



**Once We Were Home with Author Jennifer Rosner  
(Kristallnacht Program)**

**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 who believed her German parents were her own. What happened after war's end when the children were taken from what they considered their families – or when the people who harbored them refused to let them go? 🧑



**Shabbat Dinner, Family Shabbat Service,  
and Consecration with Musician Joanie Leeds  
Friday, November 17, 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Service**

Joanie Leeds is a Grammy award winning performer of Jewish and secular songs who won best album of the year with *People Magazine*, *Parents Magazine*, and *The Washington Post*. This musical Shabbat extravaganza will get you and your whole family dancing and grooving! Dinner: \$15/child, \$20/adult or \$60/family max. During the dinner, we'll be assembling soup in a jar to benefit a local food pantry. RSVP link in the weekly Emanumail. 🧑📺



**Cooking with Chef Cara Tannenbaum:  
Chanukah Gelt & Apple Fritters  
Monday, November 27, 7:15pm**

Tempering chocolate is an easily learned skill, and is essential for creating snappy, shiny treats. We will use the prepared chocolate to mold our own Chanukah gelt. As an extra traditional treat, we will celebrate the holiday with apple fritters, lightly fried. Cost: \$36/person. Space is limited. RSVP to Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org). 🧑



**Arthur Szyk, 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 the works by acclaimed Polish Jewish miniaturist and political cartoonist Arthur Szyk (1894-1951). The exhibit includes films about his art and life, a reading room, an art-making space, and an ambient soundtrack of American music from the era of Szyk's prominence in the late 30s and 40s. Cost: \$36/person. Friends welcome! RSVP to Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org). 🧑



**Jewish Museum Tour of Mood of the Moment:  
Gaby Aghion and The House of Chloé  
Monday, December 11, 10:30am**

This is the first museum exhibition honoring Jewish entrepreneur Gaby Aghion (1921-2014) and her legacy as the founder of the French fashion house Chloé. Born into 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. Cost: \$36/person. Friends welcome! RSVP to Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org). 🧑

High Holy Day Rewind: Tashlich at Edith G. Read Nature Sanctuary

The weather this year on the second day of Rosh Hashanah was stunning, and we had an amazing turnout! While it may seem far away now that the cooler weather has arrived, it wasn't all that long ago that we came together as one community to usher in the New Year.



Some of our programs and services remain multi-access. The icons below let you know how you can take part in services and programs. Check the weekly Emanumail for the most up-to-date information, as well as links to livestream or Zoom multi-access and online programs.



In-person



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## Rabbi Goldsmith: My Upcoming Sabbatical

"Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. But in the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath of complete rest, a sabbath of Adonai... it shall be a year of complete rest..."

- *Leviticus chapter 25*

In this, my 14th year with Emanu-El, I am incredibly grateful to the congregation for granting me a sabbatical. From mid-December until mid-March and then again from June through August, I will be taking time away from the temple to rest, study, do community service, and a bit of travel. The Sabbatical is about seeking balance and recharging my spiritual, intellectual, and emotional reserves. All of these will allow me to return to the congregation not only ready to serve, but with renewed passion, deeper knowledge, and a broader perspective on the work that I am honored to do.

Life at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester will continue full-force while I'm away. Regular Friday night Shabbat services will be led by Cantor Stone and our rabbinic intern, Zachary Canali. Classes that I usually teach such as Beit Midrash and Confirmation will be taught by Zachary. If, God forbid, there is a funeral, Cantor Stone, Zachary, or an appropriate alternative officiant will take care of the bereaved (the same procedure as when I'm out of town for a conference or vacation). There are several b'nei mitzvah that I will come back to conduct.

Other aspects of congregational life are in expert hands. Our religious school, overseen by our Director of Education, Jackie Kurland, will continue with its regular schedule. Jane Dubro's wonderful suite of programming will carry on as planned. Our temple office, finance, and facilities staff will ensure that the building and administration continues to run smoothly. And, of course, our lay leadership will continue to provide governance and strategic oversight. I recognize the immense privilege of receiving this time.

I cannot thank you enough.

## The City of Slaughter

On April 19-21, 1903, the Jews of Kishinev in the Russian empire were attacked, raped, injured, and killed. It became a turning point in modern Jewish history. The atrocities of the pogrom, widely publicized by William Randolph Hearst, led Jews around the world to support the new Zionist movement, the push for Jewish self-determination in the Land of Israel. The news of it throughout Russia led tens of thousands of Russian Jews to emigrate to the west and to the Land of Israel.



