discover how ancient ideas evolve into the Judaism that we know today. Come every session or just drop in - all are welcome!

Saturday, September 9, 9:00am
Sunday, October 15, 10:30am
Sunday, October 19, 10:30am
Saturday, November 11, 9:00am
Sunday, November 19, 10:30am
Saturday, December 2, 9:00am
Saturday, December 16, 9:00am

Saturday, January 6, 9:00am
Saturday, February 10, 9:00am
Saturday, March 9, 9:00am
Saturday, April 13, 9:00am
Saturday, April 27, 9:00am
Saturday, May 11, 9:00am
Saturday, June 8, 9:00am

Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone

Daily life experiences and observations, or perhaps poetry or words of Torah, provide inspiration for the personal writing we do in this ongoing workshop. Our words, when woven into a Shabbat service, expound upon the meaning of our prayers and enrich our worship. Through writing and sharing we strengthen connections to one another and our tradition.

Monday, October 16, 12:00pm
Monday, December 18, 12:00pm

Monday, February 12, 12:00pm
Monday, May 13, 12:00pm

Book Club and Books & Bites

We are the people of the book because we love the written word, stories, and all that we can learn. Book titles and Books & Bites dates to be released in the fall.

Thursday, September 21, 11:00am
Thursday, October 19, 11:00am
Thursday, November 16, 11:00am
Thursday, December 21, 11:00am
Thursday, January 18, 11:00am

Thursday, February 15, 11:00am
Thursday, March 21, 11:00am
Thursday, April 18, 11:00am
Thursday, May 16, 11:00am
Thursday, June 20, 11:00am

Mah Jongg & Canasta

From the tenements of New York City to the bungalows of the Catskills and the vast American suburbs, Jewish women have kept Mah Jongg alive enjoying the betting and matching of tiles into Rummy-like patterns. Speaking of Rummy, did you know that Canasta is the only member of the family of Rummy games to achieve the status of a classic? Come and enjoy both of these classics on Monday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Contact Jane Dubro for game schedule at 914-967-4382 x1021 or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

PROGRAMMING: LEARNING & COMING TOGETHER

Single Malt Torah

"When people learn together God's presence dwells among them." - *The Talmud*

Men of the congregation join together for fine scotch and Torah learning with Rabbi Goldsmith. Topics range from contemporary questions of Jewish society to issues in Israel to exploration of our sacred texts. Whatever the topic, we enjoy time together with other men of the congregation.

Thursday, September 7, 8:00pm

Thursday, March 21, 8:00pm

Thursday, October 12, 8:00pm

Thursday, April 25, 8:00pm

Thursday, November 30, 8:00pm

Thursday, May 23, 8:00pm

Women's Study Group

"Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels." - *Exodus 15:20*

The women of our congregation add to Miriam's spirit of joy and a deep commitment to Jewish learning, creating an important space for community, connection and celebration.

Sukkot Gathering

Tuesday, October 3, 6:00pm

Annual Retreat

Friday, February 2 - Saturday, February 3

Chanukah Dinner

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00pm

Passover Dinner

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00pm

Next Step

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 them to continue for many years. Sessions are led by congregant Paul Spindel.

Sunday, October 15, 11:00am

Sunday, February 11, 11:00am

Sunday, November 12, 11:00am

Sunday, March 10, 11:00am

Sunday, December 10, 11:00am

Sunday, April 14, 11:00am

Sunday, January 7, 11:00am

Sunday, May 5, 11:00am

Damson Family Gallery Openings

The walls of our synagogue are graced by art that adds beauty and vitality to our spiritual home. We enjoy the beginning of each exhibit with a gallery opening for our congregants and the community.

Rachel Goldsmith

Friday, September 22, 7:00pm

Audrey Unger Reich

Friday, March 8, 7:00pm

Joelle Resnick

Friday, December 15, 6:30pm

Congregant Art Show

Friday, June 7, 6:00pm

PROGRAMMING: LEARNING & COMING TOGETHER

Trips with Jane Dubro

Get ready to immerse in the legacy of Jewish life, art, and history! These carefully curated trips are a wonderful way to see and do and learn together with fellow congregants.

