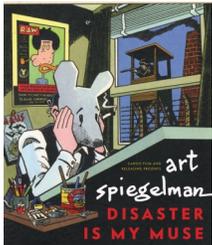


Religious School Purim Carnival Sunday, March 1, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Families are invited to this year's Purim Carnival for games galore, prizes, hamantaschen, and pizza - this is a celebration for all! Come dressed in your best Purim costume to celebrate this super fun holiday! Face Painting, Purim Baseball Pop, Pin the Hat on Haman, Esther's Duck Pond, Find the Hamantaschen, Shushan Photo Booth, and more! Game tickets: 4/\$1 or 25/\$5.



Film: Art Spiegelman - Disaster is My Muse Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm



This documentary explores the life and influence of Art Spiegelman, tracing his evolution from the 1960s underground comix movement to international acclaim while examining how his upbringing as the child of Polish-Jewish Holocaust survivors shaped his artistic voice

and led to the creation of *Maus*—the first graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize. Viewers follow Spiegelman's path from avant-garde comics to becoming a contributor to *The New Yorker*, while highlighting his early inspirations—including *MAD Magazine*—and his formative work with Topps Company during his studies at Binghamton University, before immersing himself in San Francisco's experimental comics scene and confronting themes of trauma and censorship.

RSVP information will appear in Emanumail.



Friends of the IDF Ensemble Concert at Emanu-El Monday, March 23, 7:00pm

This unforgettable night will highlight the extraordinary talent of the IDF Ensemble while celebrating the strength, courage, and unity they represent. Guests will enjoy an evening of music, reflection, and community in support of Israel's heroes and their families. This FIDF event is sponsored by the Bukzin Family Foundation.

Tickets: \$18/child or senior; \$36/adult (ticket purchases support the vital work of the FIDF). RSVP information will appear in Emanumail.

Passover Puffs: Cooking with Chef Cara Tannenbaum Thursday, March 26, 7:00pm



Passover Puffs are the versatile, easy-to-prepare holiday staple you didn't know you needed. If the simple dough is made in small spheres, they can be filled and served as pre-Seder nibbles.

Larger spheres make perfect

popovers to be served with the Seder meal, while oblong puffs can be chocolate glazed and filled for dessert. Join Chef Cara and learn to make all three!

Cost: \$36/person. RSVP information will appear in Emanumail.

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Community Yom HaShoah Service at JCCH Monday, April 13, 7:15pm



Together as one community with KTI, Jewish Community Center of Harrison (JCCH), and Community Synagogue of Rye, we gather at the JCCH for a brief program of readings,

music and prayer in remembrance of the six million Jewish lives lost during the Holocaust. This service is open to the community, friends and family are welcome.

RSVP required at <https://bit.ly/4aUxHN1>. The JCCH is located at 130 Union Avenue in Harrison.

Annual Countywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration Tuesday, April 14, 12:00pm



Hosted and presented by HHREC and the Westchester Jewish Council, this event will feature a procession of Torahs and a distinguished keynote speaker. This memorial site has enabled the community to have a special place in which to honor the

memories of the millions of lives that were lost during the Holocaust.

The garden is located on the side of the Michaelian Office Building at 148 Martine Avenue in White Plains.

Bingo!

We rang in February with some good old fashioned fun: Bingo! Lots of winners all around, and all for a good cause - the Jared Dubro Legacy Fund.



Rolling Bagels with Friends

In the kitchen at Fairway on 74th Street in Manhattan, alongside the bagel gurus with Bagel Up, we learned how to roll authentic New York-style bagels using the rope-and-loop method for shaping! You love bagels, too? We'll be planning a trip to the New York Bagelfest 2026 this fall, keep your eyes out for more information!



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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.

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My First Religion

I often quip that skiing is my first religion. It usually gets a laugh because, as a rabbi, people assume that Judaism must hold that role. These days it does. But when I was a kid, I thought far more about skiing than about God, prayer, Torah, or tikkun olam. Mountains captured my imagination, and I spent as much time as I could figuring out how to get back on snow. I wondered what kind of career might allow me to maximize my days on the slopes. Even my bar mitzvah theme was skiing with tables named for favorite resorts and a "ski lodge" buffet.



With practice, I became a pretty good skier. There were lessons along the way - some formal, some accidental. A youth group advisor once gave me a simple tip about moguls that suddenly made them click. Years later, an instructor in Snowmass offered a small adjustment that opened up new confidence on steep terrain. Skiing teaches balance, rhythm, patience, and humility whether you want to learn them or not. Experience, repetition, and the good fortune to ski in many wonderful places shaped skill into instinct.

