CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WESTCHESTER



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Israel Discussion with Rabbi Goldsmith Sunday, November 9, 9:30 - 10:30am

The situation in Israel continues to stir deep emotions and complex questions. Join us as we explore different perspectives and seek a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Israel today. Our goal is to build bridges across differences within our congregation. This is not a place to argue or vilify - it is a place to listen, to learn, and to seek meaning together. RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.

Shabbat Family Dinner & Consecration: Honoring New Religious School Students Friday, November 14 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Service

Join us for a delicious Shabbat dinner before we come together for our annual Consecration Shabbat service when we will also welcome all new Religious School students up to the bimah for a special blessing!



Dinner cost: \$15/child, \$20/adult or \$60/family max. RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.

The Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue & Museum Monday, November 17, 12:00pm



Step into the world of the Romaniote Jews - a unique Jewish community whose roots in Greece date back over 2,300 years to the time of Alexander the Great. Distinct from the Sephardim who arrived after 1492, the Romaniotes speak Greek, follow their own liturgy,

and preserve traditions predating much of the Jewish diaspora. Founded in 1906, Kehila Kedosha Janina (The Holy Community of Janina) is the only Romaniote synagogue in the Western Hemisphere. The congregation opened its doors at 280 Broome Street in 1927, where it still stands today - one of the last functioning synagogues on the historic Lower East Side. Cost: \$36/person. RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.



Savor the Season: Canned Pumpkin Three Ways with Chef Cara Tannenbaum Thursday, November 20, 7:00pm



How do we use that extra can of pumpkin that we've picked up for a Thanksgiving pie, but don't need to use? Join Chef Cara Tannenbaum as we prepare 3 unexpected but delicious ways to make use of it: curried vegan pumpkin soup, pumpkin biscuits and pumpkin flan. All great on a Thanksgiving table, or any fall meal. Cost: \$36/person.

RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.

After Anatevka: In Concert The Annual Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Shabbat Friday, November 21, 7:00 pm



Experience a captivating performance that brings to life dramatic excerpts and live music from a sweeping historical novel that imagines what happens to the characters in *Fiddler on the Roof* after the curtain falls.

Broadway star and author of *After Anatekvka*, Alexandra Silber, blends powerful storytelling and

beautiful melodies in a magical event for all lovers of musical theater. See Cantor Stone's message on pg. 5 for more details.



Welcome & Mazel Toy!



Ruby Eve Shapiro-Bey October 7, 2025

Mazel tov to parents Melissa & Tony Shapiro-Bey and to grandparents Susan Amkraut & Steve Shapiro!



Evelyn Rose Simons September 29, 2025

Mazel tov to parents Julie Schwarz Simons & Jared Simons, and to grandparents Terry & John Schwarz!

If you've recently welcomed a new baby into your immediate family, share the joy with our community! Send us the details – name, birth date, parents' names (and if you're the baby's grandparent, your name too!), and a photo – and we'll include it in the bulletin! Email information to Abbie at alevitt@c-e-w.org.

A Very Busy Start

The start of Religious School programs and our largest showing yet at the High Holy Days made for a very busy September and October at Emanu-El! Thank you for all the good things that come along with having a lively, welcoming temple community!













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Assistive Listening is now available!



Emanu-El offers ListenWifi, an innovative Wi-Fi streaming solution for those attending in-person services and events in the sanctuary. This new service enables individuals with hearing devices to easily connect to the audio in the sanctuary via their Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids or ear buds, providing a more seamless and enhanced auditory experience during worship or other activities. It ensures that everyone, including those with hearing challenges, can fully engage with the community experience.

To use the new streaming system, please follow the steps below:



- **1. Scan the QR code** with the smartphone you will use when at temple.
- **2. Install the ListenWifi app** on your smartphone you must install the app in order to use the technology.
- **3.** Come to temple to finish set-up! The staff will assist you in making sure your **Bluetooth hearing aids or ear buds** are connected to the dedicated Wi-Fi in the sanctuary.

To schedule in-person assistance during normal business hours, contact Arnold at 914-967-4382 x1026.

