Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester Bulletin





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

Summer doesn't end until September 23, so we're celebrating our return to temple with an outdoor BBQ dinner! Following the al fresco meal, we will come together in the sanctuary for a lively, musical service with the temple band. What a great way to come back to temple! Cost: \$15/child, \$20/adult or \$60/family max. RSVP information will appear in the weekly Emanumail. (2)



Jewish Lower East Side Walking Tour Monday, September 11, 11:00am

Come along for a docent-led walking tour of the Jewish Lower East Side! 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. Visit The Educational Alliance, Henry Street Settlement, The Forward Building, Seward Park, Straus Square, Economy Candy, The Pickle Guys, Moishe's Kosher Bakery, Kossar's Bialys, Doughnut Plant, and our final stop for lunch at Katz's Deli. Cost: \$36/person (does not include transportation or food). RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org. Turn to pg. 9 to learn about the Jewish Harlem Walking Tour in October.



Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Nature Walk & Tashlich Sunday, September 17 10:15am Nature Walk, 11:00am Tashlich

It is in the wilderness where our tradition finds its roots, and natural places provide a unique setting to connect to our heritage. The paths of the beautiful Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary provide an ideal location for a 45-minute nature walk to consider the world in which we live as we celebrate creation. This walk is open to all ages and will be a fun, meaningful way to continue the Rosh Hashanah celebration. (Please remember to wear walking shoes.) Following our walk, we move to the beach for a beautiful Tashlich ceremony. See pg. 2 for directions to this hidden gem in the back of Playland's parking lot. 🚯



Welcome Rabbinic Intern Zachary Canali



We are thrilled to welcome our new rabbinic intern, Zachary Canali. Zachary is a 3rd year rabbinic student at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. He lives on the Upper West Side and spent this past summer working as a chaplain at a VA Hospital in Pittsburgh. He loves

congregational life thanks to his background growing up in Pittsburgh. He was president of his Hillel at Allegheny College where he helped expand programming and led students in memorializing and processing the attack at the Tree of Life Congregation. He is thoughtful, self-aware and is excited to learn about congregation life here at Emanu-El.

Zachary will help lead services over the High Holy Days, teach in our Religious School, lead services with us on Friday nights, plan and execute special programs, and lead some adult education.

We are fortunate to have the vision and support of donors to our Offit-Sekulow Memorial Rabbinic Intern Fund. Established in memory of two dear congregants who passed away in 2021, Danny Offit and Gene Sekulow, this fund helps to offset the expense of bringing an intern to our congregation.

We are excited to have another great intern who will bring new Torah and fresh perspective to our congregation. If you would like, please join us in welcoming Zachary by sending him an email at zachary.canali@huc.edu.



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

Our annual Sisterhood Boutique returns this year 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.



To submit names for the Yizkor Memorial booklet, request guest tickets, reserve handicapped parking, and submit names of new babies, please visit tinyurl.com/cewHHD23 by Friday, September 8.

Selichot

Saturday, September 9

7:00pm Selichot Program & Service at Westchester Reform Temple

We will begin the High Holy Day season in partnership with other Westchester congregations, as we reflect on the meditative themes of Selichot and prime ourselves for the spiritual renewal of the Days of Awe. WRT is located at 255 Mamaroneck Road in Scarsdale.

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 15

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 16

10:00am Morning Service (reception to follow)

1:45pm Youth Service (grades 3-6)

3:00pm Young Families Service (through grade 2)

3:30pm Taste of Sweetness Celebration

Sunday, September 17

@ the Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary

10:15am Nature Walk 11:00am Tashlich

Edith Read is located behind Playland, through the parking lot, and past the Dragon Coaster. We will meet at the parking lot at the end of the road.

Shabbat Shuva

Friday, September 22 7:30pm Shabbat Shuva

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24 6:00pm Kol Nidre 8:30pm Kol Nidre

Monday, September 25

10:00am Morning Service

1:15pm Youth Service (grades 3-6)

2:15pm Young Families Service (through grade 2)

3:00pm Afternoon Service

3:30pm A Healing Service of Music & Meditations

4:00pm Yizkor/Memorial Service 4:45pm N'ilah/Concluding Service 5:30pm Congregational Break Fast

At Home Worship: For congregants who wish to attend services remotely, we will be providing a professional, high-quality livestream of sanctuary services. If you plan to participate at home, prayer books will be available for pick up on Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 13 from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

Please email Dan O'Connor at doconnor@c-e-w.org or call 914-967-4382 x1011 to reserve prayer books for home use.



