



Rosh Hashanah Cooking Class with Chef Cara Thursday, September 10, 7:00pm



Let's go classic! Join Chef Cara Tannenbaum and create perfect tried and true sweet desserts for Rosh Hashanah. First we will bake the best honey cake, a moist and fragrant version flavored with orange and cinnamon. While they bake we will make taiglach,

nuggets of dough piled high that have been boiled in a honey syrup, designed to be pulled apart by hand at the end of a holiday meal. Space is limited. Cost: \$36/person. RSVP information appears in Emanumail.

Modernity and Opulence: Women of the Wiener Werkstätte at The Jewish Museum Thursday, September 17, 1:00pm



Join us for a special private docent-led tour of an extraordinary exhibition highlighting the groundbreaking Jewish women artists, designers,

patrons, and tastemakers who helped shape modernist aesthetics in early 20th-century Vienna and beyond. Featuring more than 200 objects by some 30 Jewish women artists, the exhibition explores their remarkable creativity across jewelry, ceramics, textiles, furniture, fashion, and graphic arts. A special emphasis is placed on the bold ceramic work of Vally Wieselthier and the innovative textile designs of Felice Rix-Ueno, while also reintroducing the work and influence of lesser-known artists. Following the tour, continue the conversation over lunch at Lox at The Jewish Museum. Friends and family are warmly welcome! Cost: \$36/person. RSVP information appears in Emanumail.



Welcome Suzanne! We are thrilled to welcome Suzanne Saperstein as our new Administrative Coordinator! Suzanne brings decades of synagogue experience, along with a warm and welcoming presence, exceptional organizational skills,

and a genuine love of working with congregants. In her role, she will support Cantor Isaac and our Religious School while coordinating all aspects of our B'nei Mitzvah program. Her office is at the top of the stairs, so please stop by and introduce yourself the next time you're in the building.



Beyond the Walls: Exploring Sing Sing

Join us for two thought-provoking programs exploring the history, humanity, and future of Sing Sing Correctional Facility, co-sponsored by Emanu-El and JCC Mid-Westchester. RSVP information for both events will appear in Emanumail.

Film: *Beyond* (at JCC Mid-Westchester) Monday, October 19, 7:00pm

Experience an inspiring evening with *Beyond*, an 89-minute documentary filmed with rare access inside Sing Sing. The film follows incarcerated men as they prepare for a TED-style event, sharing deeply personal stories and bold ideas for transforming the prison system. Following the screening, stay for a talkback moderated by Mikki Shaw, featuring three formerly incarcerated speakers who will share their own experiences and reflect on the film's themes of incarceration, reentry, and the potential for change. Cost: \$10/person.

Sink or Sing: A Walking Tour about Crime, Punishment, Labor, and the Hudson River Region Monday, October 26, 1:00pm & 2:30pm

Step inside Sing Sing's history on a guided walking tour exploring the construction of the original 1825 cell block, the quarrying of Sing Sing marble, and the origins of American penal philosophy. The tour also examines the labor that built the institution, products developed there, and innovative approaches to reform and rehabilitation, concluding with a reflective art activity. Cost: Free.

2026 High Holy Day Schedule



Saturday, September 5

7:00pm Selichot Program at Westchester Reform Temple (255 Mamaroneck Road in Scarsdale)

Friday, September 11

7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 12

10:00am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
(reception to follow)

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

3:00pm Rosh Hashanah Young Families Service

3:30pm Young Families Celebration

Sunday, September 13 (offsite—see below) at the Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary in Rye

10:00am Adult Nature Walk

10:45am Adult Tashlich

11:15am Religious School and Family-Friendly
Nature Walk & Tashlich

Friday, September 18

7:30pm Shabbat Shuvah

Sunday, September 20

7:30pm Kol Nidre

Monday, September 21

10:00am Yom Kippur Morning Service

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

2:15pm Yom Kippur Young Families Service

3:00pm Afternoon Service

3:30pm A Healing Service of Music & Meditations

4:00pm Yizkor/Memorial Service

5:00pm N'ilah/Concluding Service

5:45pm Congregational Break Fast

At Home Worship: If you plan to participate at home, prayer books will be available for pick up during normal business hours. You must contact Dan O'Connor at doconnor@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1011 to schedule a pick-up.



