



**2024-2025**  
**JEWISH**  
**JOURNEYS**

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**A CATALOG OF SERVICES,  
PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

**CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WESTCHESTER**



## RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Dear Emanu-El Community,

With the fast pace of change around the world, in Israel, and here at home, our attention is easily - and appropriately - captured by the headlines. Those headlines raise concerns for our brothers and sisters in the land of Israel, for the future of our country, for the state of our environment, and for the world order as we have known it. There are things that each of us can do to help shape the course of events - especially voting - but over many of these events we have little direct control. How do we maintain hope in a time like this?

We have a tradition that helps to give us traction in uncertain times. Indeed, for most of our history, the Jewish people maintained their hope and found joy through the gifts of their ancestors. Each Jewish tradition is like a sacred vessel, a precious inheritance that helps us not only measure the passage of time, but also mark the important moments in our lives. Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester is committed to helping us do that today just as our ancestors have for countless generations.

This catalog is filled with worship services, classes, programs, social action opportunities, and community building events. Each one helps to ground us in what is most important. Each one helps us both consider the wider world in which we live and affirm the eternal truths that give our lives meaning. Some will spark our intellects. Some will lift our spirits. Some will touch our hearts. And some are just plain fun!

The main room in our synagogue is called a sanctuary. This year, let Emanu-El be our sanctuary, our place to find peace, and amplify the blessings in our lives.

L'Shalom,



Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

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# WELCOME & DIRECTORY

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## A Community Dedicated to Celebrating Modern Jewish Life

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

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

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

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

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Please check our website and Emanumail for updates and changes to our program scheduling. Unless otherwise noted, the link to livestream programs and services is [tinyurl.com/cewconnect](https://tinyurl.com/cewconnect). Sanctuary worship services may also be viewed on our Facebook page and website.

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## Friday Night Worship Services

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

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

### Shabbat Service Key:

 Band

 Family Friendly

### September 6

6:00pm BBQ Shabbat Dinner

7:00pm Shabbat Service

### September 13

6:00pm Outdoor Early Shabbat Service

### September 20

7:00pm Gallery Opening: MJ Wolff

7:30pm Shabbat Service

### September 27

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

### October 4

6:00pm Early Shabbat Shuva Service

### October 11

7:30pm Kol Nidre Service

### October 18

6:00pm Sukkot Shabbat Service

### October 25

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner

6:45pm Simchat Torah & Consecration

### November 1

7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat Service

### November 8

6:00pm Veterans' Day Shabbat Service

### November 15

7:30pm Shabbat Service

### November 22

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner

7:00pm Family Shabbat Service with Special Musical  
Guest Elana Arian

### November 29

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

### December 6

7:30pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath

### December 13

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner

7:00pm Chanukah Shabbat

### December 20

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

### December 27

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

### January 3

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

### January 10

7:00pm Gallery Opening

7:30pm Shabbat Service

### January 17

7:30pm Social Justice Shabbat

### January 24

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

### January 31

6:00pm Shabbat Service

### February 7

5:15pm Shabbat Dinner

6:00pm Pajama Family Shabbat

### February 14

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

### February 21

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

### February 28

7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat:  
Celebrating Reproductive Freedom

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## Friday Night Worship Services (cont.)

**March 7** 🎵😊

7:30pm Hineini Shabbat Service

**March 14** 🎵😊

7:30pm Purim Shabbat Service: ABBA Edition

**March 21**

7:30pm Shabbat Service

**March 28**

7:30pm Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding

**April 4**

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

**April 11**

7:30pm Shabbat Service

**April 18**

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

**April 25**

5:30pm Gallery Opening

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

**May 2** 🎵😊

7:30pm Yom HaAtzmaut & Teen Shabbat Service  
Honoring Our Graduating Seniors

**May 9** 🎵😊

5:30pm Mitzvah Shabbat Dinner & Social Action Projects

6:30pm Mitzvah Shabbat Service

**May 16**

7:30pm Musical Treasures Shabbat

**May 23**

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

**May 30** 🎵

7:30pm Confirmation & Shavuot Shabbat Service

**June 6** 🎵

6:00pm Congregant Art Show

6:30pm Annual Meeting

7:00pm Sacred Stories Shabbat

**June 13** 🎵😊

6:00pm Outdoor Early Shabbat Service

**June 20**

6:00pm Lay Led Zoom Shabbat Service

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## Tot Shabbat Services

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

Friday, September 6, 5:30pm

Friday, February 7, 6:00pm (Pajama Shabbat)

Friday, December 13, 5:30pm

Friday, May 30, 5:30pm



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## Holiday Worship & Celebrations

“Lovingly, God, You have given us the gift of festivals for joy and holy days for happiness...”