Lower East Side Walking Tour

Monday, September 11, 11:00am

Tour the magnificent Bialystoker Synagogue, believed to be a stop on the Underground Railroad. See where immigrants went to shul and how a new generation is carrying on these traditions. Among our stops: The Educational Alliance, Henry Street Settlement, Economy Candy, Moishe's Kosher Bakery, Kossar's Bialys, and lunch at Katz's Deli.

The Jewish Harlem Walking Tour

Thursday, October 12, 11:00am

Once the second largest Jewish community in the United States, Harlem was home to more than 175,000 Jews. Our tour guide will lead us through the sites of Jewish religious life in this remarkable neighborhood.

Arthur Szysk, Artist and Soldier for Human Rights Docent Tour at Fairfield University

Thursday, November 30, 11:00am

This special exhibition, organized around the theme of human rights, features more than 50 works by acclaimed Polish Jewish miniaturist and political cartoonist Arthur Szyk (1894-1951), including political cartoons and images that honor the power and importance of democratic ideals.

Jewish Museum Tour: Mood of the Moment - Gaby Aghion and The House of Chloé

Monday, December 11, 10:30am

This exhibition chronicles the life and design legacy of Chloé founder Gaby Aghion. Born in 1921 to an upper middle class Jewish family in Alexandria, Egypt, she was a force in the global fashion industry and a pioneer in the world of luxury ready-to-wear clothing.

Civil Rights Journey

Sunday, March 24 - Thursday, March 28

On this powerful tour of the south, we will learn about the struggles of African Americans to gain equality in the 1950s & 60s. Montgomery, The Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church are just some of the sites that will help bring this vital part of American history to life. We will learn about the important role that Jews played in the Civil Rights Movement and consider how to be effective allies and advocates today.

Trip to Philadelphia's Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Thursday, May 16 - Friday, May 17

On our two-day private docent tour we will explore three centuries of the journey of American Jewish immigrants and the stories that have helped shape America. The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History is the only museum in the nation dedicated exclusively to exploring and interpreting the American Jewish experience. The Museum was originally founded by the members of historic Congregation Mikveh Israel, which was established in 1740 and known as the "Synagogue of the American Revolution".

PROGRAMMING: LEARNING & COMING TOGETHER

Political Staffer Meetings

Meet with the staffers from the offices of our elected officials to learn about current issues and give your input on policies and questions facing our government. Guests to be announced.

Friday, October 20, 9:00am

Friday, May 3, 9:00am

Friday, December 1, 9:00am

LGBTQ+

The congregation's LGBTQ+ Task Force strives to promote full LGBTQ+ inclusion within our synagogue community. These programs were all planned with the goals of creating a more inclusive environment at CEW and putting focus on these important issues. We hope that you will join us for these meaningful sessions and events.

The Cakemaker

Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm

Thomas, a young German baker, has an affair with Oren, an Israeli married man who frequently visits in Berlin. When Oren dies in a car crash in Israel, Thomas travels to Jerusalem seeking answers regarding his death. Under a fabricated identity, Thomas infiltrates into the life of Anat, his lover's widowed wife, who owns a small café in Jerusalem. English subtitles.

Understanding and Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Loved Ones

Sunday, October 22, 9:00am

Join us for opportunities to meet others who want a forum to share about their LGBTQ+ loved ones.

Social Justice Shabbat

Friday, January 12, 7:30pm

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Conversation About Gender Identity and Language

Sunday, March 3, 9:00am

The ways in which we talk about gender are evolving and can sometimes be confusing to understand. Join us for a professionally facilitated conversation about gender identity and the different language that those around us are using.

Sacred Stories Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 7, 7:00pm

Members of the LGBTQ+ community, their families, friends, and allies are especially invited to this music-filled Shabbat service for prayer, song, and learning.

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Jewish Mindfulness - The Way of Mussar: Mind, Body and Spirit with Certified Meditation Coach Jane Meryll

A guided mindfulness meditation experience to gain insight about our own ways of living middot including loving-kindness, gratitude, compassion, and silence. This class will be held on Zoom.