Our tradition finds its roots in the wilderness, and natural places provide a beautiful setting to connect with our heritage and reflect on the year ahead. **New this year, we're offering separate adult and family experiences** so everyone can enjoy Tashlich in a way that feels meaningful, engaging, and joyful. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Adults will begin with a guided nature walk at 10:00am followed by Tashlich at 10:45am. Families with children of all ages will then enjoy a

nature walk at 11:15am and Tashlich experience designed especially for them, with opportunities to explore, reflect, and connect together.

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Welcome Isabel Rose!

Mazel Tov Bruce & Audrey Nathanson
on the birth your granddaughter
Isabel Rose Nathanson!



B'nei Mitzvah Mazel Tov!



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Anger and Compassion

I used to have road rage. Not the occasional annoyed sigh. Real road rage. Tailgating. Flashing my lights. Leaning on the horn if someone hesitated when the light turned green. If someone cut me off...



well, let's just say I'm grateful there weren't smartphones recording every driver's behavior back then.

And then I became a congregational rabbi.

One day, after one particularly self-righteous episode on the Hutch, it dawned on me that the person in the other car might be a congregant. That realization led to a few uncomfortable questions. Had my anger ever actually gotten me anywhere faster? Had it ever improved anyone else's driving? Or was I the only one paying the price?

I was cured of road rage. Mostly.

These days, it can feel as though anger is everywhere. We see it on the roads, in our politics, on social media, around dinner tables, and even within families. Sometimes that anger takes the form of shouting. Sometimes it comes as sarcasm or contempt. Sometimes it simply hardens into the quiet conviction that the people who disagree with us are beyond understanding.

Our tradition has wrestled with anger from its very first pages because anger is part of the human condition. The question has never been whether we will become angry. The question is what our anger will do to us.

Maimonides famously teaches that the healthiest life is usually found by following the "middle path," avoiding extremes. Yet he makes one remarkable exception. Anger, he says, is so dangerous that we should strive to move as far away from it as possible. Why? Because anger has a way of convincing us that we are seeing clearly when, in fact, it is clouding our judgment. It narrows our vision until all we can see is the object of our outrage.

And yet Judaism does not ask us to become indifferent.

When Abraham learns that God intends to destroy Sodom, he protests. He argues. He refuses to remain

silent in the face of what he believes to be injustice. The Talmud likewise teaches that one who has the ability to protest wrongdoing has an obligation to do so. There is a kind of anger that awakens our moral conscience, that refuses to accept cruelty, hatred, or injustice as simply "the way things are." As Abraham Joshua Heschel warned, indifference can be even more dangerous than evil itself.

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The challenge, then, is not to extinguish anger but to transform it.

Reb Nachman of Bratzlav teaches that the antidote to destructive anger is compassion. Mercy softens our rage without extinguishing our passion for justice.

Compassion reminds us that even those with whom we profoundly disagree remain human beings created in the image of God. It keeps our anger from consuming us and allows it instead to become energy for healing, repairing, and building.

I still get frustrated in traffic. Every now and then I still find myself gripping the steering wheel a little too tightly. But I've learned that the person whose day is most diminished by my anger is almost always me.

As we enter these High Holy Days, many of us carry real reasons to be angry. We worry about Israel. We grieve the rise of antisemitism. We are exhausted by polarization, by war, by uncertainty, and by personal struggles known only to those closest to us. Judaism does not ask us to deny those feelings. It asks something much harder.

What will we do with them?

Will our anger harden our hearts? Or will it deepen our commitment to justice, compassion, and peace?

That may be one of the most important questions of this High Holy Day season. May we have the courage to answer it well.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Goldsmith'.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

Sh'ma Koleinu, Hear our Voice(es)

I am always stunned by the number of stories I have been told about music teachers who once told a student not to sing. To paraphrase Maya Angelou, we probably don't remember much about what our elementary or middle school music teachers taught us, but we remember how they made us feel about music: if music is the elevated domain of a select few "talented" students or a joyful, unifying force that belongs to—and needs—each of us. I guarantee that every single student who has been told that their voice is not welcome in their class remembers it for the rest of their lives.