- *From the Festival Kiddush*

We join together to observe and celebrate the holy days and festivals that allow us to relive the story of our people.

[Note: We celebrate many holidays on the nearest Friday evening.]

### **Saturday, September 28**

7:15pm Community Selichot Service at WRTin Scarsdale

### **Wednesday, October 2**

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

### **Thursday, October 3**

10:00am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

12:00pm Rosh Hashanah Reception

1:45pm Rosh Hashanah Youth Service

3:00pm Rosh Hashanah Young Families  
Service & Celebration

### **Friday, October 4**

10:15am Rosh Hashanah Nature Walk  
(at Edith G. Read Sanctuary in Rye)

11:00am Tashlich

(at Edith G. Read Sanctuary in Rye)

6:00pm Shabbat Shuva

### **Friday, October 11**

7:30pm Kol Nidre Service (one service only)

### **Saturday, October 12**

10:00am Yom Kippur Morning Service

1:15pm Yom Kippur Youth Service

2:15pm Yom Kippur Young Families Service

3:00pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

3:30pm Yom Kippur Healing Service of Music & Meditations

4:00pm Yom Kippur Yizkor Service

4:45pm Yom Kippur Concluding Service

5:30pm Break Fast

### **October 18**

6:00pm Sukkot Shabbat Service

### **Thursday, October 24**

7:30am Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Service

### **Friday, December 13**

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner

7:00pm Chanukah Shabbat Service

### **Sunday, March 9**

11:30am Purim Carnival

### **Friday, March 14**

7:30pm Purim Shabbat: ABBA Edition

### **Sunday, April 13**

9:00am Passover Morning Service

### **Saturday, April 19**

8:30am Passover Yizkor Service

### **May 30**

7:30pm Confirmation & Shavuot Shabbat Service

### **Monday, June 2**

7:30am Shavuot Yizkor Service

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## Yizkor Memorial Service

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

- *From the Prayer of Remembrance*

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

### **Yom Kippur Yizkor Service**

Saturday, October 12, 4:00pm

### **Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Service**

Thursday, October 24, 7:30am

### **Passover Yizkor Service**

Saturday, April 19, 8:30am

### **Shavuot Yizkor Service**

Monday, June 2, 7:30am

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## Young Families Holiday Celebrations

“From generation to generation...” - *From the morning liturgy*

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

### **Rosh Hashanah Service & Celebration**

Thursday, October 3, 3:00pm

### **Yom Kippur Service**

Saturday, October 12, 2:15pm

### **Sukkot Program**

Sunday, October 20, 10:45am

### **Shabbat Celebration**

Sunday, November 10, 10:45am

### **Chanukah Celebration**

Sunday, December 15, 10:45am

### **Tu BiShvat**

Sunday, January 26, 10:45am

### **Passover Celebration**

Sunday, April 6, 10:45am

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## B'nei Mitzvah

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

### **Jake Feldman**

Saturday, September 7

### **Mica Pryluck**

Saturday, September 14

### **Harley & KC Rosenbaum**

Saturday, September 21

### **Sloane Diskin**

Saturday, September 28

### **Noah Lupow**

Saturday, October 5

### **Julia Braude**

Saturday, October 19

### **Lucas Weinfeld**

Saturday, October 26

### **Emmet Rosenberg**

Saturday, November 16

### **Nate Deutsch**

Saturday, November 23

### **Blake Lerner**

Saturday, November 23

### **Matthew Paterno**

Saturday, December 7

### **Gabby Vaisman**

Saturday, December 14

### **Samantha Biderman**

Saturday, February 8

### **Lilah Marcus**

Saturday, March 1

### **Roxanne Posner**

Saturday, March 15

### **Caroline Leeds**

Saturday, March 22

### **Becca Katz**

Saturday, March 29

### **Henry Zelman**

Saturday, April 26

### **Abby Goldstein**

Saturday, May 3

### **Layla Brown**

Saturday, May 10

### **Avery Peltz**

Saturday, May 31

### **Lexi Turner**

Saturday, June 7

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

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

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

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### **Social Action Committee**

Co-Chairs: Hedy Cardozo (hedozo@aol.com) and Lauren Shalem (lauren.beitman@gmail.com)

We believe in putting our Jewish values into action by fostering opportunities for tikkun olam! The social action committee looks to engage all members of our congregation in a meaningful way with hands-on activities and in-kind donations that seek to better our local community and Israel. We look to fill needs expressed through our partner agencies at home and abroad, and we seek to engage all ages so that everyone can feel that they are making a difference. Emanu-El makes it easy for our congregants to give back to the broader community with collections and drives, site visits and volunteer opportunities. We take care of one another through the Emanu-El Caring Community, a volunteer-run group that makes certain that our congregants experience a sense of support after the loss of a loved one. Our ESL Program at the Carver Center in Port Chester helps our new neighbors find their voice. Our annual Mitzvah Shabbat brings the whole congregation together to give back. Watch the Emanumail for myriad other opportunities to lend a hand.