This technology is generously sponsored by the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund.

Beyond Politics: A Night of Shared Purpose

As I spoke about during Rosh
Hashanah this year, hyperpartisanship
has caused wide rifts all over our
country. The problem is especially
acute in some Jewish communities
where congregations simply cannot
discuss the issues of the day without
members threatening to quit. Partisan



divides prevent conversations about policies and even morals for which we ought to strive.

We are blessed with a congregation that knows how to have conversations across differences - a congregation committed to building Jewish community first, and then using those relationships as a foundation for understanding one another's views on a range of issues. It is, and always will be, a work in progress. But it is so very gratifying to be part of a community that shares this goal.

On the last Sunday in October, I saw that same spirit in an unexpected place: the annual gala for the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF). Congregants invited me to join them for the event, held at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich. I looked forward to learning more about their work supporting the soldiers of the IDF, especially since a colleague's son has recently joined as a Lone Soldier and I knew that the FIDF supports young people like him.

And for all that interest, I was also curious - even a little concerned - about how the divisive politics of today might seep into the event. After all, the decisions made by policymakers in Jerusalem and Washington directly impact the soldiers whom the FIDF serves. So I wondered whether the evening would feature those political winds, if partisanship would be a litmus test for feeling a part of this group.

The question felt especially poignant because of the diversity of the IDF itself. Its soldiers come from every corner of Israeli society: Ashkenazi and Mizrachi, rich and poor, urban and rural, Jewish and Druze, liberal and conservative, Orthodox, secular, and Reform. The IDF remains one of Israel's most trusted institutions precisely because of that pluralism – a melting pot for a society that, like ours, faces deep divisions. As support for Israel becomes tragically more partisan in the United States, I wondered whether the FIDF would reflect that growing US partisanship or the pluralistic nature of the IDF itself.

Happily, the event was completely nonpartisan. Over the four hours, not one word was said about Trump or Netanyahu, Biden or Lapid, Democrat or Republican,

Likud or Yesh Atid. Instead, the focus was on the Jewish value that "we are all responsible for one another" (Talmud, Shevuot 39a). The speakers, presentations, fundraising, and community all centered on the well-being of IDF soldiers and the incredible service and sacrifice they make on behalf of Israel and all of us. The funds raised support everything from recreational activities to PTSD treatment, from training service dogs to providing apartments for Lone Soldiers.

The event highlighted that the IDF is made up of Israeli conscripts and professionals from every walk of life - most of them just 18- to 22-years-old. While our kids are at college, these young adults are taking on unimaginable responsibility. And with that responsibility, they make a real difference.

I was seated next to a 28-year-old pilot from the Israeli Air Force, a soft-spoken young man whose mother had made aliyah from Riverdale. We chatted about growing up in Israel, about his wife and his very cute 18-monthold daughter, about his decision to join the airforce, and about the G-force of flying an F-16. He jumped up with everyone else to sing along with Israeli pop star Eyal Golan's hit version of Am Yisrael Chai, and he sat attentively during presentations about the work of the FIDF and the moving stories of people impacted by October 7th and the war.

Then, in the middle of one presentation, he got up and walked away from the table. Next thing I knew, he was on stage. This quiet young man - who had seemed like any other in his late twenties - began to describe being in the first squadron of planes to strike Iran in June, about bombs on several planes malfunctioning, about quickly reprogramming his payload to strike the central nervous system of Iran's air defenses, and about the successful hit and safe return to Israel. In that moment, he revealed the courage, competence, and composure that make Israel's defenders extraordinary.

I felt proud of Israel. I felt proud of her soldiers. I felt proud to be at that event.