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High Holy Day Appeal for the Annual Fund

Dear Emanu-El Community,

The High Holy Days are a time for meaningful connection with Judaism and one another. They give us the time and space to reflect on our past year and look forward to the future. We are fortunate to have an engaged and diverse community that values and supports Judaism and our congregation by generously donating to the Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund provides necessary resources to ensure we can welcome anyone who wishes to join Emanu-El, and enables us to continue enriching our congregation through the diversity and inclusivity of our membership. The Annual Fund is also vital in filling the gaps in our operating budget not met by dues, tuition, and fees. We have record participation in giving, which reflects who we are as a congregation and as Jews. As you plan your gift this year, know that support at any and all levels helps make us the wonderful community we are today.

Thank you in advance for joining your fellow congregants in supporting the Annual Fund.

You can make your donation using the card that was included in the High Holy Day mailing, online at tinyurl.com/annualHHD, or by using the card inserted in the High Holy Day prayer books. We look forward to seeing you during the High Holy Days.

Best regards,

Maj Wickstrom Board of Trustees

& Co-chair of Fundraising

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Ready. Set. Go!

The fall is here and with it the rush of a new school year, new extracurricular activities, normal work schedules, and - soon enough - changing leaves. With that rush, too, comes the High Holy Day season. For a month straight, Jews around the world will carve out time for



reflection, introspection, resolutions, family, and community. Reform Jews especially treasure the Holy Days as a time to reconnect with their congregations and carry on family traditions. At Emanu-El we strive to create worship experiences that reflect Jewish tradition, capture our congregation's customs, and still leave room for innovative ritual that adds depth.

There are plenty of websites and books that explore the traditional meaning of each Holy Day but I wanted to use my column in this bulletin to explore one ritual in particular: Kol Nidre. The evening service of Yom Kippur, the whole service has come to be named for the eponymous prayer. It took on that name for both the literal meaning of the prayer, the role it has played in Jewish history, and its powerfull symbolism.

The Hebrew words "kol nidrei" literally mean "all our vows". In ancient times and through the middle ages, vows were considered sacred in a way that is hard for us to understand. When someone made a vow, a promise witnessed by others, it was 100% binding. We could perhaps compare the seriousness of it to statements made under oath in a court of law – but more so. Rather than perjury, failure to fulfill a vow could lead to someone being kicked out of the Jewish community – a virtual death sentence for much of history.

The problem was that, just like today, people used words carelessly or recklessly. Have you ever started a statement of exasperation with "I swear to God..."? If so, then you have made a careless vow. Today, most of us brush off a statement like that, we do not take it seriously. For most of Jewish history that was not an option. Hoping to make a deal, you might have said, "I swear to God, if I make this sale I'll bring my whole family to services every week!" If someone heard you say that and you did make the sale, you HAD to get the whole family to shul.

Recognizing the problem, the rabbis developed the Kol Nidrei Prayer to preemptively cancel any vows anyone would make in the coming year. Three respected members of the congregation would stand before the ark with Torahs at the start of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year. Those three people were a "beit din" a Jewish court. The congregation then recited the Kol Nidre prayer preemptively annulling any

vows that they would make between this Yom Kippur and the next. But here's the catch: it ONLY canceled vows between a person and God. It did NOT cancel vows made between two people. So, "I swear to God I will go to shul!" was canceled. But, "I swear to Shlomo that I'll buy his horse!" was not - you had to buy the horse.

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Today the ritual looks different and, for most of us, means something else. Its power comes first from memory. Memory of standing with our parents or grandparents for these ancient words; memory of our grandfathers tallis fringes brushing our shoulder as we tried our best to be quite; memory of a grand cathedral-like synagogue with stained glass or a humble shul. Its power comes from the feeling of community. At no other time of the year do as many people gather in our sanctuary, distractions put away, focused on just one thing. Its power comes from our artistic rendering of the traditional three recitations: first the stunning cello rendition in the hush of the sanctuary, next Cantor Stone's beautiful voice with the Hebrew as three members of our congregation hold the sacred scrolls of the Torah, and finally as we recite the words in English as one congregation with one voice.

As we experience Kol Nidre this year I will think about its layers of meaning. I will remember being at Congregation Habomin with my grandparents. I will revel in the cello's soulful song. I will consider the words of the prayer itself and hope that they can inspire me to be true to my words, my vows. And also to be forgiving to myself when I do not live up to my best self. Inspiration and forgiveness – a prayer that can elicit both of those, is a worthy prayer, indeed.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

Journeys and Encampments

Ten cities in a week, or a cabin on the coast? When you go on a vacation, do you like a whirlwind tour, or do you prefer to hang out in one place for a while? In a moment, I'd like to highlight the latter.