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### **Social Justice Committee**

Co-Chairs: Hedy Cardozo (hedozo@aol.com) and Marcie Aiuvalasit (marciena33@gmail.com)

When treating the symptom of a problem is not enough, we advocate for policies that can address the root causes of society's problems. Our Social Justice Committee is dedicated to making our world a better place by advocating for important social issues on the local, state, and federal levels, often working in partnership with the Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism. With a current focus on climate change, and ongoing Get Out The Vote efforts through postcarding and texting campaigns, congregants are able to be involved in a variety of ways. By working closely with politicians and staffers at every level of government, we continue the traditions of the prophets of Israel in advocating for a more just world, in a way that allows for diversity of opinion and healthy debate. No matter where you stand on the political spectrum, we can all make our world more whole and more holy.

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### **Committees in Community: Moving Emanu-El Forward**

A whole book of the Torah is dedicated to the work of the Levites, the people who managed the details, logistics, set-up, and finances of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. That so much of our most sacred book is about the Levites shows that there is, in fact, holiness "in the details". Those volunteers who serve as committee members and chairs are the Levites of today. And just as the Levitical work was holy in ancient times, so too is the work of Emanu-El's dedicated volunteers. To help make our committees as effective as possible and to help build an even stronger sense of community and purpose, committees meet on the same nights during the programmatic year. We call these evenings Committees in Community. Get Involved! We have a number of committees that would welcome your participation, input, and support. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Abbie Levitt at alevitt@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1018.

Thursday, September 26, 6:00pm

Thursday, November 7, 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 28, 6:00pm

Thursday, April 10, 6:00pm

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

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## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

### Teach Adult ESL at the Carver Center in Port Chester

Volunteers are needed to tutor adult English language learners, no experience necessary, just a passion to help. For more information and to sign-up, contact Jaime Morris at [jaime-morris@hotmail.com](mailto:jaime-morris@hotmail.com) and Amy Schulhof at [alschulhof@hotmail.com](mailto:alschulhof@hotmail.com).

### 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).

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## Social Action Committee Drives

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

September	Midnight Run Clothing & Toiletry Collection
October	High Holy Day Food Drive for Feeding Westchester & Coats For Hope Collection
November	Have A Heart Gift Drive for Westchester Jewish Community Services
December	Afya Supply Collection
February	Art Supply Drive for Pleasantville Cottage School
March	Pasta Collection for Hope Community Services
April/May	New & Gently Used Book Collection for 914Cares
June	Diaper Collection for 914Cares

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**Volunteer opportunities will be announced throughout the year. Here is a list of our social service agency partners:**

**Afya Foundation:** The Afya Foundation collects unused medical supplies and equipment and distributes items to under-resourced health systems all over the globe to improve access to healthcare and the quality of care delivered.

**Feeding Westchester:** Feeding Westchester serves over 300 local hunger-relief programs throughout Westchester, including food pantries, soup kitchens, child and adult day-care centers, and community shelters.

**Kosher Food Pantry:** Hope Community Services is looking for volunteers to help pack, hand out, or deliver Kosher food. These volunteer opportunities are one-time only so there is no long-term commitment.

**Midnight Run:** Midnight Run coordinates over 1,000 “runs” each year - volunteers distribute food, clothing, blankets, and personal care items to those in need on the streets of New York City.

**914Cares:** 914Cares provides resources to local organizations and encourages generosity through programs that provide clothing, items for families with newborns, personal care items, and literacy support.

**Project 24:** A grassroots organization that brings together Israelis and Jews worldwide to address the real-life needs of people and communities affected by the events of October 7, 2023.

**Westchester Jewish Community Services:** WJCS provides mental health treatment, community residences, social and vocational programming for disabled adults, child and parent development programs, LGBTQ+ youth, family, and educational services, senior care, and spiritual and cultural programming for the wider Jewish community.