There were two elements to the horror of Kishinev. First, the slaughter of innocent Jews spurred by a blood libel spread by the Russian church and the Russian press. Namely, that Jews killed two local children to use their blood to make matzah. The other horror was the perceived lack of resistance by the Orthodox Jews who made up the town's community. This was captured in Haim Nachman Bialik's landmark work, "The City of Slaughter". It described mothers and daughters being raped and killed in front of each other while:

*In that dark corner, and behind that cask  
Crouched husbands, bridegrooms, brothers, peering from the cracks,  
Watching the sacred bodies struggling underneath  
The bestial breath, stifled in filth, and swallowing their blood!...  
Crushed in their shame, they saw it all;  
They did not stir nor move...  
Perhaps, perhaps, each watcher had it in his heart to pray:  
A miracle, O Lord, and spare my skin this day!...  
How did their menfolk bear it, how did they bear this yoke?  
They crawled forth from their holes, they fled to the house of the Lord,  
They offered thanks to Him, the sweet benedictory word.  
The Cohanin sallied forth, to the Rabbi's house they flitted:  
Tell me, O Rabbi, tell, is my own wife permitted? ...  
For since they have met pain with resignation  
And have made peace with shame,  
What shall avail thy consolation?  
They are too wretched to evoke thy scorn.  
They are too lost thy pity to evoke...*

Bialik paints the picture of the pious Jew of 2,000 years of exile. The stereotypical defenseless Jew who allows himself to be buffeted by the whims and violence of others; the powerless Jew whose all-consuming faith blinds him to the realities of the world, blinds him even from compassion for his raped wife and daughter. This was the Jew the Zionists scorned, the pious, bookish, weak Jew against whom Zionists defined themselves. We can draw a straight line from the pogrom of Kishinev, its devastating portrayal by Bialik, and the reaction to it to

the strengthening of the Zionist movement, the creation of the State of Israel, and the sacred responsibility of Jews to protect ourselves, to hold on to the power that we have gained, a sacred ethos of self-defense.

Yes, we reacted powerfully to the Kishinev Pogrom that left 49 dead. But the ethos that grew out of it was gravely challenged on October 7th. The security that we thought we had turned out to be a partial mirage. We cannot fully comprehend the loss, the rape and torture and beheadings: 1400 dead and 240 kidnapped. The Jewish State was founded to prevent just this type of attack, to prevent another Kishinev. How could this happen within the land that we have held sovereign for over 75 years?

Far-left, anti-Israel progressives have tried to make this about the powerful and the powerless. Well, guess what? It is exactly about power. We were powerless for 2,000 years, 2,000 years during which we would be welcome for a time, then used, then discriminated against, then oppressed, then either expelled or killed. As a historically oppressed people, we successfully

re-established ourselves in our indigenous, native land and achieved not only self-determination, but also sovereignty. With that came power, power that we have used well and power that has sometimes been used poorly; power that we have used to benefit all humankind and power that we have sometimes abused. It is power that comes with grave responsibilities. And, it is power that - no matter its complexities - we will not cede to terrorists, we will not cede to the international community, we will not cede for the memory of the 1400 killed on October 7th, the 6 million killed in the Holocaust, the 49 killed in Kishinev, and all the other Jews who suffered through 2,000 years of powerless exile.

There are many things about the war, about the entirety of the Israeli-Arab conflict, which are hopelessly complicated. There are ways that various governments in Israel have failed. There is the epic failure of generations of Palestinian leaders to accept a two-state solution. There is still the elusive but vitally important need for peace with - and separation from - the Palestinians. Addressing all of that will require great sacrifices in the future. But those are sacrifices that we can only make from a position of strength. So, for now, this is very simple: We will not cede our power. We will continue to realize the dream of Hatikvah: to be a free people in our land.



Howard J. Goldsmith,

## Chance Encounters in Israel

Perhaps traveling alone makes us more amenable to talking with strangers. A few chance encounters I had during my recent trip to Israel made an impact on me, opening me to the diversity of people who call Israel home. When I arrived in Haifa on October 5 for my nephew's wedding, no one suspected that two days later terrorists would wreak destruction far more devastating than the last surprise attack, 50 years earlier. Thank God, neither I nor my extended family was in direct danger, and 12 days later I arrived safely back in New York.



On my outbound flight I was seated next to a young couple with an infant, on their way home to Beersheba. ("Oh no, a baby" I thought.) Thankfully, he and his parents were sweet and friendly. I took the father to be Israeli and the mother, American. Wrong! Although she was raised by Israeli parents in Israel, I knew something was up when I heard his strong Arkansas drawl. They were Messianic Jews, people who believe in the divinity of Jesus but still observe Jewish rituals and holidays. My initial reaction was to recoil in judgment, but we had another 10 hours of proximity. So I remained friendly and learned about their points of view, clearly very different than my own. We never exchanged names, but as missiles attacked in the south a couple days later, I hoped that they were out of harm's way.

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On my flight to Rome twelve days later, I sat adjacent to Ruth, an orthodox rebbetzin who wore modest clothing and a headcovering typical of religious wives. Normally I would have minded my own business, but I'd finished my book, so engaged in conversation. Once again, chatting with someone very different from myself defied my expectations. Ruth enlightened me about the religious practice of Sephardic Jews, which is far more liberal than that of the Ashkenazim. I was surprised at how openly we talked about personal topics, like a son of hers who had left the fold, LGBTQ rights, and more. She was interesting, kind and relatable, with attitudes that surprised me. Here was a person so completely different from me, with a flock of grown children and grandchildren, yet we must have been around the same age.