When we can set hyperpartisanship aside - as the FIDF did that night - we rediscover what binds us: our shared responsibility for one another, for the Jewish people, and for the world.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

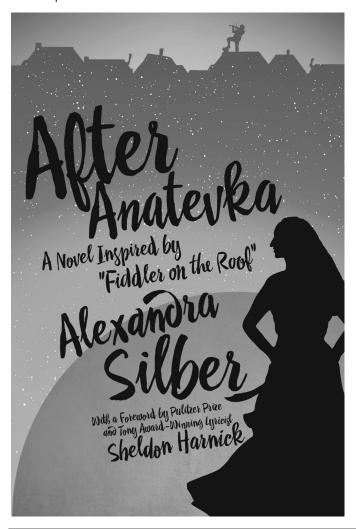
After Anatevka: In Concert with acclaimed Broadway actress, Alexandra Silber

It is a pleasure to once again feature a Broadway performer for our 42nd Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath. Alexandra Silber, a talented actress, singer, and author (and also a dear friend of my nephew, Etai Benson, and his wife Alexandra Socha, both whom



appeared at the temple last year) will bring her sweeping novel, *After Anatevka*, to life through a mix of storytelling and live music.

In this beautiful sequel to the *Fiddler* story - with an enthusiastic foreword from Sheldon Harnick himself - Alexandra Silber lovingly picks up where Shalom Aleichem left off. Second-eldest daughter Hodel takes center stage as she attempts to join her Socialist-leaning fiancé Perchik to the outer reaches of a Siberian work camp. Before Hodel and Perchik can finally be together, they face extraordinary personal and political hurdles attempting to keep them apart at all costs.



Set against the backdrop of some of Europe's darkest moments, Silber's storytelling is both powerful and heartfelt. Her performance, which she has presented over 100 times, features dramatic excerpts from her novel along with five original songs, plus some familiar tunes from Fiddler and a rare song that was cut from the original show.



Alexandra Silber is known on both sides of the Atlantic, with roles on London's West End and on Broadway. Her impressive credits include roles in Fiddler on the Roof, Kiss Me Kate, and Carousel, as well as performances in Indecent, The Woman in

White, and Hello Again. Fun fact: In the 2016 Broadway revival of Fiddler she appeared alongside Adam Kantor, who performed at our Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath in 2023. Alexandra is also a Grammy-nominee for her portrayal of Maria in the San Francisco Symphony recording of West Side Story.

Critics praise her storytelling talent: Tony-winning playwright Terrence McNally called her *After Anatevka* "a stunning accomplishment," and Jason Alexander said it "serves as a new classic."

In preparation for this special evening, I've been enjoying reading *After Anatevka* and I heartily recommend it! It's easy to find, published by Pegasus Books and also available on Audible. Meanwhile, if you love Fiddler or just great stories and music, don't miss this magical evening. Bring friends, come for the drama, stay for the melodies, and leave with your heart full of hope and passion.

Mereolith,
Meredith Stone, Cantor

Everyone knows that we add a new candle on each night of Chanukah. But not everyone knows why.

About two thousand years ago, there was quite a debate over the matter. Indeed, people lit their menorahs differently. Some people did as we do today. On the first night they lit one candle and added a new candle each night until on the eighth night they lit eight candles. But there was another group of Jews who did the reverse. They started with eight candles and removed one each night so that on night eight they only lit one candle. This second group was known at Beit Shammai and, in so many ways, their practice makes more sense. Afterall, while the miraculous oil did last for eight nights, we can imagine that each night there was less and less oil. Therefore the light diminishes to mirror the diminishing supply of oil.

The other group, the group we follow, was called *Beit Hillel*. *Beit Hillel* agreed that the amount of oil diminished each night. But they argued that while the amount of oil grew smaller, the size of the miracle increased! And so, they taught that we should add a light each night to reflect the growing brilliance of the miracle - one night's worth of oil lasting for eight nights.

We, too, use Chanukah to help us recognize the wonders in our lives. We do it at the darkest time of year so that the growing light of the festival can help us recognize and celebrate the miraculous things all around us.

May the light in our lives grow throughout our Festival of Lights and in the year to come!





Chanukah Blessings

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קְדְּשֵׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיוּ, וְצֵוָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נַר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch ata Adonai, elohenu melech ha- olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, vitsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, You hallow us with Your Commandments, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אִתָּה יִיִּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בָּיָמִים הָהֵם בַּזְמַן הָזֶּה.