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## **PROGRAMMING: LEARNING & COMING TOGETHER**

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### **Beit Midrash**

In 19th century Lithuania, a group of Jews decided the ritual, holidays, and Jewish law were not enough. They wanted a Judaism that would help develop moral conduct, instruction or discipline; that would educate practitioners on how one should act in an appropriate manner. Thus was born the Mussar Movement. The focus on moral conduct and training one's mind to strive for goodness has an appeal that has lasted to this day.

This year in Beit Midrash we will use Rabbi Barry Block's new work, "The Mussar Torah Commentary" to uncover the connections between the Torah and the ways that we ought to behave in the world. Each week's portion will reveal a different way that we can become better, better to our community, to our friends, to our family, and to ourselves. Come every session or just drop in – all are welcome! Contact Rabbi Goldsmith for more information at hgoldsmit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013.

Saturday, September 14, 9:00am	Saturday, January 25, 9:00am
Sunday, September 29, 10:30am	Saturday, February 8, 9:00am
Saturday, October 26, 9:00am	Sunday, March 2, 10:30am
Saturday, November 16, 9:00am	Saturday, March 22, 9:00am
Sunday, November 24, 10:30am	Saturday, April 5, 9:00am
Saturday, December 14, 9:00am	Saturday, May 3, 9:00am
Saturday, January 11, 9:00am	Saturday, May 17, 9:00am

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### **Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone**

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

Monday, October 21, 12:00pm	Monday, May 12, 12:00pm
Monday, January 27, 12:00pm	

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### **Jewish Holiday Cooking Series with Master Chef & Author Cara Tannenbaum**

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

Thursday, November 21, 7:00pm	Thursday, March 27, 7:00pm
Thursday, January 16, 7:00pm	Tuesday, May 27, 2:00pm

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### **Damson Family Gallery Openings**

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

#### **MJ Wolff**

Friday, September 20, 7:00pm

#### **Audrey Reich**

Friday, January 10, 7:00pm

#### **Bonnie Packman**

Friday, April 25, 5:30pm

#### **Congregant Art Show**

Friday, June 6, 6:00pm

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## **PROGRAMMING: LEARNING & COMING TOGETHER**

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### **Film Series**

This diverse selection includes dramatic features and riveting documentaries and films that explore the Jewish experience. This year, our films will focus on Israeli society.

#### ***Inventing Our Life: The Kibbutz Experiment***

**Thursday, November 14, 7:00pm**

This documentary examines the 100-year history of Israel's kibbutz movement, recreating its glorious past and chronicling its recent decline. The kibbutz movement was a successful experiment in pure communism, but can it keep going? Can it get through the trials of being radically socialist in a capitalist world? The film focuses on the heartbreak and hope of the modern kibbutz as a new generation struggles to ensure its survival.

#### ***The Green Prince***

**Thursday, January 9, 7:00pm**

This autobiographical film tells the story of Mosab, the son of a founding member of Hamas, who for ten years was a spy for Israel's Shin Bet.

#### ***Here We Are***

**Thursday, February 6, 7:00pm**

Aharon has devoted his life to raising his son Uri. They live together in a gentle routine, away from the real world. But Uri is autistic, and now as a young adult it might be time for him to live in a specialized home. While on their way to the institution, Aharon decides to run away with his son and hits the road, knowing that Uri is not ready for this separation. Or is it, in fact, his father who is not ready? We are proud to screen this film as part of Jewish Disabilities Month.

#### ***Once In A Lifetime***

**Thursday, May 1, 7:00pm**

The true story of an extraordinary history teacher who is determined to overcome the apathy of her inner-city high school pupils and give them the best education she can. She comes up with a novel assignment: They must enter a national writing competition on the theme of child victims of the Nazi concentration camps. This idea is not met with enthusiasm, but when they meet a Holocaust survivor, the students, who come from a wide variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds, suddenly begin to see one another—and themselves—in a whole new light. This powerful film demonstrates the enduring impact of the Holocaust in its ability to enlighten future generations.

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### **Book Club and Books & Bites**

We are the people of the book because we love the written word, stories, and all that we can learn. Dates will be released throughout the year. For more information contact Marcie Aiuvalaist at [marciena33@gmail.com](mailto:marciena33@gmail.com).

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### **Canasta**

Did you know that Canasta is the only member of the family of Rummy games to achieve the status of a classic? Come play on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00pm. To play, contact Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x1021 or [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org).