A third encounter was in a pharmacy where I was meandering to pass some time. A tall, blond man was holding out 200 shekels and speaking in broken Hebrew to a clerk. I was curious, so I followed him down an aisle and found out that his daughter's school was collecting toiletries to send to soldiers. The man must have been a Russian émigré; indeed, I heard a lot of Russian on this trip. As the saleswomen loaded toothpaste and shaving cream into his cart, I reached into my wallet to increase the donation. I'd been wanting to find some way to help; here was a small gesture, and also an opportunity to pass on the tzedakah dollars that others had given me to donate in Israel.



On the day of my departure, at the train station in Haifa, a kind young man offered to carry my suitcase. He showed me where to buy a ticket and took me to the platform, as he was boarding the same train to Tel Aviv. With his fair hair, green eyes and open countenance, he reminded me of a young Michael Aloni, the *Shtisel* actor. Again, I became curious. "Aren't you in the army?" I asked. Yes, he had been living in Columbia but came home to report to duty. "Will they cut your hair?" I inquired. "No," he laughed, I am an officer." He was 22 years-old. As the train rambled down the Mediterranean coast I glanced at him occasionally, wondering what he was thinking. At his stop, he waved goodbye and departed for his base. I prayed that he would return home safely.

*Meredith*


Meredith Stone, Cantor

## Chanukah Happenings

### Chanukah Tot Shabbat

**Friday, December 8, 5:30pm Service**



Bundle up the little people in your life for fun songs and a menorah lighting. As always, our time together will be filled with songs, stories, and blessings.

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends - you're all invited to come along! Join our congregational Chanukah dinner after! RSVP information will appear in Emanumail. 

### Chanukah Dinner & Shabbat Celebration


**Friday, December 8**

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

Start the evening with dinner, latkes, and friends! BYOM (Bring Your Own Menorah) for our annual Chanukah celebration. Everyone will be invited to light their menorahs on the bimah, and then we'll sing Chanukah songs as the candles illuminate our sanctuary. RSVP information for dinner will appear in Emanumail.  


### Pre-K/K Chanukah Drop-Off Program

**Sunday, December 10, 9:30-10:45am**

Drop off your little ones for a fun morning learning about Chanukah through crafts and stories! Open to the community - bring a friend! RSVP information will appear in Emanumail. 


### Young Families Chanukah Celebration

**Sunday, December 10, 10:45-11:45am**

Dreidels, gelt, games, crafts and music! Come celebrate Chanukah with us! This event is geared to ages 6 months through 2nd grade and require an adult to be present. RSVP information will appear in Emanumail. 

### Women's Study Group Chanukah Dinner

**Tuesday, December 12, 6:00pm**

Kindle the lights of Chanukah and gather in the warmth of our Women's Study Group. More details to come. 

## RABBINIC INTERN ZACHARY CANALI'S MESSAGE

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### An October Reflection

Five years ago, in May 2018, I was sitting on the grass in a small park near the center of town. Around me were around thirty other Americans and we were saying our farewells to the Israeli soldiers that had been traveling with us for the past several days. Birthright had already been such a remarkable experience, and I knew that I would never forget it. So, staring up at the cloudless sky, I allowed myself to become lost in thought. Then I noticed something flying through the air, it kind of looked like a plane, but its path was a little more crooked. Then there was a second. I quickly realized that those "planes" were missiles, and that they were fired from nearby Gaza towards us in Sderot. As the Iron Dome performed its job, and the sounds of missiles colliding echoed above our heads, I took shelter by a tall fence with my peers and the residents of Sderot. I distinctly remember the face of one of the men who took shelter near me, the fear in his eyes a reflection from my own.

This memory has been replaying in my head since the attack on October 7th, since I first saw Sderot on the list of towns attacked by Hamas on Simchat Torah. I remember the grass and the fence, but most importantly, I remember the man who sheltered near me. I remember the human who I pray still lives. The scope of the October 7th attack is much greater than anything that we have witnessed within our lifetimes. For Israelis and for many of us, these are days of dread, and it is difficult not to descend into a loop of despair. Even worse, it can sometimes feel as if we are alone in



our concern as the world continues to move around us. Are they indifferent to us, to the suffering of the Jews?

Yet, with the same memory that spurs on this thinking, I remember that while I sheltered in fear in Sderot five years ago, I was not alone. That man was with me. I was with him. We were not alone in that moment; and we are not alone now. When we, as a community, gathered together in our collective fear and grief on October 12th, Father Elias of the Greek Orthodox Church of next door stood with us. Representatives from the School of the Holy Child sent us flowers. Our neighbors made sure that we knew that we were not alone. We felt our pain and loss together, and God willing, we will continue to have those people with us who see the pain in our eyes, as well.

There is power in being with another person, in just being present as they process what is happening around them. Sometimes there are words that we feel the need to say - the "I'm with yous" and "How are you doings" - but other times we merely just need to be present. To sit in the discomfort of what we have experienced, and, once we have taken the time that we need, stand again on our feet, and step out of the darkness back into the light. And what can we do in the light? We can hug our children, check in on our relatives, attend Shabbat Services, and show the world that Am Israel Chai, the Jewish People live.