A few weeks ago, Jennifer, Lev, Talia, and I returned from a wonderful ski week in Breckenridge, Colorado. I had only skied a couple of days earlier in the season, but the moment my skis touched the snow, muscle memory took over. The turns came naturally. The terrain - steep or gentle, smooth or bumped, open or lined with trees - no longer required conscious thought. At one point I took a small drop onto a steep slope, and in that instant the rest of the world simply melted away. There was no email, no to-do list, no awareness of how I looked or whether I was doing it "right." There was only the sound of skis carving through snow, the cold air, the rhythm of motion. Everything felt quiet, unified, and completely present.

Psychologists call that experience "flow." It is a state of deep absorption in an activity that is both challenging and meaningful. When we are in flow, we are not distracted or self-conscious. Attention and action merge, and the doing itself becomes the reward. Time can feel as though it stretches or disappears.

While the language of "flow" is modern, the experience is not. Jewish tradition has long understood that what matters is not only what we do, but how we do it. The Mishnah teaches, "If one recites the Shema and directs the heart, one has fulfilled the obligation; if not, one has not fulfilled it." (Berakhot 2:1) The rabbis recognized a difference between performing an act and inhabiting it. Judaism calls that inner presence *kavanah*. Prayer without intention is just sound. Prayer with *kavanah* is connection to something greater than ourselves.

Maimonides deepened the idea when he wrote, "The joy a person experiences in performing a mitzvah is itself a great act of worship." The feeling we sometimes treat as a bonus - the sense of meaning or delight - is actually central to the religious act. The experience is not separate from the mitzvah. It is part of the mitzvah. We know this intuitively in other parts of life. Think about a Passover seder. On paper, it is a carefully structured ritual. But what makes it powerful is not the checklist of steps. It is the swirl of voices around the table, the familiar melodies, the marginal notes scribbled in well-used haggadot, the smell of matzah ball soup drifting in from the kitchen. Memory, story, argument, humor, and hope mingle together. At some point, we stop "doing" the seder and start living it. The ritual becomes an all-encompassing experience rather than an obligation.

The Hasidic masters gave this kind of experience a name drawn from the Torah: *devekut*, often translated as "cleaving." Deuteronomy teaches, "You who cleave to Adonai your God are alive today." To cleave is to attach fully and intimately, like the description in Genesis of two people becoming "one flesh." *Devekut* describes those moments when we are so fully engaged that the boundary between ourselves and what we are doing seems to soften. We are no longer spectators to our own lives. We are participants who glimpse something truly sacred.

For some, *devekut* is sought directly through prayer, study, or mitzvot. For others, it may arise unexpectedly while tending a garden, playing music, running on a trail, cooking a meal, or spending time with grandchildren. The setting may differ, but the experience is recognizable: a sense of focus, connection, and presence that feels deeper than ordinary awareness, that feels holy. Call it *devekut* or call it flow - it is always special.

Perhaps the ski slopes of my childhood were where I first encountered that feeling of total immersion. Or perhaps I am simply a rabbi still trying to justify a lifelong love of skiing. Either way, those moments remind me that human beings are capable of remarkable attentiveness in a distracted world. We are capable of being wholly present - and of holy presence.

As we move toward spring, I hope each of us can find opportunities to enter that kind of presence - whether in prayer, in relationships, in learning, or in the activities that bring us joy. In those moments of deep engagement, we may discover not only satisfaction, but also a quiet glimpse of the sacred woven into ordinary life.

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Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

Heavenly Messengers: Get Yourself Some Angels

At our annual Women's Study Group Retreat, Rabbi Pam Wax and I explored a theme that felt both ancient and surprisingly relevant: angels. The retreat was titled *Heavenly Messengers: Get Yourself Some Angels*, and it gave us the chance to look at what angels mean in Jewish tradition – and what they might mean in our own lives.



The Hebrew word for angel, *malach*, simply means "messenger." In the Torah, angels often appear in human form, sent to deliver messages from God. Abraham and Sarah are visited by three strangers who bring news that Isaac will be born. Jacob wrestles through the night with a mysterious being often understood as an angel. These figures don't have wings or halos; they look like people. The encounters seem ordinary – until something holy becomes clear.

That idea led to rich discussion. If angels can appear in human form, perhaps we have met angels ourselves. Maybe an angel is the friend who calls at just the right moment. The person who offers strength when we feel depleted. The stranger who shows unexpected kindness. Seeing angels this way challenges us not only to notice them, but to ask whether we are called to be them.

These angels are very different from Cupid or the winged figures on greeting cards or on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. But Jewish tradition also speaks of non-human angels who serve God. The Torah describes angels with fiery swords guarding the entrance to the Garden of Eden. The prophet Ezekiel has powerful visions of heavenly beings and a Divine chariot. These are part of the *malachei hasharet*, the ministering angels who serve God.