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## **PROGRAMMING: LEARNING & COMING TOGETHER**

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### **Single Malt Torah**

“When people learn together God’s presence dwells among them.” - *The Talmud*

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

Thursday, October 17, 8:00pm

Thursday, November 21, 8:00pm

Thursday, January 16, 8:00pm

Thursday, February 27, 8:00pm

Thursday, March 27, 8:00pm

Thursday, May 8, 8:00pm

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### **Women’s Study Group**

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

Community, connection, celebration! In the spirit of Miriam, the women of our congregation come together in joy to celebrate our holidays and festivals with learning, food, and the warmth of community. Our annual winter Women’s Study Group Retreat is a highlight of each year. Spending an entire Shabbat together helps us gain perspective on our lives, refresh our friendships, and deepen our understanding of Judaism.

#### **Sukkot Luncheon in the Sukkah**

Saturday, October 19, 1:00pm

#### **Annual Retreat**

Friday, January 24 - Saturday, January 25

#### **Chanukah Dinner**

Tuesday, December 17, 6:00pm

#### **Passover Dinner**

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00pm

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### **Next Step**

This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed them to continue for many years. Sessions are led by congregant Paul Spindel.

Sunday, September 8, 11:00am

Sunday, October 20, 11:00am

Sunday, November 17, 11:00am

Sunday, December 8, 11:00am

Sunday, January 5, 11:00am

Sunday, February 9, 11:00am

Sunday, March 30, 11:00am

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### **The “Today” of Torah with Rabbinic Intern Zachary Canali**

“The elder [daughter] bore a son and named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today.” – Genesis 19:37

There are multiple points of the Torah where the text mentions a “today,” a moment in history that has long since passed. In this class, we will be learning about this snapshot of history, not only to enhance our understanding of the world of Torah, but to use that knowledge to expand our relationship with its moral standpoints when they no longer align with our own.

Dates will be announced in the fall.

### **Trips & Travel with Jane Dubro**

Get ready to immerse in the legacy of Jewish life, art, and history! These carefully curated trips are a wonderful way to see and do and learn together with fellow congregants. Throughout the year other exhibits and experiences will be added to the schedule - they will be announced in Emanumail and the bulletin. We hope you can join us! Trips are open to family and friends.

#### **Hudson Yards & Fleur de Villes with lunch at Russ & Daughters**

**Wednesday, October 9, 11:00am**

Journey down to Hudson Yards for Fleurs de Villes' *Voyage* - a fresh floral journey of discovery to iconic global destinations, created by New York City's talented florists. This stunning showcase of local floral talent features 16 fresh floral mannequins and spectacular installations celebrating the culture, people, and heritage of destinations around the world. This will be a feast of cultural storytelling connecting the world through flowers like never before! Followed by lunch at Russ & Daughter's and a stroll along The Highline.

#### **Walking Tour of Jewish Sights on the Upper West Side**

**Monday, November 18, 11:00am**

Explore the unique, vibrant, diverse range of religious, educational, and cultural Jewish communities on the Upper West Side. Our visit will include a guided viewing of the sanctuary at Congregation Shearith Israel - commonly known as The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue - the oldest congregation in North America, founded in 1654. Indeed, it was the only Jewish congregation in New York City until 1825! This magnificent palatial site features stained glass windows designed by the Louis Tiffany Studios.

#### **Draw Them In, Paint Them Out: Trenton Doyle Hancock Confronts Philip Guston at The Jewish Museum**

**Thursday, December 5, 11:00am**

The exhibition delves into the intersection of two powerful artistic voices - Philip Guston and Trenton Doyle Hancock - each confronting the troubling legacy of white supremacy in America through their distinct yet interconnected visual languages.

#### **Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center: *All About Herzl* Exhibit, Dinner & *State of the Jews* Opera Premiere**

**Wednesday, January 15, 3:00pm**

Museum curator Warren Klein will lead us through Herzl's extraordinary journey, from his youth as an ardent Germanophile to his experiences with the rising tide of European antisemitism that led him to believe that the establishment of a Jewish state was the only route to safety. Following an early dinner we will attend the premiere of the first English opera about Herzl.



### **New York Historical Society: Real Clothes, Real Lives: 200 Years of What Women Wore**

**Thursday, May 15, 11:00am**

This groundbreaking exhibition examines the everyday clothing of ordinary women, from hard-worn house dresses to psychedelic micro minis and modern suits to fast-food workers' uniforms. This exhibition traces how women's roles have changed and evolved dramatically over the decades across the spectrum of race and class.