This summer, I was fortunate to take several trips, beginning in San Diego

where, after a 5 year hiatus, I finally reconnected with colleagues at the annual conference of the American Conference of Cantors. One of the ways we explored the convention theme of "Transitions" was in light of the Torah parsha, Masei, which is lesser known to many of us because it falls in the summer. We focused on the line, "they journeyed ... and they encamped." The portion recounts the travels of the Israelites when they went out of Egypt, and lists the 42 encampments they made during the 40 years of their wanderings in the desert to the Promised Land. The 50 verses it takes to complete the list is frankly, boring.

Why does the Torah delineate every single stop? As we know, everything in the Torah is given significance. According to the Baal Shem Tov, for example, the 42 encampments represent 42 stages a person goes through in their lifetime. Each stage is supposed to bring us higher and higher, degree by degree. Another interpretation is that the 42 encampments represent the long and arduous history of the Jewish people. All the journeys and experiences of the Jewish People are meant to teach us that in the big picture, everything counts. Like Abraham, who is told to go forth from his native land and journey through the desert, our spiritual purpose is to keep moving forward, growing toward the light. But we do it in stages.

A journey, by definition, involves moving from one place to another, which we cannot do without letting go of where we've been. Thus our journeys represent an ongoing process of change and transition. The "encampments" we make along the way are important. Our Jewish calendar gives us constant opportunities to punctuate our travels through each year with time to regroup. The arrival of a new day after a night of regeneration from sleep is considered a renewal of creation. Each week we are commanded to stop and refresh ourselves on Shabbat. Once a year, we take out time from our daily lives to renew our souls during the High Holy Days.

In our journeys forward in life, we constantly travel to new places - a new home, a new relationship, a new job. In each new place we have a chance to learn and grow. Like the Israelites, we need to encamp in a place to master it, to become established in it. Say you have learned a new skill. You consolidate your knowledge by staying with it for a while, reinforcing it before moving on to learn more. Over the past years, I've grown exponentially in my use of technology. But I've only been able to do so by getting proficient with a little bit at a time before taking on more.

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Last fall, Martin and I took a quick visit to Copenhagen to visit our daughter, Lila, on her semester abroad. We crammed a lot of sightseeing into a few days. By the end of the week, I knew how to navigate from the hotel to both Nyhavn and Kongens Nytorv, and I eventually even learned how to pronounce those place names. But then we flew home. It was delightful but exhausting! By contrast, most of our vacations are spent "encamping" in one place, often with family or friends. Without feeling that we have to rush and see and do everything, we actually slow down and unwind and come back refreshed.

Whether you traveled this summer, encamped at home on a "staycation", or will take time off in another season, I hope that during the coming year 5784 your journeys are fruitful and your encampments are rewarding.

Meredith Stone, Cantor

Sukkot Services & Events



While it feels far away, Sukkot will be here before we know it. One of the most important rituals of Sukkot is to gather with family and friends to celebrate, specifically to gather in (or around) a sukkah. The medieval mystics believed in

"welcoming" great Jews from our past, symbolically welcoming Abraham, Sarah, King David, and the prophetess Deborah.

Leaving mysticism behind, here in the earthly realm of Westchester, we have a beautiful Sukkah at the synagogue that is available for any congregant to use during the festival for a lovely al fresco lunch, and the wonderful gatherings below.

Bring-Your-Own Picnic Dinner & Sukkot Shabbat Friday, September 29 6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Service

The joy of Shabbat is one of its greatest blessings. Sukkot is known as z'man simchateinu - the time of our happiness. So imagine how joyful it will be when Shabbat and Sukkot fall on the same night?! Bring your picnic dinner and enjoy dining in (and around) our beautiful temple sukkah. We will then celebrate both Shabbat and Sukkot with a meaningful and uplifting service. RSVP information will appear in the weekly Emanumail. (2)

Religious School Simchat Torah and Sukkot Opening Day Celebration Sunday, October 1, 9:30am

Our Religious School year will kick off Sundays with an exciting celebration of both Sukkot and Simchat Torah! All Religious School families are invited!

Sukkot Open House at the Goldsmiths' Sunday, October 1, 4:00pm

After the seriousness of the High Holy Days, it is great to spend time outside eating and drinking with friends and family. Please join Howard, Jennifer, Lev and Talia in their backyard sukkah. There will be lulavs for shaking, cookies for eating and, of course, wonderful congregants to spend time with. RSVP to Dan at 914-967-4382 x1011 or doconnor@c-e-w.org for the address.