We meet these ministering angels in the liturgy when we sing "Shalom Aleichem," to welcome the angels of peace into our homes. The Talmud teaches that two angels – one inclined toward good and one toward negativity – accompany a person home from synagogue. If the home is prepared for Shabbat with candles lit and a set table, the "good" angel blesses the coming week and the other must answer "Amen." If the home is not prepared, the roles are reversed.

When we sing "Shalom Aleichem," we are inviting peace and sacred rest into our homes. The angels represent the shift from the busyness of the week to the holiness of Shabbat. They mark that transition.

Rabbi Wax also briefly addressed the idea of "bad" angels. In Jewish tradition, angels do not rebel against God. Even an angel who brings destruction or death is fulfilling a Divine mission. Not every difficult messenger is evil. Sometimes the hardest moments in our lives force us to face truths we might otherwise avoid.

We also explored named angels from Jewish tradition, especially in midrash and later mystical writings – Michael, Gavriel, Uriel, and Raphael. Each name has meaning. Michael means "Who is like God?" Gavriel means "God is my strength." Uriel means "God is my light." Raphael means "God heals."

These angels represent qualities of Divine presence. Michael is linked with compassion and protection. Gavriel with strength and justice. Uriel with light and insight. Raphael with healing. Rather than seeing them as independent supernatural beings, we thought of them as ways to describe how we experience God – through courage, clarity, comfort, and care.

We ended the retreat with a healing ritual built around a traditional bedtime prayer, sung together:

In the name of Adonai, the God of Israel
On my right is Michael
On my left is Gavriel
In front of me is Uriel
Behind me is Raphael
Above my head is Sh'chinat Eil

As we stood together and sang, we imagined ourselves surrounded – compassion on one side, strength on the other, light before us, healing behind us, and above us, the Shechinah, God's indwelling presence. We were naming the qualities we want around us and within us.

One of the gifts of our 25 years of Women's Study Group retreats is how warm and connected we feel after 24 hours of learning and being together. This retreat was no different.

In Reform communities, we don't usually spend much time talking about angels. We often focus more on doing the right thing, working for justice, and taking responsibility. But this retreat reminded us that Judaism also has room for imagination and poetry. Thinking about angels doesn't mean we stop being rational. It's just another way for thinking about meaning in our lives.

Maybe "getting yourself some angels" means surrounding yourself with people who strengthen and support you. Maybe it means turning to prayer, meditation, or music that helps you feel held by something larger than yourself. Maybe it means choosing to act as a messenger of healing or light for someone else.

We didn't leave the retreat seeing wings. But perhaps we left more aware of the sacred possibility in everyday encounters – noticing the messengers who cross our paths and being willing to serve as one.

Meredith Stone, Cantor

Leaping Calendar

Just last week someone asked me when “the holidays” are this coming year. I knew they meant Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in relation to the secular calendar. I couldn’t resist my perennial quip: Rosh Hashanah will be on the first of Tishrei. Just like it is every year!

Indeed, the dates of our holidays are fixed according to the Hebrew calendar. Ours is a lunar calendar with twelve months, which makes a standard Jewish year about eleven days shorter than the solar calendar that governs our secular lives. That means that, relative to the Gregorian calendar, our holidays move about eleven days earlier each year. In 2025, Purim began on March 13. This year it begun on March 2. Eleven days earlier.

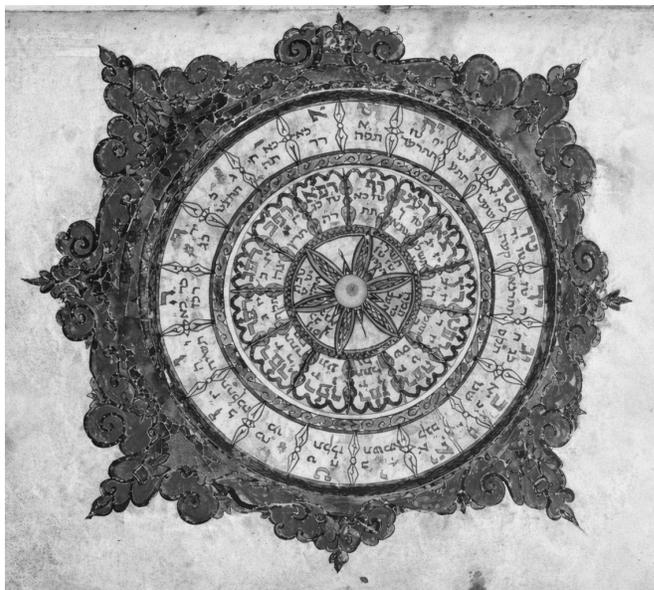
Left unchecked, that drift would keep going. Eventually we would be lighting Chanukah candles in July, welcoming Rosh Hashanah in April, and sitting down to a November Passover. Turkey and matzah anyone?