### **Shalom Y'All: Trip to Savannah & Charleston**

**Wednesday, March 19 - Tuesday, March 25**

Explore the charming beauty and fascinating history of America's "Old South." Experience real Southern hospitality while discovering historic Civil and Revolutionary War sites and 300 years of Southern Jewish history. This amazing trip will take us through vibrant Savannah and charming Charleston. Learn about the oldest Jewish communities in the South that date back to the late 17th century, with synagogues and museums rich in Jewish history. Tour guide Batia Plotch's enthusiasm for travel is matched by her mastery of all the details that contribute to the success of any travel program - knowing the best and most interesting sights, hotels, restaurants, artists, experts and finding the absolute best guides! More information to be released in the fall. Contact Jane Dubro at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1021 if you are interested in learning more about this trip.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS

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

### **A Conversation with Filmmaker Yuval Lion: *Awakening – The Fight for Israel's Democracy***

**Thursday, September 19, 7:00pm**

Yuval Lion is the producer of *Awakening*, a documentary film about Israel's pro-democracy protest movement and the resurgence of its liberal-democratic camp in a time of political turmoil and a devastating war. Rabbi Goldsmith and Yuval will discuss the background of the protests, the triumphs and challenges of the movement, and where it might be heading. The project is still in production, with an expected completion date of Spring 2025, and the audience will be shown a teaser trailer and exclusive clips from the film.

### **October 7th Commemorative Program**

**Monday, October 7, 7:30pm**

It is hard to believe that nearly a year has passed since the horrors of October 7th. With prayer, music, and readings, we will come together as a community on the anniversary to honor the memories of those who perished, pray for the return of the hostages, and hope for a peaceful, secure future for the entire region.

### **Lunch with Joan Leegant, Award Winning Author of *Displaced Persons***

**Monday, November 4, 12:00pm**

Set half in Israel and half in the United States, the stories in this prize-winning collection explore the experience of exile, belonging, and what it means to call a place home. *Displaced Persons* is a profound, exquisite collection that illuminates pivotal moments of transition, longing, and hope.

### **Family Shabbat Service with Special Musical Guest Elana Arian**

**Friday, November 22, 7:00pm**

A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and prayer leader, Elana Arian is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. Elana's music is part of Jewish life across the globe, and her compositions are sung in spiritual communities, summer camps, and synagogues from Louisville to London, from Chicago to the Czech Republic, and everywhere in between. Elana just released her fourth album of original music, *The Other Side of Fear*. She has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Tanglewood, and perhaps most memorably, five separate appearances at the White House.

### **Annual Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath**

**Friday, December 6, 7:30pm**

Each year we honor the musical legacy of Emanu-El's first cantor, Earl Rogers, with a special musical program. Guests bring their own interpretations of Jewish music and, thus, Jewish life. By offering us their art, they broaden our own understanding of Judaism, music, and their spiritual intersection.

## **FEATURED SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS**

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### **Social Justice Shabbat**

**Friday, January 17, 7:30pm**

“We have learned to fly in the air like birds and swim in the sea like fish; But we have not learned the simple act of living together as brothers and sisters.” - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Each year at this time we honor the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – and more broadly, the important work of social justice. As Jews working toward a more just society, we know that the vital work of the civil rights movement is not complete, and we are called at this time to renew our commitment to this work. We are cognizant that we must confront our own civil rights challenges today. From protecting voting rights to police-community relations, from ensuring equal treatment for LGBTQ Americans to affirming the rights of people with disabilities, there is still much work to be done. This meaningful service will feature social justice themed readings and music.

### **The Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding**

**Friday, March 28, 7:30pm**

This lecture brings scholars, activists, politicians, and artists to our congregation to help us explore the intersection of Judaism and the ways that we can bring more peace and understanding to our world. Former congregational president William Friedman left this bequest in memory of his parents allowing us to explore the most pressing issues of our day. Watch the bulletin and Emanumail for the announcement of this year’s guest.

### **Community Yom HaShoah Service at Emanu-El**

**Wednesday, April 23, 7:00pm**

“Never forget.” It is our obligation to remember. We remember the lives lost. We remember grand acts of heroism. We remember the quiet heroism of living one more day. We remember the rich heritage of communities that were destroyed. And we vow to live our lives for those who perished. Emanu-El hosts this year’s commemoration in the sanctuary.

### **Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner**

**Friday, May 9, 5:30pm Pizza & Mitzvah Projects, 6:30pm Service, 7:15pm Projects & Dessert**

With fun mitzvah projects, a delicious dinner, a wonderful intergenerational community, and a brief lively service, this will be a wonderful and meaningful evening. Projects will benefit many worthwhile organizations. Did we mention there’s going to be a pizza truck, too?

## **OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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Whether a High Holy Day celebration, Bingo with your family, or the Annual Meeting, there are wonderful reasons to come together throughout the year.