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 8, 7:00pm

Jewish Holiday Cooking Series with Master Chef & Author Cara Tannenbaum

Explore the rich and delicious culinary traditions of Jewish culture as we delve into four special festival-themed cooking classes. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your connection to Jewish heritage through the joy of food!

Shabbat Cooking

Monday, October 30, 7:15pm

Purim Cooking

Monday, March 11, 7:15pm

Chanukah Cooking

Monday, November 27, 7:15pm

Passover Cooking

Thursday, April 11, 12:00pm

Painting: Art Nouveau Style with Artist & Educator Terry Schwarz

Thursday, December 7, 1:00pm

Art Nouveau was a popular design movement dedicated to nature that flourished in Europe and the United States from 1890- 1920. Come and learn about several of the important artists practicing this style, such as William Morris and Louis Comfort Tiffany. Using Art Nouveau examples as inspiration, create your own colorful designs using various painting and drawing media. All materials provided.

Guided Mindfulness Meditation: Joy, Harmony & Health with Certified Meditation Coach Jane Meryll

Mindfulness meditation is a gentle experience that gives you tools to manage the stresses of our daily lives. This class will be held on Zoom.

Wednesday, March 6, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00pm

Sponge Impressionism Painting: Spring Landscapes with Artist & Educator Terry Schwarz

Thursday, May 23, 7:00pm

Explore the wonderful colors of the Impressionist painter Monet in this landscape painting workshop. We will have fun learning about color mixture and application using just sponges and bright acrylic paints to create our paintings. All materials provided.

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Thursday Film Series

This diverse selection includes dramatic features and riveting documentaries and films that explore the Jewish experience.

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The Human Factor

Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm

This behind-the-scenes documentary about the United States' 30-year effort to secure peace in the Middle East from the perspective of the American mediators on the front lines. Six envoys for the American government discuss the ups and downs of Palestinian-Israeli peace negotiations from the late 1980s to 2000.

How Saba Kept Singing with Filmmaker Kyra Grann and Avi Wisnia

Thursday, February 1, 7:00pm

David Wisnia, known to his family as "saba", had never told the whole truth about how he survived as a prisoner at the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp. The family knew that he had used his singing voice to entertain the guards, and that his musical gift had changed his fate. But David's grandson Avi Wisnia, a singer, songwriter, storyteller and educator based in Philadelphia, suspected that there was more to the story. Filmmaker Kyra Grann is joined by Avi Wisnia for a discussion following the film.

Life Animated

Thursday, February 29, 7:00pm

The inspirational documentary about a young man, unable to speak as a child, who finds a common language with his parents, and sees his communication skills develop through the world of classic Disney animated films.

Monkey Business

Thursday, April 18, 7:00pm

The true story behind *Curious George*. This documentary tells the story of the daring creators of *Curious George*, Hans and Margret Rey, and the details of their escape from the Nazis on makeshift bicycles and their immigration to the United States.

American Pickle

Thursday, May 30, 7:00pm

An Orthodox Jewish factory worker named Herschel Greenbaum works in a pickle factory in Brooklyn. One day he falls into a vat of brine and stays there, perfectly preserved, for 100 years. He comes back to life and tracks down his great-great-grandson, Ben, in contemporary Brooklyn.

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Other Community Events

Whether a High Holy Day celebration or Bingo with your family, an opportunity for young professionals to meet with the clergy or the Annual Meeting, there are wonderful reasons to come together throughout the year.

Sukkot Open House at the Goldsmiths'

Sunday, October 1, 4:00pm

Each year Rabbis Howard and Jennifer Goldsmith and their children, Lev and Talia, welcome the congregation to their backyard sukkah to celebrate Sukkot, the festival the rabbis called "z'man simchateinu" the time of our rejoicing. We'll shake the lulav, eat some treats, and rejoice in grand style.

Sisterhood Boutique

Wednesday, October 25, 11:30am - 6:00pm

Our annual Sisterhood Boutique returns with offerings both big and small! This year's boutique will have all kinds of gifts and goodies that people love for Chanukah (or any occasion): jewelry, stationery, clothing, accessories, artwork, and handmade goods. A portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to Children's Hope Chest.