Thankfully, more than 2,500 years ago, a safeguard was built into our system. In ancient times, a rabbinic court in the Land of Israel declared each new month based on the new moon. Every so often, when the crops were ripening at the wrong time or the pilgrimage roads were impassable, the court would add an extra month to push the holidays later. This mattered because our three pilgrimage festivals - Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot - are harvest festivals. You cannot celebrate the spring barley harvest if Shavuot suddenly falls in midwinter.

By the 4th century CE, that system had become untenable. Under Roman rule, Jewish authority was weakened and the court could no longer reliably convene or communicate its decisions to far-flung communities. Jews were now living not only in the Land of Israel but throughout Babylonia, Syria, Egypt, Asia Minor, and across the Mediterranean world. Jewish life was no longer centered in one agricultural setting, and a calendar tied to local observation could not serve a dispersed people.

So Rabbi Hillel II devised an ingenious mathematical system that fixed the calendar for the future. His formula established a repeating nineteen-year cycle that includes seven leap years, each with an added second month of Adar. That extra Adar keeps

Passover in the spring and the rest of the calendar roughly aligned with the seasons, no matter where Jews live.



This image is a page from a *Sefer Evronot*, a type of medieval Hebrew calendar book used to calculate the Jewish calendar. Specifically, this page features an ornate, circular diagram, often referred to as a volvelle, used for determining the phases of the moon and the timing of Jewish festivals.

This shift reflects a deeper transformation. Earlier Jewish time was anchored in land, harvest, and Temple ritual. By late antiquity, Judaism had already become a tradition of prayer, study, and portable practice - something that could travel. The move from observation to calculation mirrored the move from a land-based rhythm to a shared sacred calendar carried wherever Jews lived.

But nothing is perfect. Hillel II’s calendar year is about six minutes and forty seconds longer than the true solar year. That tiny difference adds up. In roughly seven thousand years, our holidays will drift about a month later than they are today. In the year 9,000, Chanukah would land in early January. Latkes after New Year’s. Hamantaschen edging toward spring. Apples and honey creeping toward late October.

Perhaps one day that ancient court will reconvene for a cosmic reset. Until then, I will continue to assure anyone who asks that Rosh Hashanah will fall - as it always does - on the first of Tishrei.

Thoughts From A Congregant, by Bruce Freyer

I have been a member of Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester for almost 50 years. During this time, I have been on the Board of Trustees, held a variety of positions, was President of the congregation and led the search committee that brought Rabbi Goldsmith to the leadership of our temple. While I have relished all these positions, there is one activity that stands out as, perhaps, the most meaningful and impactful - my membership and participation in the Social Action Committee.

Do you know that we have such a committee and that it has fostered the basic principles of our Judaic heritage? We have always been a small committee, but a very committed group of congregants dedicated to the principle of "Tikkun Olam - Repairing the World."

Over the years, we have championed many social issues that have impacted our Jewish heritage. We are an engaged member of RAC (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) and, as such, we have enthusiastically embraced a variety of their programs focusing on social justice, direct service, or legislative and policy action.

For several years, with the input from member congregations, RAC has designated a program for its issue of the day and has encouraged congregations to embrace and join in the program. This year, by a vote by participating congregations in New York, RAC-NY has embraced three legislative priorities as part of its 'First They Came' educational and advocacy campaign - to ensure humane, just, and compassionate immigration policies in New York State. This campaign will focus on the passage of three bills in the NY Legislature:

1. New York for All Act: Establishes statewide guidelines for when and how local agencies interact with federal immigration authorities.
2. Mandating End of Lawless Tactics Act -MELT Act: Addresses identification and transparency standards for federal immigration officers during enforcement activities.
3. Protecting Sensitive Locations Act: Limits immigration enforcement actions near schools, hospitals, and houses of worship, absent judicial authorization.

Never, in my lifetime, nor yours, have so many people across the political spectrum expressed concern about democratic norms and institutions. For almost 250 years we have prided ourselves on the words of Emma Lazarus as enshrined on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor..." Many have been



unsettled by reports of masked officers operating in public spaces. Many Americans believe that even the right to protest has become more contested and unevenly experienced.

We are a small Social Action Committee, and we are reaching out to you - concerned members of our congregation - as we do our part in strengthening our country, its institutions, and our democracy during a challenging time. Our actions, or lack thereof, will not only rest on our shoulders, but on the shoulders of our children and grandchildren.

Remember the words of Martin Niemoller, in his penetrating poem:

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me.

Join us in our struggle to engage in "Tikkun Olam - Repairing the World." For some, the issue advocacy will be compelling. For others, you may be called to help with our direct service efforts such as monthly charitable drives, delivery of bereavement baskets to fellow congregants, or assisting with our upcoming Mitzvah Shabbat. There is a way for everyone to help. And, as I stated at the beginning of this editorial - nothing has brought more meaning to my life than my participation in this committee which represents the very essence of my Judaic heritage.

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.