Baruch ata Adonai, elohenu melech ha - olam, she-asa nisim lavotenu, bayamim hahaym, bazman ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, You showed wonders to our ancestors in days of old and at this season.

First Night:

בָּרוּף אַתָּה יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶף הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֵיֵנוּ וְקִיְמֵנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לַזְּמֵן הַזָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Social Action Collections & Events

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



THANK YOU for Donating to Feeding Westchester

This year Emanu-El collected 1,156 pounds of food to Feeding Westchester during the High Holy Days - which equates to roughly 963 more meals for our neighbors across the county!

WJCS Veterens Day Family Volunteer Event and Personal Care Kit Drive Tuesday, November 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm



Imagine being a teenager without regular access to hygiene products, like deodorant and shampoo or even menstrual supplies. Sadly, this is a humiliating experience many teens in Westchester face every day. The biggest request in the 11 school-based clinics is

personal care kits that can be distributed to middle and high school students.

This is a free event. Event attendance is not required to participate in the drive. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm at WJCS HQ, 845 N. Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603.

The most needed items are:

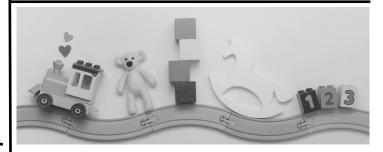
- Deodorant Stick (2-3 oz)
- Shampoo (24+ oz)
- Bar Soap or Body Wash (24+ oz)
- Toothpaste (4-6 oz)
- Toothbrushes Combs and Brushes
- Maxi Pads pack of 25+ Tampons box of 25+

RSVP required. RSVP to Michelle Siegel at msiegel@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x2209.

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.



WJCS Have A Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive Now through December 4

You can bring joy to children in Westchester this holiday season! The Annual WJCS Have A Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive collects and distributes toys, books, activity kits, and gift cards to 700 children and youth who receive our services and are from under-resourced communities.

This need is profound in our own backyard. Inflation is impacting families with rent increases, evictions, higher food insecurity, and reductions in benefits, like SNAP and Medicaid.

To order gifts from WJCS' Amazon wishlist, visit tinyurl.com/cewwjcs. Gifts can be sent directly to WJCS or to the temple. You may also make a donation to the Emanu-El Social Action fund online or by mailing a check payable to the temple - please make a note that your donation should go toward the gift drive.



Volunteer to Teach Adult ESL at the Carver Center in Port Chester

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:30am

Volunteers are needed to tutor adult English language learners, no experience necessary, just a passion to help others. Contact the main office to learn more.

A Journey of Memory & Meaning: Emanu-El in Amsterdam

This coming spring, from April 16 - 20, I invite you to join me and our Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester community on a very special journey to Amsterdam, a city rich with beauty, resilience, and centuries of Jewish history. As



Amsterdam celebrates its 750th anniversary, we will have the unique opportunity to experience this remarkable place at a moment of both celebration and reflection (turn to pg. 12 for more details).

For our community, this trip will be more than sightseeing. It will be a chance to walk through history together, to honor memory, and to deepen the bonds that connect us as a Jewish family.

For me, this journey is also personal. My maiden name is Hollander, and growing up our home was filled with little Dutch clogs - sweet reminders of what I believed were our Dutch roots. Then, about fifteen years ago, we came across a family document that changed everything. We discovered that the "H" had been added along the way. Our true family name was Ollander, and our roots were actually Lithuanian.

It was a surprising discovery, but one that filled me with gratitude. My family emigrated to Palestine in the 1880s, long before the horrors of the Holocaust reached Lithuania. That act of courage and foresight saved generations to come, including me. It is a humbling reminder of how history, choices, and resilience shape who we are today.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of traveling with many of you to Cuba and through the American South on our Civil Rights journeys. Each of these experiences opened our hearts, deepened our understanding, and brought us closer together. I know this journey will do the same.