### **Community Selichot Service at Westchester Reform Temple with Guest Scholar Alan Morinis Saturday, September 28, 7:15pm Teaching, 8:15pm Dessert Reception, 8:30pm Service**

We join with Reform congregations across the county for a very special Selichot program focused on Mussar - the Jewish practice of ethical living. Featuring author and Mussar expert Alan Morinis, this program and service will set us up for the introspection that defines the High Holy Days.

### **Sukkot Open House at the Goldsmiths' Sunday, October 20, 4:00pm**

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

### **Sisterhood Boutique**

**Wednesday, October 30, 11:00am - 5:00pm**

Our annual Sisterhood Boutique will have all kinds of gifts and goodies that people love for Chanukah (or any occasion): jewelry, stationery, clothing, accessories, artwork, and handmade goods. A portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to Project 24, a grassroots charity helping survivors of October 7th

### **Bingo**

**Sunday, November 3, 11:45am**

Bingo for all, and prizes for winners! Come play and support the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund which was established by the Dubro family to fund programs, initiatives, and experiences that bring the light of Jared's spirit into our world.

### **Current & Former Board Member Dinner**

**Friday, March 14, 6:15PM**

Each year current and former board members join together to reconnect, get updates on board business, and celebrate the congregation. The dinner is followed by our joyful Purim Shabbat!

### **Purim Shabbat & Celebration: ABBA Edition**

**Friday, March 14, 7:30pm**

"Take A Chance On Us" as we bring the "Shushan Queen" to Emanu-El to celebrate an ABBA Purim! You'll scream "Mamma Mia" with delight as our "Super Trouper" clergy and staff bring sweet Stockholm joy to this "Winner Takes It All" Purim celebration. "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" some excitement for a Purim you'll never forget.

### **Annual Spring Benefit**

**Saturday, April 26, 7:30pm**

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

### **Annual Meeting**

**Friday, June 6, 6:30pm**

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

# **YOUNG FAMILIES, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH**

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

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

Our pre-K and kindergarten program gives your little ones a taste of Religious School! Each session highlights the unique rituals and celebrations of each Jewish holiday through a variety of artistic explorations. All pre-k and kindergarten programs are followed by Young Family Celebrations at the temple (below) – fun for the whole family. Free and open to the community. Classes meet Sundays from 9:30 - 10:45am. This program is funded by the generosity of congregant Dr. Caroline Bauman.

### **Sukkot**

Sunday, October 20, 9:30am

### **Shabbat**

Sunday, November 10, 9:30am

### **Chanukah**

Sunday, December 15, 9:30am

### **Tu BiShvat**

Sunday, January 26, 9:30am

### **Purim**

Sunday, March 9, 9:30am

### **Passover**

Sunday, April 6, 9:30am

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## **Young Families Services & Events**

“From generation to generation...” - *From the morning liturgy*

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

### **Rosh Hashanah Service & Celebration**

Thursday, October 3, 3:00pm

### **Yom Kippur Service**

Saturday, October 12, 2:15pm

### **Sukkot Celebration**

Sunday, October 20, 10:45am

### **Celebration of Shabbat**

Sunday, November 10, 10:45am

### **Chanukah Celebration**

Sunday, December 15, 10:45am

### **Tu BiShvat Celebration**

Sunday, January 26, 10:45am

### **Purim Carnival**

Sunday, March 9, 11:00am

### **Passover Celebration**

Sunday, April 6, 10:45am

### **Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner**

Friday, May 9, 5:30pm

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## **Tot Shabbat Services**

Welcome Shabbat at these services for little ones filled with songs, stories, and blessings. Family and friends - you're all invited to come along!

Friday, September 6, 5:30pm

Friday, February 7, 6:00pm (Pajama Shabbat)

Friday, December 13, 5:30pm

Friday, May 30, 5:30pm

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# **YOUNG FAMILIES, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH**

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## **Special Religious & Hebrew School Events**