Bingo

Sunday, October 29, 11:45am (after Religious School) & Monday, June 3, 7:00pm

Bingo for all, and prizes for winners! Come play and 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.

Drinks with the Clergy in NYC

Thursday, November 2, 6:30pm

With so many children of the congregation living and working in New York City, this is the perfect opportunity for them to spend time with Rabbi Goldsmith and Cantor Stone in a more informal setting. It will also give them the chance to reconnect with friends from their religious school days.

Purim Shabbat & Celebration

Friday, March 15, 7:30pm

No matter the theme, you can rest assured that Purim will be a raucous, joyous, ridiculous celebration of our laughter-filled holiday. Mark the date in your calendar so we can celebrate together!

Annual Spring Benefit

Saturday, April 6, 7:30pm

This is the perfect way to support the congregation's Annual Fund while having a fun evening – not to be missed! Watch Emanumail and the bulletin for more information.

Annual Meeting

Friday, June 7, 6:30pm

Welcome new board members, bid departing board members a fond farewell, and receive updates about the state of the congregation from Rabbi Goldsmith and our president, Larry Cohen. Come early at 6:00pm for our Annual Congregant Art Show opening.

FEATURED SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS

These stand-out programs feature dynamic speakers, important and timely topics, and powerful community gatherings.

Kristallnacht Program: *Once We Were Home* with author Jen Rosner

Monday, November 13, 7:15pm

Author Jennifer Rosner will lead a discussion about complicity and responsibility, belonging and identity, good intentions and unforeseen consequences, for Jewish children displaced during WWII. *Once We Were Home* weaves together the fictional lives of four displaced children: two of them hidden by a Polish farm family; one raised in a convent; and another believes her German parents are her own. What happens after war's end when the children are taken from what they now consider their families – or when the people who harbored them refuse to let them go?

Annual Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath: The Torah of Sondheim

Friday, December 15, 7:00pm

For lovers of Broadway, the work of the late, great composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim may as well be religious text. In the industry, he is often referred to as the “God of Musical Theater”. Born in New York City and raised in a non-religious Jewish household, Sondheim’s work is marked by wit, heart, warmth, intelligence, irony, and soul that often feels profoundly Jewish. Broadway actor Etai Benson (*Company*, *The Band’s Visit*) and Rabbi Samantha Frank, Director of Education at 92Y, will explore the intersection between Sondheim’s iconic musicals and Jewish wisdom. The evening will begin with a brief Shabbat service.

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The Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding with Professor Dan Hopkins

Friday, April 5, 7:30pm

This year we are joined by Dan Hopkins, Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Hopkins grew up here at Emanu-El, becoming Bar Mitzvah with Rabbi Wolk. His work focuses on elections and voting, a topic that could not be more relevant in an election year. Each year, the Friedman Lecture brings us scholars, activists, politicians, and artists to help us explore the intersection of Judaism and the ways that we can bring more peace and understanding to our world. Former congregational president William Friedman left this bequest in memory of his parents allowing us to explore the most pressing issues of our day.

Community Yom HaShoah Service

Sunday, May 5, 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 we vow to live our lives for those who perished.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Young Families Services & Events

"From generation to generation..." - *From the morning liturgy*

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 throughout the year. Our Young Families events are overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun! All Young Families events are free and open to the community and are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade.

Rosh Hashanah Service & Celebration

Saturday, September 16, 3:00pm

Yom Kippur Service

Monday, September 25, 2:15pm

Torah Celebration

Sunday, October 22, 10:30am

Celebration of Shabbat

Sunday, November 19, 10:30am

Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 10, 10:30am

Tu Bishvat Celebration

Sunday, January 21, 10:30am

Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 17, 11:30am

Passover Celebration

Sunday, April 7, 10:30am

Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday, May 10, 5:30pm

The Bauman-Greene Pre-K & Kindergarten Program

"Torah tastes as sweet as honey to me." - *Ezekiel 3:3*

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. All pre-k and kindergarten programs are followed by Young Family Celebrations at the temple (above) - fun for the whole family. Free and open to the community. Classes meet Sundays from 9:30 - 10:45am. This program is funded by the generosity of congregant Dr. Caroline Bauman.