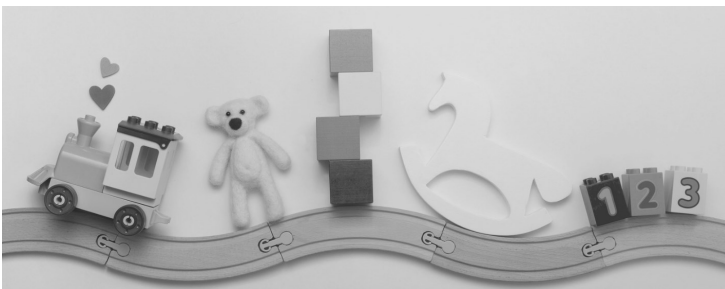
Zachary Canali, Rabbinic Intern

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

## 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](mailto:hedozo@aol.com) and Lauren Shalem at [lauren.beitman@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.beitman@gmail.com).

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



### Have A Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive Now through Monday, December 11

Give the thrill of opening a holiday gift this season to kids in underserved communities in Westchester by donating to the WJCS Have A Heart for the Holidays gift drive. In many cases, the donations provided to families are the only holiday gifts that families are able to give their children. Donate a new, unwrapped, gender neutral toy or a \$25 Amazon gift card. A collection bin will be located in the temple lobby. For more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedozo@aol.com).




### 914Cares New Underwear & Socks Drive Month of December

914Cares is collecting new underwear and socks for kids of all ages - from infant to teen. A collection bin will be located in the temple lobby.



## One-time and Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities


### Bake Lasagna at Emanu-El for Lasagna Love Sundays, November 12 & December 17, 9:30am

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. RSVP to Abbie at [alevitt@c-e-w.org](mailto:alevitt@c-e-w.org). 


### Volunteers Needed: Kosher Food Pantry Thursday, November 16, 9:00am -12:00pm

We will be volunteering at HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle, assembling perishable food bags that will delivered to Kosher homes in the area. This event does not include delivering the food, but if you are interested in staying to deliver, HOPE would be more than happy to have your help! RSVP to Lauren Shalem at [lauren.beitman@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.beitman@gmail.com). 

### Volunteer to Teach Adult ESL at the Carver Center in Port Chester Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:30am

Our ESL program is up and running again (in a new location)! Volunteers are needed to tutor adult English language learners, no experience necessary, just a passion to help. Contact Jaime Morris at [jaime-morris@hotmail.com](mailto:jaime-morris@hotmail.com) or Amy Schulhof at [alschulhof@hotmail.com](mailto:alschulhof@hotmail.com) if interested. 

### Join the Emanu-El Caring Community

Being there for one another in difficult times is a vital piece of who we are. The Emanu-El Caring Community is a volunteer-run group that makes certain that our congregants experience a sense of support after the loss of a loved one. We are looking for volunteers to help assemble and deliver bereavement baskets on an as-needed basis. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the Caring Community, contact Michelle Schwartz at [prettypaper1@gmail.com](mailto:prettypaper1@gmail.com). 

## Jewish Storytelling Through Film

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks taught that the Jewish people are commanded to be a "nation of storytellers."

Cinema has a remarkable ability to bring stories to life. Our 2023-2024 film series offers a diverse and engaging range of films that explore various aspects of our history. This year's selection includes dramatic features, riveting documentaries, and films that delve into personal stories, history, and cultural themes and cover a diverse range of genres and motifs within the Jewish community.

The film series is open to the community and is an opportunity for people to come together, share perspectives, and engage in meaningful discussions about the films.

I love curating the film series, and enjoy the journey of discovering and sharing these narratives that offer a window into the rich tapestry of Jewish life and history. The thematic diversity and historical context of these films promise a well-rounded exploration of the Jewish experience.

Here's a brief overview of each film:

### ***The Human Factor* (December 7)**

A behind-the-scenes documentary that explores the 30-year effort of the United States to secure peace in the Middle East.

### ***How Saba Kept Singing* (February 1)**

This documentary tells the untold story of David Wisnia's survival in Auschwitz through his singing. The screening is followed by a discussion with filmmakers (and congregant) Kyra Grann and Avi Wisnia.

### ***Life Animated* (February 29)**

An inspirational documentary about a young man who, unable to speak as a child, finds a way to communicate through Disney animated films.

### ***Monkey Business* (April 18)**

The true story behind *Curious George* creators, Hans and Margret Rey, and their escape from the Nazis on bicycles before immigrating to the United States.

### ***American Pickle* (May 30)**

A unique comedy-drama about an Orthodox Jewish factory worker who falls into a vat of brine, is preserved for 100 years, and reconnects with his great-great-grandson in contemporary Brooklyn.



Thank you for going on this Jewish journey with me. I'll see you at the movies!