Pasta Collection for Feeding Westchester March 1 - 31

We are collecting boxes of regular and whole wheat pasta for Feeding Westchester. All shapes and sizes of pasta are welcome! Pasta can be dropped off in the main lobby during normal business hours.



New or Gently Used Book Drive for Kids & Adults April 1 - 27

We are collecting *new or gently used* books for babies all the way up to young adults. Books can be dropped off in the temple lobby.



Volunteer to Teach Adult English Language Learners 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 office to learn more.

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.

2026 Legislative Session: Our Social Justice Priorities

The Social Justice Committee is gearing up for a pivotal 2026 Legislative Session, and we need your voice to help turn these goals into law. This year, we are focusing our efforts on environmental stewardship and protecting our immigrant neighbors through two major campaigns:

Climate Campaign: Protecting Our Planet

Beyond Plastics Bill: After passing the Senate but stalling in the Assembly last year, we are joining forces with a coalition of Jewish climate organizations. Together, we aim to push this bill across the finish line to drastically reduce single-use plastics in New York.
Defending the CLCPA: We continue to stand with partner organizations to protect the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. This revolutionary 2022 law is once again under fire from corporate interests, and we are committed to ensuring its protections remain intact.

First They Came For Us: Immigration Justice

In response to federal immigration pressures, we are advocating for three essential state bills designed to shield New Yorkers and uphold the dignity of our immigrant communities (see details on pg. 7).

How You Can Help: Success in the legislature requires "strength in numbers." We will be organizing text banks, email campaigns, and face-to-face meetings with state and federal representatives.

Let's work together to make 2026 a year of meaningful progress! If you are interested in being part of the conversation, contact Social Justice Committee co-chairs Marcie Aiuvalasit at marciena33@gmail.com or Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.

A Taste of Tradition: How Jewish Food Brings Us Together

There is a well-worn saying in Jewish life: *they tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat*. While humorous, it points to something deeply true. Food has always been one of the most powerful ways Jews connect to memory, to tradition, and to one another. From the intimacy of a Shabbat table to the joy of a holiday feast, Jewish food is never just about nourishment. It is about belonging.



At Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, this truth has come alive in recent months through hands-on culinary programming that blends learning, creativity, and community. Master Chef Cara Tannenbaum's cooking sessions have transformed the synagogue kitchen into a vibrant gathering place, where participants don aprons, share stories, and discover how ancient traditions can feel fresh and exciting.

Jewish texts themselves recognize the spiritual power of food. The Torah teaches, "וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ וּבֵרַכְתָּ" "You shall eat, be satisfied, and bless" (Deuteronomy 8:10). Eating is not incidental; it is an act that invites gratitude, mindfulness, and blessing. In Jewish life, meals are sanctified moments, framed by ritual and intention.

Chef Tannenbaum's sessions reflect this idea beautifully. Whether participants are learning knife skills, perfecting a holiday dish, or experimenting with modern twists on traditional recipes, the experience is about more than technique. It is about creating a shared language through food. As people cook side by side, conversations naturally unfold; stories about family recipes passed down through generations, favorite holiday memories, or the challenge of keeping traditions alive in a busy modern world.

This sense of connection extends beyond the synagogue walls. A recent bagel-making class in New York City offered another reminder of how iconic Jewish foods carry cultural meaning far beyond their ingredients. Mixing dough, rolling rings, and watching bagels boil before baking, participants gained a new appreciation for a food many of us take for granted. The humble bagel, once a staple of Eastern European Jewish life, became a symbol of resilience, adaptation, and joy.

Bagels, like so many Jewish foods, tell a story of migration and continuity. They remind us that even as Jewish communities moved across continents, tastes and traditions traveled with them. In learning to make

bagels by hand, participants were not just baking, they were touching history.

Nowhere is the power of food more evident than on Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Shabbat begins not with words, but with sensory experiences: candlelight, wine, and challah. The table becomes a sanctuary. As the Talmud teaches, "Greater is hospitality to guests than receiving the Divine Presence" (Shabbat 127a). Inviting others to our table is itself a sacred act.

Each holiday adds its own flavors and meanings. On Rosh Hashanah, sweet foods express hope for a sweet year. On Passover, matzah and bitter herbs tell the story of slavery and liberation. On Shavuot, dairy dishes recall abundance and revelation. These foods connect generations, allowing children and adults alike to "taste" Jewish history.

What makes culinary programs at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester so meaningful is that they invite participation. When we knead dough, season a dish, or recite a blessing over food we prepared together, we become active partners in Jewish life.

The prophet Isaiah envisioned a time when shared meals would reflect unity and peace: "On this mountain, God will make for all peoples a feast of rich foods" (Isaiah 25:6). Food has the power to transcend differences, to gather people of varied backgrounds around a common table.