Women's Study Group Sukkot Gathering Tuesday, October 3, 6:00pm

Enjoy celebrating our festival of gratitude and abundance with dinner, learning, and a hands-on project in the company of friends. Cost: \$36/person. RSVP information will appear in the weekly Emanumail.

Tot Shabbat Friday, October 13, 5:00pm

Turn to pq. 12 for details.

Shabbat Dinner & Family Service Friday, October 27, 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Service

Turn to pg. 13 for details.

Ritual Corner: Yizkor, In Memory of Our Loved Ones



One of our best attended services each year is the Yom Kippur Yizkor service. At this afternoon service, congregants and community members come together to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. We observe Yizkor not only on

Yom Kippur, but also at the end of Sukkot, on Passover, and on Shavuot.

Yizkor finds its roots back in the time of Maccabees (130s BCE) when the Talmud teaches that people would offer sacrifices on behalf of the souls of family members who had died. While several later rabbinic leaders objected to the practice of praying for the dead, it nevertheless gained in popularity over the centuries as people sought to bring comfort to the souls of their dearly departed. The service transformed after a series of pogroms associated with The Crusades decimated Jewish communities across Europe. The names of those who perished were then read at Yizkor services four times a year.

Today, though we still say a prayer for the martyrs of our people, the Yizkor service focuses on our own loved ones. It serves as a sacred vessel for the grief that we feel for friends and relatives who have died in years past. Experiencing those feelings in community lets us know that we're not alone and therefore gives us hope while keeping alive the memory of those people who we have loved and lost.

2023-24/5784 Yizkor Memorial Services 🖺 🗖



Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial Services Monday, September 25, 4:00pm

Sh'mini Atzeret Yizkor Memorial Services Friday, October 6, 7:30am

Passover Yizkor Memorial Services Monday, April 29, 7:30am

Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Services Wednesday, June 12, 7:30am

2023-24 Social Action Collections

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

June

November Have A Heart Gift Drive for WJCS

December 914Cares Collection

February Art Supply Drive for Cottage School

March Pasta Collection for HOPE Community

Midnight Run/Brunch Run Collection April

May Book Collection for 914Cares Gently Used Backpack Drive

for Midnight Run



High Holy Day Food Drive for Feeding Westchester September 18 - 27

This year we continue the tradition of collecting food for the Feeding Westchester Annual High Holy Day Food Drive. Feeding Westchester is part of a network that expertly sources and distributes food and resources to feed people who are hungry in every town in Westchester. Collection bags will be available at High Holy Day services. Feeding Westchester's current list of most-needed items includes:

> beans (canned or dry) cereals (whole grain) canned meat and fish milk (shelf stable) canned meals (low sodium) canned vegetables (low sodium) canned and dried fruit peanut butter pasta & rice

When choosing items for the food drive, please look for labels which read: low sodium, no salt added, no sugar added, unsweetened, reduced sodium, 100% fruit juice, and lite.

Social Justice Committee Zoom Meeting Wednesday, September 13, 7:00pm

Join us to discuss next steps towards our Climate Covenant with RAC-NY, as well as actions we can consider for greening Emanu-El and our own homes. For more information, contact co-chairs Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com and Marcie Aiuvalasit at marciena33@gmail.com.



Feed families, spread kindness, strengthen communities.

Bake Lasagna at Emanu-El for Lasagna Love Tuesday, October 17, 10:00am

Lasagna Love is a grassroots effort to provide home cooked meals to neighbors in need. Congregants are invited to lasagna-making sessions to benefit HOPE Community Services in Port Chester. A \$10 donation from participants will go towards the purchase of ingredients. Space is limited. RSVP to Abbie at alevitt@c-e-w.org.

Can't make this session? The next one will be on Sunday, December 17 at 10:00am.









Child and Teen New Coat Drive October

Emanu-El is partnering with a local organization to provide underserved children in Westchester with new warm winter coats. Stay tuned for more information regarding the sizes of coats needed and when to drop them off.

Kosher Food Pantry - Volunteers Needed

HOPE Community Services is looking for some 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.

914Cares - Volunteers Needed

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.

Food and Judaism

Food holds a special place in Jewish tradition, serving as a means of celebration, commemoration, connection to the past and bridge to the future. The flavors and smells of traditional Jewish dishes evoke deep memories, and every festival is marked with its own unique foods that carry



symbolic meaning. As we celebrate our heritage and traditions at CEW this year, our programming offers exciting opportunities to learn about and enjoy Jewish culinary delights.