Torah

Sunday, October 22, 9:30am

Shabbat

Sunday, November 19, 9:30am

Chanukah

Sunday, December 10, 9:30am

Tu Bishvat

Sunday, January 21, 9:30am

Purim

Sunday, March 17, 9:30am

Passover

Sunday, April 7, 9:30am

Tot Shabbat Services

Welcome Shabbat at these services for little ones filled with songs, stories, and blessings. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends - you're all invited to come along! Also, check out our Young Families Celebrations (top of this page).

Friday, October 13, 5:00pm

Friday, April 26, 5:00pm

Friday, December 8, 5:00pm

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Family Friendly Shabbat Services

While all our services are open children, these Shabbat services are especially family friendly! Filled with music, holiday celebrations, and fun, welcome Shabbat arm-in-arm with your children and the whole community.

Opening Shabbat Service

Friday, September 8
6:00pm BBQ Dinner, 7:00pm Service

Sukkot Shabbat Service

Friday, September 29
6:00pm BYO Picnic Dinner, 7:00pm Service

Family Shabbat Service

Friday, October 27
6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Service

Family Shabbat Service & Consecration with Musical Guest Joanie Leeds

Friday, November 17
6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Service

Chanukah Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, December 8
6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Service

Band Gone Bananas Shabbat Service

Friday, January 26
7:30pm Service

Pizza, Pasta & Prayer

Friday, February 9
5:30pm Dinner, 6:00pm Service

Purim Shabbat Service

Friday, March 15
7:30pm Service

Hineini Shabbat Service

Friday, April 26
7:30pm Service

Teen Service Honoring Graduating Seniors

Friday, May 3
7:30pm Service

Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday, May 10
5:30pm Pizza & Projects
6:30pm Service

Outdoor Early Shabbat Service

Friday, June 14
6:00pm Service

Family Trip to Israel

Thursday, December 21 - Sunday, December 31, 2023

You've always thought about it... make it a reality! There is nothing like a family trip to Israel and there is no better way to travel 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. Interested? Contact Rabbi Goldsmith at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Special Religious & Hebrew School Events

"The more Torah the more life." - *Hillel*

The Religious School connects families to the rich traditions and values of Judaism. Through a values-based curriculum and a robust Hebrew program, we equip our learners with the tools to connect with and explore their Jewish identity.

First Session of Boot Camp

Tuesday, September 5, 4:00pm

First Session of Academy & Confirmation

Monday, September 11, 7:15pm

First Session of Tuesday Hebrew Tutoring

Tuesday, September 12, 3:30pm

First Session of Thursday Hebrew Tutoring

Thursday, September 14, 3:30pm

First Day of Religious School:

Simchat Torah & Sukkot Opening Celebration

Sunday, October 1, 9:30am

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner, 7:00pm Service

Family Shabbat Service & Consecration

with Musical Guest Joanie Leeds

Friday, November 17

6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Service

Chanukah Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, December 8

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Service

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17, 11:30am

6th Grade Retreat

Friday, April 12 & Sunday, April 14

Final Session of Academy

Monday, April 29, 7:15pm

Religious School Open House

Sunday, May 5, 10:45am

Last Session of Thursday Hebrew Tutoring

Thursday, May 9, 3:30pm

Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Friday, May 10, 5:30pm

Last Session of Tuesday Hebrew Tutoring

Tuesday, May 14, 3:30pm

Last Session of Religious School

Sunday, May 19, 9:30am

Confirmation Shabbat Service

Friday, May 31, 7:30pm

Last Session of Boot Camp

Tuesday, June 11, 4:00pm

No Religious School

Sunday, October 8

Sunday, November 26

Sunday, December 24

Sunday, January 14

Sundays, February 18 & 25

Sunday, March 24

Sunday, May 12

No Hebrew Tutoring

Tuesday, October 31

Tuesday, November 21

Thursday, November 23

Tuesday, December 26

Thursday, December 28

Tuesday, February 20 & 22

Tuesday, March 26

Thursday, March 28

Tuesday, April 23

Thursday, April 25

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

The Farah Family Hineini Program

"We will do and we will understand." - *Exodus 24*

Our 7th grade Farah Family Hineini Program students go out into our community and put the Jewish values they have learned into action, making our world a better place and writing the next chapter of our Jewish story. This service-learning model has transformed Sunday mornings for our students and their families. A full schedule of activities and start times will be distributed to families directly. This program is funded by the generosity of The Farah Family.