I read recently that every single human voice is unique. So much so, as evolutionary biologist Scott Travers writes: "that a person who has never met you can pick yours out of a crowd after hearing it once." From tiny variations in the length, thickness, density and tension of the vocal folds in our larynx to minor differences in our skull structure and shape—even our learned habits like the way we learned to speak and the tension we hold in our tongue or jaw. Each of these shapes the sound and rhythm of our voices, creating our vocal "fingerprint," a singular expression of each unique human being.

There is no one who speaks like you, and there is no one who sings like you.

One of my favorite Hebrew fun facts is that the word for choir (mak'heilah) comes from the word for community (kehilah). This word appears only once in the liturgy. On Shabbat morning, just before the Barchu—the moment when we officially pray together as a community—we sing "the great choirs of the people of Israel will sing songs of praise joyfully through the generations." And just like that, we become a singing community.

Choir directors often talk about "blending" voices. Matching vowels, volume, entrances, and cutoffs so that no individual voice stands out and all that can be heard is the singular voice of the choir. Beautiful, perhaps, at Carnegie Hall. Utterly boring in the sanctuary. And, if we can imagine, boring to God's ears.

Jewish tradition imagines that God delights in hearing all of our voices coming together just as they are: unrehearsed, unblended, perhaps maybe just a bit out

of tune. A famous rabbinic legend imagines that, when the Israelites crossed the parted sea and spontaneously sang together for the first time, the Holy One said: "These are the people I have been waiting for." Not a choir, a singing community where God could pick each voice out of the crowd.

We are about to spend a lot of time singing together over the coming High Holy Days. And we will plead over and over again, Sh'ma Koleinu. Hear our voice. Our singular voice containing multitudes. Holding all of our communal and individual prayers, the words said and sung aloud or offered silently within.

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As I prepare for my first High Holy Days with our singing community, I am thinking of the Cantor's Prayer known as the Hin'ni or "Here I am," offered in our Machzor on Rosh Hashanah evening. In the traditional text, the cantor or prayer leader is portrayed as a representative of the community, trembling beneath the weight of the responsibility of standing between God and the congregation. Yet in our time, I am no representative. I am simply a facilitator who joins you as one soul, one voice within this sacred community. I feel humbled that you have entrusted me with partnering with Rabbi Goldsmith to lead us in song and prayer. I assume this responsibility no less seriously, yet I do so not with fear, but with joy and anticipation.

I am eager to hear Congregation Emanu-El's communal voice in its fullness and the individual voices that comprise it. Not just your unique voices, but the full human beings creating each one. Your ideas, your stories, your personalities, your joys, your burdens, your prayers, your gifts. When you bring all of these to Emanu-El, together we create a communal song that is as distinct as our vocal fingerprints are from one another. A song that is holy, real, and anything but boring.

Every voice belongs in this choir.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isaac Sonett-Assor".
Isaac Sonett-Assor, Cantor

To Bow or Not to Bow: The Evolution of Reform Jewish Worship

Over the years we have seen various traditional rituals and practices make their way into our worship at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. From the first time Rabbi Goldsmith led High Holy Day services in a kippah and tallit to our previous rabbinic intern (now Rabbi!) Zachary Canali wearing white cloth shoes on Yom Kippur, some of the outward signs and symbols of our worship have evolved and changed. We see it, too, in the way we offer our prayers: cantorial solo or communal singing, accompaniment by organ or piano, solo guitar or full band. And we see it in the prayers themselves: a regular prayer for healing, more emphasis on Hebrew for our students, and more poetic interpretations alongside "literal" translations.

To this point, our congregation has bowed only during the Aleinu prayer at the end of the service. Indeed, the words we chant as we bow translate to "we bend the knee and bow before" God. So the reason for the bow is rather self-evident. During what is called the Great Aleinu on Rosh Hashanah, the day our deeds all pass before God, we do a particularly deep bow, while in some congregations people fully prostrate themselves - actually lying down on the floor.

Jews traditionally bow several times during a worship service. Some of the most common moments include Barchu, Avot v'Imahot, and at the end of the Amidah. Those bows originate in the idea that when we pray, we stand before God, whom we call מֶלֶךְ Melech literally "King" or "Sovereign." And when one stands before royalty, one bows. At the same time, the ancient rabbis specifically warned against bowing too much during worship, lest prayer become a competition in ostentatious displays of false piety. Apparently, even the rabbis worried that people might get carried away!