Lower East Side Walking Tour (front cover)

Experience the rich history of Jewish culture and cuisine on our guided walking tour through the Lower East Side. Visit the famous Bialystok Synagogue and other Jewish landmarks. Taste iconic dishes influenced by immigrant cultures from Eastern Europe, Russia and Germany, and explore the stories behind them, immersing yourself in the vibrant culinary culture of our ancestors. Bring your appetites along - we will taste pickles, bialys, knishes and who knows what other surprises await!

Jewish Holiday Cooking Classes with Chef Cara Tannenbaum (back cover)

Join us for a 4-part series of cooking classes that will delve into making festive Shabbat meals. Learn the significance behind each recipe and discover the joy of preparing and sharing these dishes with friends and family.

Challah Baking Workshop with congregant and Challah Maven Debra Cohen (May 2024)

Challah is the traditional bread used by Jews around the world on Shabbat and holidays. Recipes can vary and the loaves of Challah can be fashioned in various sizes and shapes, all of which have meaning. Learn the art of baking challah from start to finish with the expert guidance of Debra Cohen. Discover the symbolism behind this beloved bread and its various shapes, and master the techniques to create your own delicious loaves.

I look forward to coming together to celebrate the rich culinary story of Jewish culture, appreciating the flavors that connect us to our history and traditions, and creating a delicious legacy for future generations!

As we embark on this culinary journey, may you and your loved ones enjoy the warmth of sharing good meals together, fostering intimacy, and creating

meaningful connections. B'tayavon - here's to savoring the joy of a good meal in the company of family and friends!

Wishing You a Sweet, Happy & Healthy New Year, Peace & Love,

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Jane Dubro, Director of Programming & Engagement

Jewish Food Vocabulary

Babka: Babka means grandmother in Polish, symbolizing the cherished family recipes often handed down from generation to generation.

Bagel: The word bagel comes from Yiddish and refers to its ring shape, a characteristic feature of this beloved bread.

Hamantaschen: These triangular pastries are named after Haman's pockets, connecting them to the festival of Purim and its historical significance.

Knish: Knish is a Yiddish word used for a pastry or turnover, representing a delicious and portable snack enjoyed by many. What's your favorite knish filling?

Pastrami: The word pastrami originates from a Turkish term for pressed meat, signifying the curing process involved in making this popular Jewish deli staple.

Tzimmes: Tzimmes means to be simmered or eaten together, emphasizing the communal aspect of enjoying this sweet stew. "Making a big tzimmes" means to fuss over something, reflecting its significance in Jewish cooking.

Did you know...

- ... that in their heyday, the summer resorts in the Catskill Mountains were nicknamed 'The Borscht Belt'?
- ...there is no fish species called 'gefilte'? The word gefilte literally means stuffed and this uniquely Jewish first course is made of ground carp, finely chopped onions, eggs, seasonings and vegetable oil.

Unless otherwise noted, the link for programs is tinyurl.com/cewconnect

With many of our programs now multi-access, these are the icons we'll be using to let you know how you can take part in services and programs:









Multi-access



Single Malt Torah Thursdays, September 7 & October 12, 8:00pm

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



Beit Midrash Saturday, September 9, 9:00am Sundays, October 15 & 29, 10:30am

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

Mah Jongg & Canasta Mondays, September 18 & October 2, 16, 23, 30 2:00 - 4:00pm

Come and enjoy both of these classics on Monday afternoons. Friends and family are welcome! RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x1021or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

Gallery Opening: Rachel Goldsmith Friday September 22, 7:00pm

This exhibition is a collection of art made along the artist's path towards peace. It includes a vast array of media, exemplifying a willingness to take risks in the name of radical creativity. The variety of work increases the shows' accessibility. It will spark curiosity and ignite creativity, thus providing viewers with their own tools for exiting the void.

Book Club Thursday, September 28, 11:00am

Books & Bites at North Street Tavern September 28, 7:00pm

September's book is *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. RSVP to Marcie at marciena33@gmail.com.



Lay Leader Shabbat Service Training Tuesday, October 10, 6:30pm

Service leading is not for clergy only! Emanu-El has a proud tradition of congregants leading services during the summer and on holiday weekends. Since moving these services to Zoom, attendance is way up! This course will give you the basics you need to know to lead services. A familiarity with our prayers is a plus but not a requirement. Interested? Contact Rabbi Goldsmith for more information at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013.