With the expert guidance of our partners at J²
Adventures, we'll explore some of Amsterdam's most powerful Jewish sites, including the Portuguese Synagogue, the Anne Frank House, the Jewish Historical Museum, and the Hollandsche Schouwburg, a former theater turned Holocaust memorial.

But more than the places, it's the shared moments that will define this journey–lighting Shabbat candles together, standing in silence where others once prayed, and connecting through stories, laughter, and reflection.

This trip is an opportunity to honor the past, celebrate resilience, and deepen our connection to Jewish identity and to one another. I hope you will come with me. Whether you've traveled with the congregation before or this would be your first time, you'll be part of a warm and welcoming group that values meaning, curiosity, and connection.

Let's make this a journey we will never forget, together.

For more information and to register, please contact me at 914-262-7202 or jdubro@c-e-w.org. This trip is open to family and friends.

Peace & Love,

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Jane Dubro, Director of Programming & Engagement



Canasta Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25 & December 2, 9, 16, 1:45 - 3:45pm



Come play on Tuesday afternoons. Friends and family are welcome! RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.

Impressionism Painting Class with Artist Terry Kessler Schwarz Thursday, November 6, 2:00pm



Explore your creativity in this engaging art class where you will be guided through various painting techniques influenced by the Impressionists. Using acrylic paints and canvases you will be able

to create your own work in the Impressionist style. Whatever your artistic experience may be, come join us for a fun and relaxing session. Cost: \$36/person. RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.

Night of Jewish Learning: Rabbi's Got Talent at Beth El Synogogue in New Rochelle Saturday, November 8, 7:00pm

This year's Night of Learning will highlight the diverse and interesting rabbis from our community with a theme of "Rabbi's Got Talent." The event will begin with all the rabbis leading a community Havdalah, followed by two sessions of classes taught by over 30 Rabbis. The evening will conclude with a dessert reception and Israeli dancing. Cost: \$25/person. RSVP information appears in Emanumail.

Beth El Synagogue Center is located at 1324 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804.

Schmooze & Schmear with the Rabbi for New Congregants Sunday, November 9, 10:45am



New congregants are warmly invited to a bagel nosh with Rabbi Goldsmith and fellow newcomers to the community.

RSVP information can be found in Emanumail, or feel free to simply stop in and join us!

Next Step Sundays, November 9 & December 14, 11:00am

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

Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone Monday, November 10, 12:00pm



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. Light lunch provided.







Beit Midrash Saturday, November 15, 9:00am Sundays, November 23 & December 14, 10:30am

Each week, the Torah connects deeply with Jewish life as we know it today - in our homes, in our communities, and in the rituals we practice. This year in Beit Midrash, we will explore how the weekly portion links to a familiar Jewish custom, holiday observance, or lifecycle ritual. From Kiddush and Shabbat candles to the wedding veil and the Passover seder, each session will bring out the ancient roots of practices that are still vibrant today. We'll draw from a variety of texts and sources - biblical, rabbinic, historical, and contemporary - to uncover meaning and relevance for modern Jewish living. Come every session or just drop in - all are welcome!

For more information, contact Rabbi Goldsmith at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013.

New York Historical Society: Arriving in America: Portraits of Immigrants Thursday, December 4, 11:30am

This exhibition, drawn from the rich collections of the Patricia D. Klingenstein Library, illuminates the immigrant experience in New York. Through striking images and stories, it traces how newcomers shaped the city-building communities, traditions, and livelihoods-from the aftermath of the 1904 General Slocum disaster to the everyday moments of the 20th century. Photographs capture journeys from Bosnia, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Italy, the Philippines, Russia, Ukraine, Vietnam, and beyond. Scenes of churches, temples, and synagogues reflect the city's vibrant faiths, while street vendors and storefronts reveal how food became the language of belonging in New York's neighborhoods. Cost: \$36/person. RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.



Film: Vishniac Date Change: Thursday, January 29, 7:00pm



A powerful documentary about Roman Vishniac, whose photographs immortalized pre-war Jewish communities from Berlin to the Eastern European shtetls - many of which would soon vanish.