The early Reform Jews largely got rid of bowing. As they sought to make Jewish worship as decorous as that of their Protestant neighbors, they thought bowing seemed anachronistic and superstitious, not fitting with the spirit of the Enlightenment age in which they lived. That same impulse led them to add musical instruments, shorten the service, eliminate kippot and tallitot, and add more prayer in the vernacular. They were not abandoning Judaism. They were doing what Reform Jews have always done: making choices about which parts of our vast tradition speak most powerfully to the Jewish lives we are trying to build.

As time has gone by, both American society and Reform Judaism have continued to evolve. American society has increasingly accepted and even celebrated what makes cultures, ethnicities, and religious communities unique. And Reform Jews have become more willing to reclaim rituals that earlier generations set aside. Many Reform Jews now choose to wear kippot and tallitot, use more Hebrew, embrace traditional melodies and, yes, take on ritual choreography like bowing. That does not mean that Reform Judaism is becoming Conservative Judaism, nor does adopting a traditional practice make a Reform Jew any less Reform. It means that we continue to make thoughtful choices about how Jewish tradition can bring meaning and spirituality into our lives.

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That spirit of choice remains essential at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester. We embrace congregants no matter their ritual choices: kippah or no kippah, tallit or no tallit, pray every week or pray a few times a year. We ask only that the ritual decisions people make lead to comfort, meaning, connection to Jewish identity, and spirituality. There is no prize for being the most traditional person in the room, nor is there one for being the least traditional. There are simply different ways of finding meaning within our shared Jewish tradition.

The same goes for our clergy. As a new cantor and rabbinic intern join our team this year, you may notice more bowing on the bimah. That is not a signal that our congregation is changing denominations. And please don't take it as an expectation that you should bow as well. It is simply an expression of the clergy's own prayer practice and spirituality.

And, if you'd like, you too can try a bow here and there. If you like it, great. If you don't like it, no problem. If you would rather watch everyone else bow and wonder what all the fuss is about, that's fine, too. Either way, we will continue to support one another on our Jewish Journeys, wherever the ritual directions of those journeys may take us.

Committees

In addition to those listed below, we have a number of committees that would welcome your participation, input, and support. Emanu-El has many opportunities for you to share your talents, ideas, and time in support of our congregation. Our dedicated committee members and chairs help make ours the special community it is. Contact Executive Administrator Abbie Levitt at alevitt@c-e-w.org to learn more about committees at Emanu-El.

The Emanu-El Caring Community

Supporting one another during difficult times is at the heart of who we are. The Emanu-El Caring Community is a volunteer-led group dedicated to making sure our congregants feel cared for after the loss of a loved one. We're looking for volunteers to help put together and deliver bereavement baskets as needed - a simple but meaningful way to bring comfort and connection.

Social Action Committee

We love putting our Jewish values into action through tikkun olam! Our social action committee gets everyone involved with hands-on projects and donation drives that support our local community and Israel. We listen to what our partner organizations need, both here and abroad, and create ways for people of all ages to jump in and make a real impact. At Emanu-El, giving back is easy and meaningful - with collections, site visits, and volunteer opportunities, there's always a way to help make the world a little better.

Social Justice Committee

When treating symptoms isn't enough, we step up to tackle the root causes of society's challenges. Our Social Justice Committee is dedicated to creating real change by advocating for important issues at the local, state, and federal levels, often partnering with the Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism. There are many ways for congregants to get involved, whether big or small. By working closely with politicians and staffers, we carry forward the legacy of the prophets of Israel, striving for a more just and compassionate world - all while honoring diverse viewpoints and encouraging healthy debate. No matter your political leanings, we believe everyone can help make our world more whole and more holy.



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities with our local nonprofit partners, we'd love to connect you with ways to make a difference. Please contact Jane Dubro at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1021 to learn more.

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.

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.

Teach Adult ESL at the Carver Center in Port Chester: Volunteers are needed to help tutor adult English language learners - no experience required, just a big heart and a desire to make a difference!