The Jewish Harlem Walking Tour Thursday, October 12, 11:00am

We will tour the sites of Jewish religious life in this remarkable neighborhood, once the second largest Jewish community in the United States. In 1917, Harlem was home to more than 175,000 Jews, with over 200 synagogues across Central and East Harlem. Cost: \$36/person (does not include transportation). RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org. (2)

Next Step Sunday, October 15, 11:00am

This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed this group to continue for many years. Next Step is facilitated by Paul Spindel (retired executive). For more information, contact Paul at 914-632-1264.



Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone Monday, October 16, 12:00pm

It's never too late to join this ongoing workshop, in which we explore how our daily life experiences and observations can give deeper meaning to worship. Using writing prompts, the Torah parsha, or whatever may come to mind, we share as a group, learn about the themes of our prayers, and weave our words into our Sacred Stories Shabbat services. In so doing, we strengthen connections to one another and to our tradition. RSVP to Cantor Stone at mstone@c-e-w.org.





Film Series: *The Cakemaker* Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm

Thomas, a young German baker, has an affair with Oren, an Israeli married man who frequently visits 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. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org.

Political Staffer Meeting Friday, October 20, 9:00am

We will meet with a staffer from the office of an elected official to learn about current issues, and have an opportunity to give input on policies and questions facing our government. Guest to be announced soon.

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SAVE THESE DATES!

These are just a handful of CEW's enriching and meaningful programs in November and December. Check out all our offerings at www.c-e-w.org.

Jewish Mindfulness - The Way of Mussar: Mind, Body and Spirit with Jane Meryll Wednesdays, November 1, 8 & 15, 7:00pm

Drinks with the Clergy in NYC Thursday, November 2, 6:30pm

Kristallnacht Program: *Once We Were Home* with author Jen Rosner Monday, November 13, 7:15pm

Chanukah Cooking with Cara Tannenbaum Monday, November 27, 7:15pm

Arthur Szysk, Artist and Soldier for Human Rights Docent Tour at Fairfield University Thursday, November 30, 11:00am

Painting: Art Nouveau Style with Terry Schwarz Thursday, December 7, 1:00pm

Film Series: The Human Factor Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm

Annual Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath: The Torah of Sondheim Friday, December 15, 7:00pm

Welcome back to a new school year!

This year, our Religious School is focusing on building community and forming relationships. We want our students to feel at home when they walk in our building, both because of all the people with whom they are interacting and from the lessons that we are teaching them. Our students are



here to create many different relationships: with their peers, their clergy and teachers, with God, with Israel, and with the greater Jewish community. Jewish identity is not one single thing for everyone, and it is within our school and synagogue space that we hope to help your children discover what that means for them. Judaism is about asking questions- not simple right and wrong questions- but questions that help our students to think on a deeper creative and emotional level that they don't often get to do in school since they are usually being graded on some level. Our goal is to give your kids the tools they need to be lifelong Jews not just for the sake of knowledge but as a way of making Judaism relevant to their lives, by fostering a sense of love and pride for being a unique part of the Jewish community.

We have heard from both current and prospective parents that they are looking for community and ways to engage meaningfully in Jewish life. We are excited to bring family learning to Sunday mornings, as we want to help foster and cultivate relationships amongst parents as well. We know that Sunday mornings are a sacred time for parents to spend with their kids out of the house, but we also know that there is great power in having children and parents come together to share and learn from one another. Families will have the opportunity to meet other families, students will connect in new ways with each other, and this will also give the CEW team time to get to know you better too.

In expanding upon the theme of deepening relationships and engaging families in meaningful ways, we are going to be requiring that students in grades 4-7 attend four Shabbat services throughout the year. Celebrating Shabbat together as both a family and a community is one of the most important traditions that we have within Judaism, and it is those experiences that we know are the ones that kids grow up to remember as they become adults. While we encourage you to attend the family services highlighted in our program guide (including Consecration, Chanukah Shabbat, and Mitzvah Shabbat), you are welcome to attend any service throughout the year that fits into your schedule.

As I reflect on my first year being part of this particular community, I am energized by the work that our LGBTQ+ task force has been working on over the past

year in ensuring that all members of our synagogue feel like they truly belong here. We are partnering with experts in the field to train our educators and madrichim, we will be running programs for adults throughout the year, and we will have a Pride Shabbat in June. This past spring, our families created a beautiful piece of pride art at Mitzvah Shabbat that now greets us when we enter the synagogue's lobby. This year, our curriculum will cover topics like inclusion when we learn about the rainbow in the story of Noah's Ark and our teens will have a workshop on allyship.

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After a full summer of planning, I am truly excited for this year to come. I look forward to partnering with you as we start this new year and hope to see you at all of our upcoming events including our Opening Shabbat BBQ on September 8! There is also no better way to officially start the school than as one big community celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah together on October 1! We'll unscroll the whole Torah, we'll Israeli dance, and we'll fulfill the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah with festive snacks. It's going to be a very festive morning and we are looking forward to celebrating with you!