Peace & Love,

Jane Dubro, Director of Programming & Engagement

## Movie Trivia

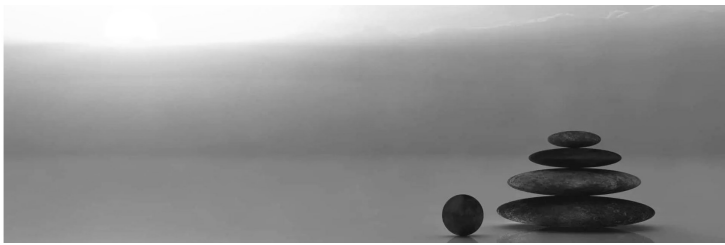
### Take our Jewish film quiz!

(answer key at the bottom )

1. *Exodus* was a 1960 film dealing with the fight to establish Israel as an independent state; which author wrote the book upon which the film was based?
2. Which movie takes place at a resort in the Catskills, where Johnny Castle is the dance instructor?
3. *The Pawnbroker* was a 1964 film directed by Sidney Lumet, but who played the title role?
4. In which animated film would you find the leading character of Fievel Mousekowitz?
5. Who played the lead in the 1958 movie *Marjorie Morningstar*?
6. Which film features Amy Irving as Manhattan single Isabelle Grossman?

### Answer Key:

1. Leon Uris
2. Dirty Dancing
3. Rod Steiger
4. An American Tail
5. Natalie Wood
6. Crossing Delancey



## **Holding Our Hearts Together In Difficult Times: Mindfulness Meditation with Jane Meryll on Zoom** **Wednesdays, November 8 & 15, 7:30pm**

In these disquieting times, learn how to find gentler, kinder, compassionate ways to balance and comfort your body and soul. This class will be held on Zoom only. Check Emanumail for the Zoom link. 📺

## **Beit Midrash**

**Saturdays, November 11, December 2 & 16, 9:00am**  
**Sunday, November 19, 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? This year, we will look at the weekly Torah portion and discover how it filters through the prism of time and through each generation. Come every session or just drop in - all are welcome! 🧑🏻📺



## **Mah Jongg & Canasta** **Mondays, November 13, 20 & 27 and** **December 4 & 18, 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 x1021 or jdubro@c-e-w.org. 🧑🏻

## **Next Step**

**Sundays, November 12 & December 10, 11:00am**

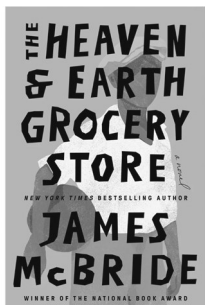
This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed this group to continue for many years. Next Step is facilitated by Paul Spindel (retired executive). For more information, contact Paul at 914-632-1264. 🧑🏻



## **Single Malt Torah**

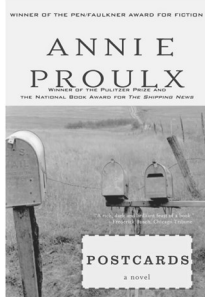
**Thursday, November 30, 8:00pm**

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. 🧑🏻



**Books & Bites**  
**at North Street Tavern**  
**Thursday, November 9, 7:00pm**  
*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride 🧑🏻

**Book Club on Zoom**  
**Thursday, November 16, 11:00am**  
*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride 📺



**Book Club on Zoom**  
**Thursday, December 14, 11:00am**  
*Postcards* by E. Annie Proulx 📺

**Books & Bites**  
**at North Street Tavern**  
**Thursday, December 21, 7:00pm**  
*Postcards* by E. Annie Proulx 🧑🏻





## **Shuk To The Core: Israeli Vendor Fair at Temple Israel Center (Co-Sponsored by Emanu-El)** **Tuesday, November 14, 4:00 - 8:00pm**

Come support artists and vendors from across Israel who have traveled to the US to sell their wares - Judaica, jewelry, art, crafts, literature and more! Suggested entry: \$5/person to support the artists. Food will be available for purchase and there will be activities for children. TIC is located at 280 Old Mamaroneck Road in White Plains. RSVP information will appear in Emanumail. 🧑🏻


RSVP to Marcie at marciena33@gmail.com. Check Emanumail for the Book Club Zoom link.

## **Night of Jewish Learning & Celebration at Beth El Synagogue**

**Saturday, November 18, 7:30pm & 8:30pm**


The Westchester Board of Rabbis and the Westchester Jewish Council are proud to offer this special community learning event which will take place at Beth El Synagogue Center. There will be over 20 different classes offered by 28 Westchester rabbis. One hybrid livestream class per session will be available. The link for the hybrid livestream class will be emailed the week before the program. A list of classes available soon. Cost: \$25/person (\$30 the day of event). A kosher dairy dessert reception will follow the event. Beth El is located at 1324 North Avenue in New Rochelle. Register at <https://conta.cc/3OUZxPn>.  

## **Political Staffers Meeting Friday, December 1, 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. 



## **Film: *The Human Factor* Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm**


This behind-the-scenes documentary about the United States' thirty-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. 