Westchester Jewish Community Services: WJCS provides mental health treatment, 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.

High Holy Day Food Drive for Feeding Westchester Saturday, September 12 - Monday, September 21

This year, we continue our tradition of collecting food for the Feeding Westchester Annual High Holy Day Food Drive, an opportunity to put our Jewish values of compassion, generosity, and caring for our neighbors into action. Feeding Westchester is part of a network of local food pantries, soup kitchens, and community organizations that works year-round to source and distribute nutritious food and essential resources to people experiencing hunger throughout Westchester County.

By contributing to this annual drive, we can help ensure that our neighbors have access to the food they need—not only during the High Holy Days, but throughout the year. We invite everyone in our community to participate and help us turn the spirit of the High Holy Days into meaningful action.



Feeding Westchester's current list of most-needed items includes (NO candy, glass containers, or expired food):

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

Pizza & Postcards

Thursday, October 1, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Join the Social Justice Committee for an evening of pizza, postcards, and civic engagement! In partnership with RAC-NY and Reclaim Our Vote, we'll be writing postcards to voters in North Carolina and Virginia, as well as to young people who are not yet registered to vote. Personal, handwritten postcards are a simple but powerful way to encourage people to participate in our democracy. A friendly reminder can help someone register, make a voting plan, or simply feel that their voice and participation matter. Together, we'll reach out to communities where our encouragement can make a difference, helping ensure that eligible voters have the information and motivation they need to participate in the fall elections. This is one small, tangible way we can turn our commitment to social justice into action and strengthen our democracy—one postcard at a time.

Come for the pizza, stay for the postcards, and help us put our Jewish values into action by encouraging civic participation and making sure every voice has the opportunity to be heard.

RSVP to Social Justice Committee Co-Chair Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com.



About RAC-NY (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism-New York): The New York State arm of the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center, works with Reform Jewish congregations across New York to put Jewish values into action. Its work focuses on voting rights, racial justice, climate justice, immigration, and criminal justice reform, while educating and empowering congregants to help create a more just society.

About Reclaim Our Vote: A nonpartisan, grassroots voter-engagement campaign of the Center for Common Ground. It works to strengthen democracy by encouraging voter participation, particularly in communities that have historically faced barriers to voting. Volunteers send personalized postcards, texts, and phone calls with voting information, registration reminders, and encouragement to make their voices heard.

CEW Trip to Morocco: A Jewish Journey of History, Memory & Community

There is something truly special about discovering the world together as a synagogue community. When we travel as Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, we don't just visit new places—we create new memories together. Shared meals become celebrations, conversations deepen into friendships, and every experience is richer because we experience it side by side.



In February 2027, I hope you'll join us for an extraordinary ten-day journey through Morocco—a land of dazzling colors, breathtaking landscapes, vibrant traditions, and a Jewish story that stretches back more than 2,000 years. Together we'll explore the bustling streets of Marrakech, the spiritual treasures of Fes, the imperial cities of Meknes and Rabat, and the coastal beauty of Casablanca.

Our journey begins in Marrakech, where lively souks, fragrant spice markets, hidden courtyards, and magnificent palaces awaken every sense. We'll welcome Shabbat together with warmth, song, delicious food, and the joy of community. There is something deeply moving about celebrating Shabbat in another corner of the Jewish world. As candles are lit and blessings are shared, we're reminded that our traditions connect us across generations and across the globe.

Throughout our journey, we'll discover the remarkable story of Moroccan Jewry—one of the oldest and most vibrant Jewish communities in the world. We'll visit historic mellahs (Jewish quarters), beautiful synagogues, cemeteries, and sacred sites, tracing a history enriched by Jews who found refuge in Morocco after their expulsion from Spain in 1492. Their music, customs, cuisine, scholarship, and traditions became woven into the fabric of Moroccan life, creating a rich Sephardic heritage that continues to inspire today.

In the Atlas Mountains, we'll experience breathtaking scenery and the warmth of Berber hospitality. In Fes, we'll wander ancient alleyways and learn about centuries of Jewish and Muslim coexistence. In Meknes and Rabat, we'll encounter stories of kings, rabbis, and communities that helped shape Morocco's history. We'll conclude in Casablanca, home to one of Morocco's most vibrant Jewish communities, reflecting on Jewish resilience, continuity, and hope.