In a world that often feels fragmented, these moments matter. Cooking together slows us down. It asks us to listen, to collaborate, and to savor, not just flavors, but relationships. Whether in a synagogue kitchen with Chef Cara Tannenbaum, a bustling NYC bagel workshop, or a family Shabbat table, Jewish food continues to do what it has always done best: bring us together.

As we share meals throughout the year, on holidays, on Shabbat, and on ordinary days, we fulfill the wisdom of Pirkei Avot: "Let your home be a gathering place for the sages" (1:4). Sometimes, the deepest wisdom is passed not through books alone, but through recipes, laughter, and the simple act of breaking bread together.

Good appetite, bon appétit, b'tayavon, בתיאבון!

Peace & Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane".

Jane Dubro, Director of Programming & Engagement

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Canasta

**Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24
& April 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:45 - 3:45pm**



Come play on Tuesday afternoons. Friends and family are welcome!

RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.

Next Step

Sundays, March 8 & April 12, 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. For more information, contact Paul at 914-632-1264.



Single Malt Torah

Thursday, March 14 & April 9, 8:00pm

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



Beit Midrash

**Saturdays, March 21 & April 25, 9:00am
Sunday, April 12, 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.

HERE ALL ALONG



FINDING MEANING,
SPIRITUALITY, AND A
DEEPER CONNECTION
TO LIFE — IN JUDAISM

(After Finally Choosing to Look There)

Sarah Hurwitz



They say that Torah, most broadly understood, includes not only the ancient text in the scrolls in the ark, but every piece of text that struggles with ultimate meaning. We enter this meaningful conversation with a discussion of Sara Hurwitz's powerful book: *Here All Along*. It is a warm, accessible, and engaging introduction to Jewish spirituality, ethics, and tradition from the perspective of someone who had drifted away from Judaism only to (re)discover its wisdom as an adult. Drawing on her own journey, Hurwitz invites us to explore Jewish meaning and practice in a thoughtful and relatable way.

Hurwitz was the head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama, a senior speechwriter for President Barack Obama, and chief speechwriter for Hillary Clinton on her 2008 presidential campaign.

Whether you've read the entire book or just the dust jacket, please join us!

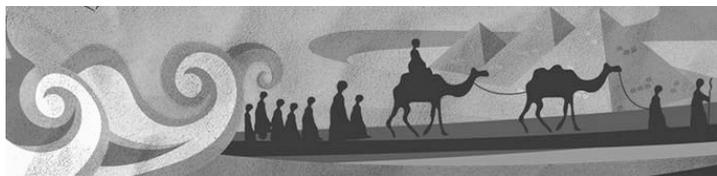
There are two opportunities to discuss this book:

For the men of the congregation: **Single Malt Torah Book Club Edition on Sunday, March 22, 9:30am** (think mimosas rather than scotch!).

Everyone in the congregation is welcome to our Community Read discussion on **Thursday, March 26, 12:00pm** which will also offer a Zoom option.

RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.

PASSOVER AT EMANU-EL



**Passover Morning Service
Thursday, April 2, 9:00am**

In the book of Leviticus we read "...on the 14th (of Nissan), at twilight, there shall be a Passover offering to God, and on the 15th of that month, God's Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. On the first day you shall celebrate a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations..." We will celebrate Shabbat and the first day of Passover as a "sacred occasion" with a brief, meaningful morning service. Use this moment of reflection between Seders to appreciate the blessings of freedom that we enjoy.

**Women's Study Group Passover Gathering
Tuesday, April 7, 6:00pm**

The annual Women's Study Group "Seder" is a longstanding tradition at Emanu-El. Every spring we gather in the company of friends to celebrate the festival of freedom. More details will be shared soon, we hope you will join us!

**Passover Yizkor Service
Wednesday, April 8, 7:30am**

We come together as a community to remember those who have passed away. We have scheduled the service at this early hour so that those who work full-time can attend this brief service to honor the memory of their loved ones. Shavuot Yizkor, the final memorial service of 5786 will take place on Friday, May 22 at 7:30am.



**Passover Tot Shabbat
Friday, March 20, 5:00pm**

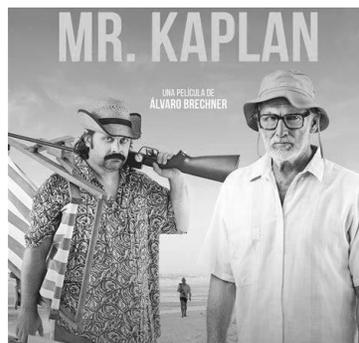
Welcome Shabbat with these joyful services for our little ones, filled with music, stories, and blessings. Family and friends are encouraged to come!

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**The Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding
Friday, April 17, 7:30pm**

This lecture series welcomes scholars, activists, politicians, and artists to our congregation to help us explore the intersection of Judaism with the pursuit of peace and greater understanding in our world. Made possible by a bequest from former congregational president William Friedman in memory of his parents, this program allows us to engage deeply with the most pressing issues of our time.