Shanah tovah!

Jackie Kurland, Director of Education

The Bauman-Greene **Pre-K & Kindergarten Program**



Our pre-k and kindergarten program gives your little ones a taste of Religious School! Each session highlights the unique rituals and celebrations of Jewish holidays through a variety of artistic explorations. Sessions are followed Young Family Celebrations at the temple fun for the whole family. Free and open to the community. All classes meet from 9:30 - 10:45am on Sundays.

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

2023-24 Schedule (A)

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 Sunday, March 17, 9:30am **Purim** Sunday, April 7, 9:30am **Passover**

This program is funded by the generosity of Dr. Caroline Bauman.

Young Family Programs & Services

We are committed to helping young families begin their Jewish journeys! Bring your little ones (children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren) to Emanu-El to discover the joy of Jewish life through holiday celebrations. Our Young Families events are overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun! All Young Families Committee events are free and open to the community and are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade.

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

2023-24 Schedule (A)

Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur **Torah Celebration** Shabbat Celebration **Purim Celebration** Passover Celebration Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner

Saturday, September 16, 3:00pm Monday, September 25, 2:15pm Sunday, October 22, 10:30am Sunday, November 19, 10:30am Chanukah Celebration Sunday, December 10, 10:30am Tu Bishvat Celebration Sunday, January 21, 10:30am **Sunday, March 17, 11:30am** Sunday, April 7, 10:30am Friday, May 10, 5:30pm

Important September & October School Dates

Families will receive communications and more information on all school-related happenings. Here's a quick snapshot of some important dates to mark on your calendars.

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 and Sukkot Opening Day Celebration Sunday, October 1, 9:30am

Interested in enrolling your child in our Religious School programs?

There is still time to enroll! If you would like to learn more or enroll your child(ren), contact Jackie at jkurland@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1015.



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!

Friday, October 13, 5:00pm Friday, December 8, 5:00pm Friday, April 26, 5:00pm

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

B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

We would like to honor the following students who will become B'nei Mitzvah in September and October:



Hadley Cohen
Josh Cohen
Ben Cutler
Layla Morris
Charlotte Roseman
Sabrina Roth
Molly Stergiou





Religious School Simchat Torah and Sukkot Opening Day Celebration Sunday, October 1, 9:30am

Our Religious School year will kick off Sundays with an exciting celebration of both Sukkot and Simchat Torah! All Religious School families are invited to join us for a morning of fun where we'll unscroll the entire Torah, Israeli dance, meet teachers along with new and old friends, and visit the Sukkah! You won't want to miss it!

Sukkot Open House at the Goldsmiths' Sunday, October 1, 4:00pm

After the seriousness of the High Holy Days, it is great to spend time outside eating and drinking with friends and family. Please join Howard, Jennifer, Lev and Talia in their backyard sukkah. There will be lulavs for shaking, cookies for eating and, of course, wonderful congregants to spend time with. RSVP to Dan at 914-967-4382 x1011 or doconnor@c-e-w.org for the address.

Shabbat Dinner & Family Service Friday, October 27, 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Service

Think back to Shabbat dinners at your synagogue growing up. Create those memories for your children (or grandchildren!) and sign up for a delicious Shabbat dinner followed by a lively, engaging Shabbat service. Filled with music and storytelling, you'll "shep nachas" from all our children know! Don't have kids? Don't worry! The dinner and service are open to all. Cost: \$15/child, \$20/adult or \$60/family max. RSVP information will appear in the weekly Emanumail.

Programs for Teens

Farah Family Hineini Program for 7th Graders

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. To learn more about Hineini, contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1021.

This program is funded by the generosity of the Farrah family.

Madrichim Fellowship

This program is for teens interested in boosting their leadership skills and being a role model for our younger students. The Madrichim Fellowship is a rewarding and meaningful experience that allows teens to make connections with children, support our Religious School teachers, and even lead classroom activities! To learn more about the Fellowship, contact Jackie at jkurland@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1015.

Academy: Jewish ME, Jewish WE

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 with engaging hands-on experiences, like games, cooking, and social action projects. Sessions are Monday evenings at 7:15pm. To learn more about Academy, contact Jackie at jkurland@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1015.

Confirmation for 10th Graders

Our 10th graders spend a year studying with Rabbi Goldsmith 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. To learn more about Confirmation contact Rabbi Goldsmith at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013.