He was difficult and flamboyant, a shameless self-promoter, bender of the truth and master of reinvention. He was also one of the groundbreaking photographers of the 20th century - a brilliant artist whose body of work spans decades, continents, and the catastrophic fallout from two world wars. Though his pioneering microscopy transformed the nature of science photography, Roman Vishniac is best known for his iconic images of Jewish life in Eastern Europe from 1935 through 1938. Few predicted that less than a decade later, these communities would be wiped out, and Vishniac's photographs would provide the last visual records of an entire world. RSVP information will be shared at a later date.



Pre-K/K Chanukah Drop-Off Program Sunday, December 7, 9:30-10:45am

Drop off your little ones for some special Chanukah fun. This hands-on program is perfect for little hands and curious minds, offering a delightful way for kids to explore Chanukah traditions in a warm and welcoming environment.

Young Families Chanukah Celebration Sunday, December 7, 10:45-11:45am

Parents accompany their children to this exciting morning packed with dreidels, gelt, games, crafts, and lively music! This event is designed specifically for kids ages 6 months through 2nd grade, with plenty of engaging activities tailored just for them.

Chanukah Tot Shabbat Friday, December 12, 5:30pm

Young families are invited to celebrate Chanukah through story and song!

Shabbat Dinner & Chanukah Service with Musical Guest Rabbi Joe Black Friday, December 12 6:00pm Shabbat Dinner, 6:45pm Service



Join us for our Chanukah Shabbat dinner - complete with crispy latkes, laughter, and the warmth of friends and family. It's the perfect time to gather, share a hearty meal, and celebrate the light of the season

together. Don't forget to BYOM (Bring Your Own Menorah) for our annual menorah lighting on the bimah. Rabbi Joe Black will lift our spirits with his funny, heartfelt, and inspiring songs – a magical way to honor the holiday and connect as a community. RSVP information will appear in Emanumail soon.

Women's Study Group Chanukah Dinner Tuesday, December 16, 6:00pm

Whether you're a long-time congregant or new to the group, you'll find a place here among friends as we celebrate our shared traditions and experiences.

More details to come.

From Teen Mondays to Teen Sundays

Last year, we moved our Academy and Confirmation programs from Monday evenings to Sunday mornings. After years of Monday night teen sessions, we noticed participation was dwindling, and we wanted to capitalize on the number of teens already engaged in our Sunday morning



madrichim program. With thirty teen madrichim helping throughout our school, we realized we had a larger pool of participants to draw from, and moving Academy and Confirmation to Sundays meant our teens could participate without adding another night to their busy schedules.

This year, we have twenty teens in Academy (our 8th and 9th grade program, taught by me) and ten in Confirmation (our 10th grade program, taught by Rabbi Goldsmith). While many Academy students are also madrichim, we are thrilled to have some 8th graders who attend solely for Academy, and we love to see them engaged post B'nei Mitzvah.

Our Academy program emphasizes leadership development, giving teens real opportunities to practice skills like planning, problem-solving, and using their creativity. They design and run programs for our younger students, learning firsthand what it means to lead, inspire, and make an impact. Fourteenand fifteen-year-olds don't get many chances to take on leadership roles, so Academy provides a built-in opportunity to envision and implement programs that positively shape our community.

Last year, we focused on tzedakah, exploring Maimonides' Ladder of Tzedakah and reflecting on the ways our teens give in their own lives. They brainstormed ways to engage the younger students, and eventually organized a tzedakah fair and competition across the school. After the teens presented different organizations that were meaningful to them, our classes voted on where they wanted their tzedakah money to go. The grade that raised the most money earned an ice cream party and it was a rewarding, full-circle experience brought to life entirely by our Academy teens.

This year, our Academy curriculum focuses on Jewish identity, community, and leadership, both within the synagogue and beyond. Teens explore Jewish values, ethical decision-making, and how their voices matter in shaping the world. We discuss representing Judaism in public spaces, fostering inclusive communities, and navigating teen challenges through

a Jewish lens. In Confirmation, Rabbi Goldsmith continues this work, guiding 10th graders through discussions about faith, responsibility, and community. They engage with Jewish texts, share personal reflections, and consider what Judaism means at this stage in their lives. The year culminates in a Confirmation service where the teens share their experiences and insights, and it is truly so inspiring to listen to what they share with the congregation.