**Film: Mr. Kaplan
Thursday, April 23, 7:00pm**



Mr. Kaplan is a warm, offbeat dramedy about identity, aging, and the search for meaning. The film follows Jacob Kaplan, an elderly Jewish man living a quiet retirement in Uruguay who, despite escaping Europe

before World War II and building a stable life, feels he has accomplished nothing of significance. Convinced that a reclusive German immigrant who runs a local beach café may be a former Nazi in hiding, Kaplan embarks on an improbable quest to capture him and deliver justice, enlisting a reluctant, down-on-his-luck ex-police officer to help, as his mission becomes less about solving a crime and more about reclaiming a sense of purpose and legacy. The film balances humor and poignancy while exploring memory, displacement, justice, and the desire to feel that one's life has mattered. This film is in Spanish with English subtitles.

RSVP information can be found in Emanumail.



**Teen Shabbat Honoring Emanu-El's
Graduating Seniors & Celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Friday, April 24, 6:00pm**

Family and friends are invited to participate in a teen Shabbat service honoring our graduating high school seniors and their many accomplishments. We will also commemorate the anniversary of the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948.

Passover Seder with Young Kids

This year, my family is hosting Passover for the very first time. Passover is my absolute favorite holiday, so I love that everyone will be coming to us, but I also feel a certain amount of pressure to make it great since I'm both a parent and a Jewish educator.



Thanksgiving was our first attempt at hosting a major holiday, and while it went well, Passover feels like a different category. Between the Haggadah and the special food, there's a different set of expectations. We'll have a house full of kids ages seven and younger, which means short attention spans and minimal reading skills. We're also inviting friends who have never been to a seder before, which adds another layer, as I want it to feel fun and welcoming, not boring or overwhelming.

I've been to many different types of seders over the years, so I've been thinking about what actually makes one meaningful. For some people, like my uncle, it's the familiarity of going through the Haggadah step by step (seder does mean order after all). For others, it's the music, and for some, it's the story itself, even though the actual narrative of the Exodus only takes up a small portion of the Haggadah. For many, the most important part of Passover is simply gathering around the table with family and friends.

All of those pieces matter, so how do you create a seder that feels complete without feeling too long? How do you make it interesting for both those who know the story well and those experiencing it for the first time? How do you ensure that children feel it's geared towards them, while also giving adults space to connect in a meaningful way?

I don't want my kids to feel like they're just waiting for their cue in the Exodus story or counting down the minutes until they can search for the afikomen. I want them part of the whole evening, through their questions, storytelling and their singing voices.

Our 4th and 5th grade families know from our January family program that a seder can technically be done in just nine minutes. And for years, with very young children, I've embraced speed as a strategy. But now that my kids are getting a little older, I'm not looking to rush. I want them to build memories around the rituals and conversations. So instead of reinventing the seder, I'm thinking about merely shifting our focus.

The Four Questions are a highlight of the evening for many, but they don't have to be the only questions we ask. What I'm most interested in are the questions that come from my kids and those around the table. Their questions usually revolve around Pharaoh, asking why

he was so stubborn, why he was so unkind, and why he didn't just let the Israelites go. Those are real questions and they tell me that they are trying to make sense of the story. We can also do that with the symbols on the seder plate, asking related questions like, have you ever had to wait for something important, like the Israelites waiting to leave? If we only go around the table reading paragraphs out loud, we might cover a lot of commentary, including, in my opinion, boring rabbinical debates about how many plagues there actually were, but it doesn't make space for that kind of wondering and it doesn't help translate the story into relatable experiences.

And just like we ask questions to make sense of something, we can also help translate this story through some acting. Acting is not in everyone's comfort zone and it certainly wasn't in mine until I was forced to do it as a full time educator and saw how powerful it could be in a classroom. When people take on roles, even in a silly way, stories come alive. My four-year-old talks constantly about how my husband acts as Pharaoh at her school each year. It clearly makes an impression. So at our seder, someone will dramatically refuse to let the Israelites go, someone else will lead the Israelites across the Red Sea, and we'll all have the chance to act out the plagues. Not everyone will participate (my mom has already opted out), and that's okay, but even a small amount of playful role-playing can shift the energy in the room from passive listening to active engagement.

And then there are the songs. Singing has always been my favorite part of the seder. No matter where I've celebrated the holiday, the songs are always there. The tunes, harmonies, and languages change, but we're mostly singing the same songs. And whether it's just three verses of "Dayenu" or all 15, for kids and everyone at the table, songs are a great way to connect. No reading is required, and everyone can have fun with it. I'm personally looking forward to explaining Chad Gadya to our non-Jewish friends!