Academy: Jewish ME, Jewish WE

"The more study the more wisdom." - *Hillel*

This year, our 8th and 9th Grade Academy students will embark on an exploration of what it means to be Jewish, both for themselves as individuals and as members of the larger Jewish community. Our sessions will celebrate the unique qualities that make us who we are and connect us to one another as Jews. Throughout the year, we will delve into different Jewish values and topics through engaging hands-on experiences, like games, cooking, and social action projects. Sessions are Monday evenings at 7:15pm unless otherwise noted.

Monday, September 11
Monday, September 18
Monday, October 2
Monday, October 16
Monday, October 23
Monday, October 30
Monday, November 6
Monday, November 13
Monday, November 20
Monday, November 27
Monday, December 4
Monday, December 11
Monday, December 18

Monday, January 8
Monday, January 22
Monday, January 29
Monday, February 5
Monday, February 12
Monday, February 26
Monday, March 4
Monday, March 11
Monday, March 18
Monday, April 8
Monday, April 15
Monday, April 29

No Academy

Monday, September 25
Monday, October 9
Monday, December 25
Monday, January 1
Monday, January 15
Monday, February 19
Monday, March 25
Monday, April 22

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

Confirmation

"The world stands on three things, on Torah, on worship and on acts of loving kindness."

- *Pirket Avot*

Our 10th graders spend a year studying with Rabbi Goldsmith and rabbinic intern Zachary Canali exploring many facets of Jewish identity, theology and meaning. The teens finish the year knowing where they fit in the story of the Jewish people. Sessions are Mondays at 7:15pm unless otherwise noted.

Monday, September 11
Monday, October 2
Monday, October 16
Monday, October 23
Monday, October 30
Monday, November 6
Monday, November 13
Monday, November 27
Monday, December 4
Monday, December 11
Monday, January 8
Monday, January 22
Monday, January 29
Monday, February 5
Monday, February 12

Monday, February 26
Monday, March 4
Monday, March 11
Monday, March 18
Monday, April 8
Monday, April 15
Monday, April 29
Monday, May 6
Monday, May 13
Monday, May 20
Tuesday, May 28
Confirmation Rehearsal
Friday, May 31 7:30pm
Confirmation Shabbat
Service

No Confirmation

Monday, September 18
Monday, September 25
Monday, October 9
Monday, November 20
Monday, December 18
Monday, December 25
Monday, January 1
Monday, January 15
Monday, February 19
Monday, March 25
Monday, April 22

Madrichim Fellowship

The mission of the Madrichim Fellowship is to create a growing and evolving community in which Emanu-El teens have a strong sense of personal ownership, community connections, and Jewish identity. The fellowship is a rewarding and meaningful experience that allows our teens to make connections with children, support our Religious School teachers, and even gives them a chance to lead classroom activities of their own!

BBYO

"And the youth shall see visions." - *Joel 2:28*

Emanu-El has joined forces with KTI, JCCH, and Community Synagogue of Rye to launch a new BBYO chapter called Simcha. BBYO offers teens opportunities for leadership, friendship, developing Jewish identity, connection to something bigger than themselves, and much more.

One of the great features of BBYO is that the programming is completely teen-driven! Watch the Emanuemail for events and updates.

And so much more...

Watch our weekly Emanumail and bi-monthly bulletins for new programs that we add throughout the year!

Need someone to help find programs that you'll find meaningful?

Our Director of Programming and Engagement Jane Dubro would love to help! Please reach out to her at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1021.

Get Involved

We welcome your involvement in the congregation. Beyond all our wonderful programs, we have a number of committees that would welcome your participation, input, and support. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Abbie Levitt at 914-967-4382 x1018.

"From Strength to Strength": Donate to the Annual Fund

You can support all of this wonderful programming with a gift to the Annual Fund at <https://tinyurl.com/annualCEW>