## **Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone Monday, December 18, 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. A light lunch will be served. RSVP to Cantor Stone at [mstone@c-e-w.org](mailto:mstone@c-e-w.org). 



## **Art Nouveau Style Painting with Artist Terry Schwarz Thursday, December 14, 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 are provided. Cost: \$36/person. Space is limited. RSVP to Jane at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org). 

## **Save these dates!**

These are just a few of CEW's programs in November and December. Check out all of our offerings at [www.c-e-w.org](http://www.c-e-w.org).

## **Comedy Night Saturday, January 6, 7:00pm**

## **Social Justice Shabbat Friday, January 12, 7:30pm**

## **Film: *How Saba Kept Singing* with Filmmaker Kyra Grann and Guest Avi Wisnia Thursday, February 1, 7:00pm**

## **Women's Study Group Retreat Friday, February 2 - Saturday, February 3**



## A Love For Israel

It is hard to put into words my relationship with Israel, as it is a deeply personal place to me, like I'm sure it is to many of you. My connections started young, being built through my synagogue's nursery school, religious school, Jewish camp (where I worked with many Israelis on staff), and my own family's love for Israel. I had American Israeli cousins who I loved learning from when they would visit annually from Jerusalem, and no matter what the assignment in school, I always chose Israel as the country I wanted to represent (and I did this at home too when playing games like Nickolodeon's Global Guts!). Although I grew up with the sense of having unconditional love for Israel, I didn't actually visit the country until I was 18. I had always been planning on going when I was 16 with camp, but the Second Intifada got in the way of those plans. Birthright with my camp friends became the next best option a few years later.



During my first visit to Israel, I was profoundly moved. I was in awe of the country- the people, the food, the history, the geography, and this overpowering sense of spirituality which I had never felt before. I knew I had to go back and decided then and there that I would find a way to spend a semester studying abroad in Israel. I got back to Emory that winter, started taking Hebrew and ended up declaring a major in Middle Eastern Studies.

Weeks before I was supposed to leave for my semester abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Second Lebanon War broke out and I was forced to make a choice. Emory told us not to go and I got into a very uncomfortable screaming argument with my grandparents at their country club, as they thought I was insane for leaving the comfort of the US for a war zone. My dad asked me if I was honestly prepared to live without a limb if I was injured. Looking back on this moment, it was one of the toughest decisions I had to make, but I knew what I wanted and I went to Israel. No war or person was going to convince me otherwise, and fortunately, the war ended a few weeks later.

During that semester abroad, I became friends with two Arab Israelis and I took a course called the History of the Modern Palestinians. I was treated to an incredible dinner experience at one of those friend's family homes in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, and I traveled with the other to Ramallah and Jordan. The people I engaged with and the places I visited that year profoundly changed me. I learned so much about Israeli history, society, and politics and as a Middle Eastern Studies major, there was no better experience, especially since the most important learning occurred from my experiences rather than from my classes. Because of the war, however, I wasn't able to travel

around the country as much as I had anticipated and I left at the end of my six months there still wanting more.

When I graduated from college, I chose to spend another year living in Israel on a volunteer internship program called Otzma that was run by The Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish Federations of North America. During that year, I spent four months living in an immigration absorption center in Be'er Sheva where I learned Hebrew, volunteered in afterschool programs, and helped high school students with their English. It was fascinating meeting people from all over the world who were moving to Israel, mostly because they didn't feel safe as Jews in their home countries. A group of 20 French immigrants were in our Hebrew classes as there were waves of French anti-Semitism at the time, and I was so heartbroken for these new immigrants who had given up their careers and lives at all stages to start over just so that they could have the ability to live freely as Jewish people. Israel gave them that safe place to call home.

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Later on that year, another war broke out with Gaza, Operation Cast Lead. It felt different this time, as I was not only physically closer to the war itself, but I now had many Israeli friends who had recently served in the army and I had been building connections through my volunteer work all over the country. During the war, I moved to Rehovot, a city 25 minutes south of Tel Aviv, where I split my time volunteering at an Ethiopian Community Center with at-risk youth, an elementary school where I helped teach English, and an after school program where I took care of young kids using my Hebrew. It was in that school that I went into my first bomb shelter as a "code red" siren sounded through the building. I remember thinking how horrible it was that these kids knew how to react better than I did, but like we now have lockdown drills, these children were accustomed to this reality. I ended my year in Israel living in Tel Aviv, where I interned for Haaretz. Tel Aviv was my city and I thought about staying forever, but instead, I found every opportunity possible to keep going back.

I turned my love for Israel and my passion for Judaism into my work. I spent a summer staffing my camp's Israel trip for 16 year olds, I staffed a Birthright trip the summer after that, and I went to Israel with my grad

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school while studying Israel in the context of Jewish education. During my most recent trip to Israel, which is now far too long ago in December 2015, I took a group of teens from a JCC on Long Island to Israel where we met with teens from JCCs from Ukraine, Israel, and France. I feel tremendous gratitude for the opportunities that I have had in Israel and the relationships that I have built there, and I have made it part of my mission to help others connect to Israel in similar ways.