BBYO for 11th & 12th Graders

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 teendriven! To learn more about BBYO, contact Jackie at jkurland@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1015.

Our community offers condolences to

Leslie Alpert on the death of her mother Rosalie Cream Brianne Goldstein on the death of her brother Tad Belson Cheryl Kobre on the death of her mother Rosalind Adam Michelle Schwartz on the death of her father Martin Wolf

Yahrzeit Remembrances for the Memorial Fund

In memory of: Remembered by:

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Lexi & Lara Schecter

Helene, Jonathan & Marc Rod

Milton Schlackman

Yahrzeit Remembrances for the Memorial Fund (cont.)

In memory of:

Robert Segal

Ethel Sullivan

Bernice Rhoda Tepper

Rose Terdiman

Steven Wallach

Annual Fund: 2023-24 Community Support

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Josh Rosenblut

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Service for Margaret Wickstrom

Martin & Pamela Winter in honor of granddaughter

Juliet Winter-Garavuso's baby naming

Faith Wolitzer in honor of Michael & Lynne Wolitzer's

35th wedding anniversary

All High Holy Day donations and any donations processed after August 15 will be acknowledged in the November/December bulletin.

Family Trip to Israel - space is limited!

Thursday, December 21 - Sunday, December 31, 2023

Come with the kids, come with the grandkids, come with your parents - create lifelong memories together.

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.

Contact Rabbi Goldsmith at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013 to learn more about this amazing journey!









September 2023						
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10	11 11:00am Jewish LES Walking Tour 7:15pm Academy & Confirmation	12 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 7:30pm Board Meeting	13	14 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	15 7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service Erev Rosh Hashanah	16 Please see the High Holy Day Schedule on pg. 2 Rosh Hashanah
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October 2023

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1 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School: Simchat Torah and Sukkot Opening Day Celebration 4:00pm Sukkot at the Goldsmiths'	2 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy 7:15pm Confirmation	3 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 6:00pm Women's Study Group Sukkot Dinner	4	5 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 6:00pm Committees in Community	6 7:30am Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Service 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service	7 Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah
8 No Religious School Programs	9 Office Closed for Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples Day No Academy & Confirmation	10 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 6:30pm Lay Leader Training 7:30pm Board Meeting	11	12 11:00am Jewish Harlem Walking Tour 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 8:00pm Single Malt Torah	13 5:00pm Tot Shabbat 6:00pm Early Shabbat Service	14
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22 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30am LGBTQ Task Force 9:30 - 10:30am Pre-K/K: Torah 10:30 - 11:45am Young Families Celebration: Torah	23 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy 7:15pm Confirmation	24 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	25 11:30am - 6:00pm Sisterhood Boutique	26 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	27 6:00pm Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm Family Shabbat Service	28 11:00am Layla Morris Bat Mitzvah 5:00pm Benji Cutler Bar Mitzvah
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Rewind to May: Last Day of Religious School

Our Religious School year concluded with an awesome End of Year Carnival! Our Hineini and Academy students led the younger grades in games and activities while Breezemont Day Camp provided incredible face painting, balloon art and a Gaga pit! It was a wonderful way to celebrate our year of learning together and we can't wait to have everyone back in our building again!





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September & October Shabbat Services

September 8 (in-person & livestreamed) 🗗 🙂

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

September 15 (in-person & livestreamed)

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

September 22 (in-person & livestreamed)

7:00pm Gallery Opening: Rachel Goldsmith

7:30pm Shabbat Shuva

September 29 (in-person & livestreamed) 🎜 😉

6:00pm Sukkot BYO Picnic Dinner 7:00pm Sukkot Shabbat Service

October 6 (Zoom)

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

October 13 (in-person & livestreamed)

5:00pm Tot Shabbat (in-person only) 6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

October 20 (in-person & livestreamed)

7:30pm Shabbat Service

October 27 (in-person & livestreamed) ©

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

Band Especially Family Friendly



Family Bingo & Pizza Lunch Sunday, October 29, 11:45am

After Religious School lets out, we'll be bringing on Bingo for the whole family! Rabbi Goldsmith will be calling numbers and winners will receive gift cards from local stores, be sure to join the fun. This event supports 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. RSVP information will appear in the weekly Emanumail.



Shabbat Cooking with Chef Cara Tannenbaum Monday, October 30, 7:15pm

Festive Shabbat meals can be vegetarian friendly! Learn to prepare vegetarian "chicken soup" brimming with mushroom filled kreplach. Recipes and instruction will be provided; bring an apron, and get ready to make a hearty modern spin on a Jewish classic. Space is limited. Cost: \$36/person. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org.