“The more Torah the more life.” - *Hillel*

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

### **First Session of B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp**

Tuesday, September 3, 4:00pm

### **First Session of Academy**

Sunday, September 8, 11:15am

### **First Session of Tuesday Hebrew Tutoring**

Tuesday, September 10, 3:30pm

### **First Session of Thursday Hebrew Tutoring**

Thursday, September 12, 3:30pm

### **First Day of Religious School**

Sunday, September 15, 9:30am

### **First Session of Confirmation**

Sunday, September 22, 10:45am

### **Simchat Torah & Consecration Honoring New Students**

Friday, October 25

6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Service

### **Family Shabbat Service with**

#### **Musical Guest Elana Arian**

Friday, November 22

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Service

### **Chanukah Shabbat & Dinner**

Friday, December 13

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Service

### **6th Grade Retreat**

Friday, January 31, 6:00pm

& Saturday, February 1, 8:30am

### **Purim Carnival**

Sunday, March 9, 11:30am

### **Last Session of Academy**

Sunday, May 4, 9:30am

### **Religious School Open House**

Sunday, May 4, 10:45am

### **Mitzvah Shabbat & Pizza Truck Dinner**

Friday, May 9, 5:30pm

### **Last Session of Tuesday Hebrew Tutoring**

Tuesday, May 13, 3:30pm

### **Last Session of Religious School & Carnival**

Sunday, May 18, 9:30am

### **Last Session of Thursday Hebrew Tutoring**

Thursday, May 22, 3:30pm

### **Confirmation & Shavuot Shabbat Service**

Friday, May 30, 7:30pm

### **Last Session of Boot Camp**

Tuesday, June 10, 4:00pm

### **No Religious School**

Sunday, October 13

Sundays, December 1, 22 & 29

Sunday, January 19

Sundays, February 16 & 23

Sundays, April 13 & 20

Sunday, May 11

### **No Hebrew Tutoring**

Thursdays, October 3 & 31

Tuesdays, November 5, & 26

Thursday, November 28

Tuesday, December 24

Thursday, December 26

Tuesday, December 31

Thursday, January 2

Tuesday, February 18

Thursday, February 20

Tuesday, April 15

Thursday, April 17

Tuesday, May 20

# YOUNG FAMILIES, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH

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## The Farah Family Hineini Program

“We will do and we will understand.” - *Exodus 24*

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

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## Academy: 8th and 9th Grade

“The more study the more wisdom.” - *Hillel*

This year, our 8th and 9th Grade Academy will learn what it means to be a Jewish leader, both at our synagogue and in the greater Jewish community. Designed for teens to have a social and academic space where everyone can come together, Academy helps students deepen their Jewish knowledge and identity. Because Academy will meet on Sunday mornings this year, our teens will be able to take their learning and apply their leadership skills directly to our Religious School with opportunities to create and run programs and activities for the younger students.

Sunday, September 8, 11:15am

Sunday, September 29, 9:30am

Sunday, October 20, 9:30am

Sunday, November 3, 9:30am

Sunday, November 17, 9:30am

Sunday, December 15, 9:30am

Sunday, January 5, 9:30am

Sunday, February 2, 9:30am

Sunday, March 16, 9:30am

Sunday, March 30, 9:30am

Sunday, April 27, 9:30am

Sunday, May 4, 9:30am

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## Confirmation

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

- *Pirket Avot*

Our 10th graders spend a year studying with Rabbi Goldsmith 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.

Sunday, September 22, 10:45am

Sunday, October 6, 10:45am

Sunday, October 27, 10:45am

Sunday, November 10, 10:45am

Sunday, November 24, 9:30am

Sunday, December 8, 9:30am

Sunday, January 26, 10:45am

Sunday, February 9, 10:45am

Sunday, March 2, 9:30am

Sunday, March 23, 10:45am

Sunday, April 6, 9:30am

Sunday, April 27, 10:45am

Sunday, May 4, 9:30am

Monday, May 19, 7:00pm

### Confirmation Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 27, 7:15pm

### Confirmation & Shavuot Shabbat Service

Friday, May 30, 7:30pm

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### **Madrachim Fellowship**

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

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### **BBYO**

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

Emanu-El has joined forces with KTI, JCCH, and Community Synagogue of Rye to launch a new BBYO chapter called Simcha. BBYO offers teens opportunities for leadership, friendship, developing Jewish identity, connection to something bigger than themselves, and much more. One of the great features of BBYO is that the programming is completely teen-driven! Watch the Emanumail for events and updates.

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### **High School Trip to Washington, DC**

Friday, January 10 - Monday, January 13

CEW teens are headed to Washington DC! On the trip, we will learn about social justice issues you're passionate about, develop life-long advocacy and leadership skills, lobby your congressional representatives in their offices on Capitol Hill, and explore our nation's capital. We will also celebrate Shabbat with teens from across the country. It's an experience you won't want to miss! For more information, contact Jackie Kurland at [jkurland@c-e-w.org](mailto:jkurland@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1015.



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## **And so much more...**

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

## **Program Guidance**

Need someone to help find programs that you will find meaningful? Our Director of Programming and Engagement Jane Dubro would love to help! Please reach out to her at [jdubro@c-e-w.org](mailto:jdubro@c-e-w.org) or 914-967-4382 x1021.

## **Get Involved**

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

## **“From Strength to Strength” - Donate to the Annual Fund**

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

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