Israel is complex, and even though I'm often frustrated with it and critical of it, it is always my second home. This war in Israel is different from anything we have seen before and it is so hard to sit and watch what unfolds from the safety of our homes in the US. I recently found an article that I had written during Operation Cast Lead where I said that I was proud to be in Israel during the war, as they needed us there more than ever. Now that I have kids, I'm beyond grateful to not be there this time, but I do wish that I could do more. Like many of you, I have relatives and friends that have been called to the reserves, and all I can do is keep checking in on them and sending my love and prayers their way.

During these dark times, it is more important than ever that we come together as a community to support one another and to honor the love and pride that we have for being part of the Jewish people. We practice Judaism communally and we find strength in one another, whether we are celebrating, learning, praying, or mourning, and we are connected to Jews all over the world because of these shared experiences. More than anything, I want our students in our Religious School to feel proud of being Jewish from a positive lens, and not purely from a defensive place of needing to combat anti-Semitism or defend their Jewish identity in any way. By coming together for Shabbat services, celebrating holidays, or learning together in our classrooms, we are united in instilling a love for Judaism in our children that will ultimately always be grounded in positivity: a positivity that will lead to our students feeling empowered to take on this world in whatever capacity they may need. A positivity that will lead to a lifelong relationship with the land, people, and State of Israel. Praying for peace in Israel, now and always.

*Jackie*

Jackie Kurland, Director of Education

## B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!

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



**Emilia Austrian**  
**Julian Austrian**  
**Carrie Berg**  
**Chloe Berg**  
**Matthew Geller**  
**Samantha Geller**  
**Colette Giberga**  
**Talia Goldsmith**  
**Eli Karasik**  
**Sydney Levitt**  
**Daniella Sales**



### The Bauman-Greene Pre-K & K Program

This 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. RSVP to Jackie at [jkurland@c-e-w.org](mailto:jkurland@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1015.

#### Shabbat Chanukah

Tu Bishvat  
 Purim  
 Passover

**Sunday, November 19, 9:30am**  
**Sunday, December 10, 9:30am**

Sunday, January 21, 9:30am  
 Sunday, March 17, 9:30am  
 Sunday, April 7, 9:30am

*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 overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun! These events are free and open to the community and are appropriate for kids up through 2nd grade. RSVP to Jackie at [jkurland@c-e-w.org](mailto:jkurland@c-e-w.org).

#### Shabbat Chanukah

Tu Bishvat  
 Purim  
 Passover  
 Mitzvah Shabbat  
 & Pizza Truck Dinner

**Sunday, November 19, 10:45am**  
**Sunday, December 10, 10:45am**

Sunday, January 21, 10:30am  
 Sunday, March 17, 11:30am  
 Sunday, April 7, 10:45am  
 Friday, May 10, 5:30pm

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Neil Canell on the death of his father Roger Canell  
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# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00pm Jewish Mindfulness on Zoom	2 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 8:30pm Israel Discussion	3 12:00pm Israel Discussion 7:30pm Shabbat Service	4 9:00am Chloe & Carrie Berg B'not Mitzvah 11:30am Sydney Levitt Bat Mitzvah
5 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 7:00pm Westchester Stands with Israel Concert at WJC	6 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy 7:15pm Confirmation	7 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	8 7:30pm Jewish Mindfulness on Zoom	9 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:00pm Books & Bites	10 7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat Service	11 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Eli Karasik Bar Mitzvah
12 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30am Lasagna Love 11:00am Next Step	13 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy 7:15pm Confirmation 7:15pm <i>Once We Were Home</i> with Jennifer Rosner	14 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 4:00pm Israeli Artist Fair at TIC 7:30pm Board Meeting	15 7:30pm Jewish Mindfulness on Zoom	16 11:00am Book Club 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	17 6:00pm Shabbat Dinner 6:45pm Family Shabbat Service & Consecration with Joanie Leeds	18 11:00am Colette Giberga Bat Mitzvah 7:30pm Night of Jewish Learning at Beth El
19 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30 - 10:30am Pre-K/K: Shabbat 10:30 - 11:45am Young Families Celebration: Shabbat 10:30am Beit Midrash	20 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy No Confirmation	21 No Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	22	23      <i>Temple Closed for Thanksgiving</i>	24 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service      <i>Temple Closed for Thanksgiving</i>	25
26 No Religious School	27 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy 7:15pm Confirmation 7:15pm Cooking Class	28 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	29	30 11:00am Trip to Arthur Szyk Exhibit 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 8:00pm Single Malt Torah		

# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:00am Political Staffers Meeting 7:30pm Shabbat Service	2 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Emilia & Julian Austrian B'nei Mitzvah 5:00pm Daniella Sales Bat Mitzvah
3 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School & 3rd Grade Family Learning	4 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy 7:15pm Confirmation	5 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	6	7 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 7:00pm Film: <i>The Human Factor</i>	8 5:30pm Chanukah Tot Shabbat 6:00pm Chanukah Dinner 7:00pm Chanukah Shabbat <i>Chanukah 1</i>	9 5:00pm Talia Goldsmith Bat Mitzvah  <i>Chanukah 2</i>
10 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30 - 10:30am Pre-K/K: Chanukah 10:30 - 11:45am Young Families Chanukah Celebration 11:00am Next Step <i>Chanukah 3</i>	11 10:30am Jewish Museum Chloe Exhibit 7:15pm Academy 7:15pm Confirmation  <i>Chanukah 4</i>	12 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 6:00pm Women's Study Group Chanukah Dinner <i>Chanukah 5</i>	13      <i>Chanukah 6</i>	14 11:00am Book Club 1:00pm Painting with Terry Schwarz 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom  <i>Chanukah 7</i>	15 6:30pm Gallery Opening 7:00pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath  <i>Chanukah 8</i>	16 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Matthew & Samantha Geller B'nei Mitzvah
17 9:30 - 11:45am Religious School 9:30am Lasagna Love	18 12:00pm Reflections Workshop 2:00pm Mah Jongg & Canasta 7:15pm Academy No Confirmation	19 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	20	21 7:00pm Books & Bites	22 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service	23
24 No Religious School Programs	25 No Academy & Confirmation  <i>Temple Closed</i>	26 No Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom & B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	27	28 No Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom	29 6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service	30
31 No Religious School Programs						

## Feeding Westchester: High Holy Day Food Drive

We asked, and you provided! This year, congregants collected 1,516 lbs. of food for Feeding Westchester – more than doubling last year's collection!



## Lasagna Love

Every month congregants and friends gather in the temple kitchen to bake lasagnas for the Lasagna Love program at HOPE Community Services. The next sessions are on Sundays, November 12 and December 17 - see pg. 7 for details.



## Feeding Westchester Volunteer Trip

In October, a group of volunteers headed over to Feeding Westchester to take part in packing bags of food for distribution at their warehouse in Elmsford. Our next volunteering trip is to HOPE Community Services Kosher Food Bank on Thursday, November 16 – turn to pg. 7 for details.



## Shabbat Cooking with Chef Cara Tannenbaum

This year we are offering a series of cooking classes that focus on Jewish cooking - our first session in October featured vegetarian "chicken soup" with kreplach - our next session will focus on Chanukah treats. See the front cover for more information.



## Political Staffers Meeting with Assemblymember Chris Burdick (by MJ Wolff)

On Friday, October 20 a group of us met with Assemblymember Chris Burdick (D-93). His district of 9 municipalities includes Harrison, half of White Plains and extends north on the 684 corridor from North Castle to North Salem. Burdick was elected to the Assembly in 2020 and currently sits on six committees: Environmental/Conservation, Banks, Disabilities, Correction, Veterans and Housing. He has worked on bills to protect local wetlands and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

We spoke about the HEAT Act which our Social Justice Committee has been working to get passed with RAC-NY. He agrees with the urgent need to move away from fossil fuels, and believes that the best way to get these types of bills passed would be to compromise on effective dates for their implementation. He encouraged us to continue to advocate for our social justice initiatives with emails and phone calls sponsored through RAC-NY as well as emailing our local officials from personal emails and phones as well. Every phone call and email does make a difference.

The next staffers meeting will take place on Friday, December 1 at 9:00am—guest to be announced soon.



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## November & December Shabbat Services

### **November 10 (in-person & livestreamed)** 🎵

7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat

### **November 17 (in-person & livestreamed)** 🎵 😊

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner  
6:45pm Family Shabbat Service  
with Musician Joanie Leeds

### **November 24 (Zoom)**

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

### **December 1 (in-person & livestreamed)**

7:30pm Shabbat Service

### **December 8 (in-person & livestreamed)** 🎵 😊

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

### **December 15 (in-person & livestreamed)**

6:30pm Gallery Opening  
7:00pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath

### **December 22 (Zoom)**

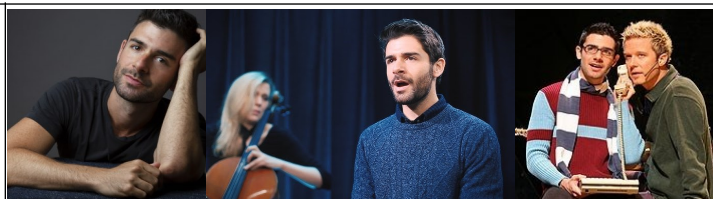
6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

### **December 29 (Zoom)**

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

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### **Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath with Emmy-Award Winning Actor Adam Kantor Friday, December 15, 7:00pm**

Actors always need to seek their next role. Etai Benson, our anticipated musical guest, is currently back onstage, and unfortunately no longer able to be with us. Taking his place, however, will be Grammy and Emmy-Award winning Broadway actor Adam Kantor (*Rent*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *The Band's Visit*). Adam will share with us his soulful Jewish journey through stories and songs from some of his favorite roles. An evening not to be missed! The evening will begin with a brief Shabbat service. 🧑🏽 📺

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Annual Spring Benefit Saturday, April 6, 7:30pm

More details to come...