I absolutely love working directly with our teens, both in Academy and in our madrichim program. Our madrichim are incredible, acting out Torah Time skits and serving as role models for students across all grades, including in Hineini. I have now been with some of our madrichim for all four years of high school, and I will be so sad to see them leave for college next year. Working closely with our teens gives me the chance to see both their responsible and playful sides, and to build deep, meaningful connections. Last year, I had the privilege of taking both former and current Academy and Confirmation students to Washington, DC to visit the Religious Action Center. Witnessing our teens advocating for human rights and social justice issues with our representatives gave me so much hope in our future, as it reaffirmed the leadership skills and values they learn and practice here at CEW. I have been in this field of work for many years now, and I'm continually impressed and energized by our teens. No one forces them to be here and this is a place they choose to spend their time learning, leading, and growing.

This season feels especially full of hope and gratitude. We have so much to be thankful for on all scales: the return of the living hostages, the continued growth of our Religious School and synagogue community, and the privilege of seeing our teens step confidently into their roles as the next generation of Jewish leaders. In a time when the world can feel uncertain, I'm grateful for the light, promise, and energy our teens bring to our community and to the future.

Jackie

Jackie Kurland, Director of Education



Pre-K/K Torah Program Sunday, November 2, 9:30-10:45am

Drop off your little ones for a morning learning about the Torah through crafts and stories!

Young Families Torah Celebration Sunday, November 2, 10:45-11:45am

Young Families are invited to spend a morning learning about the Torah and different stories through music, crafts, snacks, and giving back!



Turn to pg. 10 for details on the upcoming Chanukah Pre-K/K class and Young Families Celebration.

B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!



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

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Interested in learning more? Visit tinyurl.com/cewamster or contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1021.

Our community offers our deepest condolences to

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Jewish Museum Visit: Ben Shahn Collection on Non Conformity

Members, friends and family visited the Ben Shahn exhibition at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan, an inspiring collection that highlights the artist's deep engagement with both the pressing issues of his time and his Jewish spiritual roots. His exploration of justice, faith, and humanity offered our group a powerful reminder of how art can illuminate the moral and spiritual questions that continue to shape our world today. The exhibition features an expansive collection from the 1930s–1960s, including paintings, prints, photographs, and designs. Turn to pg. 1 to read about our next trip on November 17 to The Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue & Museum on the Lower East Side.



Rosh Hashanah Cooking Class with Master Chef Cara Tannenbaum



Our cooking class with Chef Cara was the perfect way to welcome the New Year! Everyone rolled up their sleeves and prepared three symbolic starters — a vegetarian "chopped liver," muhammara with pomegranate, and honeyed ricotta with roasted butternut squash. Between the chopping, roasting, and laughter, the evening was filled with community, and the joy of creating something beautiful and tasty together. Turn to pg. 1 to learn about the next cooking class on November 20.

Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk with Hineini Students and Families

Family and friends (including our furry friends) spent the morning amongst 22,000 other walkers at the 32nd Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The walk is in support of metastatic breast cancer thrivers, caregivers, and families alike. Thank you all for your participation!





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7:30pm Shabbat Service

November 14

6:00pm Shabbat Family Dinner 6:45pm Consecration ♪ ☺

November 21

7:00pm Cantor Earl Rogers Tribute Sabbath

November 28

6:00pm Lay Led Shabbat

December 5

7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat ♪

December 12

5:30pm Chanukah Tot Shabbat 😊

6:00pm Shabbat Dinner

6:45pm Chanukah Shabbat ♪ ⓒ

December 19

6:00pm Early Shabbat

December 26

6:00pm Lay Led Shabbat

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Annual Women's Study Group Shabbat Retreat at the Interlaken Inn

Friday, January 23- Saturday, January 24

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