So as we approach Passover, this is where I'm focusing my energy: making room for real questions, doing some interactive storytelling, and singing a lot of songs. You can ask me after the holiday how it all went!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie".

Jackie Kurland, Director of Education



**Pre-K/K, Young Families
& Religious School Purim Events
Sunday, March 1**

It's time for our silliest holiday of the year! Come dressed in your best Purim costume to celebrate this super fun holiday with hamantaschen for all!

**Pre-K & K Purim Drop-Off Program
9:30 - 11:00am**

Drop your little ones off to learn all about Purim with our Pre-K and Kindergarten program.

**Purim Carnival for Young Families
11:00am**

Young families are invited to an early start at the Purim Carnival full of games, snacks, prizes, and a ton of fun! See pg. 1 for more details.

**Religious School Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 1, 11:30am - 1:00pm**

See details on pg. 1

**Passover Tot Shabbat
Friday, March 20, 5:00pm**



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**Pre-K/K Yom Ha'Atzmaut Drop-Off Program
Sunday, April 19, 9:30-10:45am**

Drop-off your little ones for a morning of Passover crafts and stories.

RSVP information will appear in Emanumail.

**Young Families Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration
Sunday, April 19, 10:45-11:45am**

Join us for a Passover themed celebration filled with crafts, stories, snacks and songs for the whole family!

RSVP information will appear in Emanumail.



B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!



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

Eli Adelson

Caleb Blumstein

Zoe Balik-Klein

Aaron Glezer

Elliot Glezer

Lacy Kars

Gavin Motola

Noah Sales

Maxwell Weinberg



One of the most dedicated group of regular worshippers at our congregation is... our religious school students! Each Sunday they gather in our sanctuary in the middle of the religious school morning for a brief prayer services. With prayers projected on colorful slides, timeless chants, contemporary melodies, and thoughtful question and answer, the students engage in prayer in ways that not only help them remember our sacred words, but that imbue them with meaning and joy.

If you ever happen to be here on a Sunday morning, please join us to see what joyful prayer looks like!

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Our community offers our deepest condolences to
Phillip Drogin on the death of his father, Ronald N. Drogin
The Tropp & Epstein Families on the death of Yvonne "Pooch" Tropp Epstein

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March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School</p> <p>9:30 - 11:00am Pre-K/K Purim</p> <p>11:00am Young Families Purim Carnival</p> <p>11:30am - 1:30pm Religious School Purim Carnival</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>1:30pm Canasta</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm Boot Camp</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>6:00pm Early Shabbat Service</p> <p>6:00pm 6th Grade Retreat</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30am 6th Grade Retreat</p> <p>5:00pm Noah Sales Bar Mitzvah</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>9:30 - 11:45am Religious School and 1st & 2nd Grades Family Learning Program</p> <p>10:45am Confirmation</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>1:30pm Canasta</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>7:00pm Film: <i>Art Spiegelman</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:00pm Tot Shabbat</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Beit Midrash</p> <p>11:00am Eli Adelson Bar Mitzvah</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>No Religious School</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>No Canasta</p> <p>No Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom</p> <p>No B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp</p>				

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 No Religious School Passover	6 Passover	7 1:30pm Canasta 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 6:00pm WSG Passover Dinner Passover	8 7:30am Passover Yizkor Service Office Closed for the Last Day of Passover Passover	9 3:30pm Hebrew Tutoring on Zoom 8:00pm Single Malt Torah	10 7:30pm Shabbat Service	11 5:00pm Gavin Motola Bar Mitzvah
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Hineini Visits The Cottage School

Many thanks to our Hineini teens and parents for their time with the kids at Edenwald Center at the Pleasantville Cottage School. Edenwald is a residential treatment center for boys and girls aged 7 to 16 with emotional and learning challenges.



Hineini Helps Out at Afya

Hineini teens and parents spent the afternoon at Afya sorting medical supplies that will be shipped to underserved communities across the world.



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**MARCH & APRIL
SHABBAT SCHEDULE**

March 6

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

March 13

7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat 🎵

March 20

5:00pm Passover Tot Shabbat

7:30pm Shabbat Service

March 27

6:00pm Early Shabbat Service

April 3

6:00pm Zoom Lay Led Shabbat

April 10

7:30pm Shabbat Service

April 17

7:30pm Friedman Lecture on Peace & Understanding

April 24

6:00pm Teen Shabbat & Yom Ha'Atzmaut 🎵😊

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SAVE THESE DATES!



**Annual Spring Benefit
Honoring
Debra & Larry Cohen
Saturday, May 2, 7:30pm**
Keep an eye out for the invite!



**Mitzvah Shabbat
& Pizza Truck Dinner
Friday, May 8**
5:30pm Pizza & Projects
6:30pm Mitzvah Shabbat
Mitzvah projects, pizza, and
community! A Shabbat experience
not to be missed.

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