Along the way we'll savor authentic Moroccan cuisine, enjoy extraordinary hospitality, and deepen our understanding of Sephardic traditions and North African Jewish life. Every stop, every meal, and every conversation becomes part of our shared story.

Perhaps the greatest gift of this journey, however, will be one another. There is a special magic that happens when we travel together. We learn together, laugh together, reflect together, and create friendships that continue long after we return home.

Those of us who traveled together to Amsterdam know exactly what I mean. Yes, we came home inspired by the places we visited—but even more, we came home grateful for the friendships we strengthened, the stories we shared, and the memories we created together. I know Morocco will offer us that same gift.

I hope you'll join me as we discover the beauty of Morocco, celebrate the richness of Jewish life, and experience another unforgettable journey together.

Highlights Include (turn to pg. 10 for more details):

- Welcoming Shabbat in Marrakech
- Exploring Jewish quarters and synagogues
- Discovering 2,000 years of Moroccan Jewry
- Visiting Marrakech, Fes, Meknes, Rabat & Casablanca
- Experiencing the Atlas Mountains & Berber culture
- Enjoying Moroccan cuisine & hospitality
- Learning about Sephardic traditions & coexistence
- Creating memories with our CEW community

I hope you'll join us on this extraordinary Jewish journey. For more information, or to reserve your place, please contact me at 914-967-4382 x1021 or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

Wishing you and your family a Happy & Sweet New Year –Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

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Peace & Love,



Jane Dubro, Director of Programming & Engagement

EXPLORE MOROCCO

A Jewish Heritage Journey with Congregation Emanu-El

FEBRUARY 10-19, 2027



Vibrant cities, breathtaking landscapes, and the rich history of Jewish life across Marrakech, Fes, Rabat, and Casablanca

Morocco is a land of extraordinary beauty, warmth, and hospitality. From the vibrant markets of Marrakech and the blue streets of Chefchaouen to ancient Jewish quarters, breathtaking desert landscapes, and rich traditions spanning centuries, this journey offers an unforgettable blend of history, culture, and adventure.

Explore the remarkable story of Jewish life in Morocco
Visit historic synagogues and Jewish communities
Experience stunning cities, villages, and desert landscapes
Enjoy Morocco's renowned cuisine and hospitality
Discover a country that delights all the senses

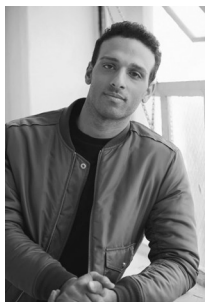
To register, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x1021 or jdubro@c-e-w.org

Price: from \$5,899

Registration Deadline: November 10, 2026

- *Friends and family are welcome.*
- *A \$675 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration.*
- *There is a 72-hour grace period during which the deposit is fully refundable.*
- *Deposits will be refunded if the trip is canceled due to low enrollment by November 10, 2026.*

Selichot: Stories of Identity, Belonging & Renewal with Tony-Award Winning Actor Ari'el Stachel
Saturday, September 5, 7:00pm



We will usher in the Days of Awe in partnership with other Westchester congregations, as we prime ourselves for the spiritual renewal of the High Holy Days. This year, Tony Award-winning actor, Ari'el Stachel (*The Band's Visit*), will perform his one man show, *Other*. In the show, Stachel relays his challenges with identity as the son of an American Jewish woman and a Yemini-Israeli father and weaves a fearless, deeply funny, human exploration of identity, mental health, and self-acceptance. RSVP information appears in Emanumail. Westchester Reform Temple is located at 255 Mamaroneck Road in Scarsdale.

Next Step

Sundays, September 20 and October 18, 11:15am

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.

Canasta & Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 29 & October 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30 - 3:45pm

Come play - friends and family are welcome! In order to secure a spot at a table and to ensure a smooth start to the games, all participants must arrive on time. RSVP information appears in Emanumail.

Contact Jane Dubro at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1021 if you would like to learn more.

SUKKOT EVENTS

Sukkot, also known as The Time of Our Rejoicing, gathers us with friends and family outside to celebrate the world around us and give thanks for our many blessings. Gathering in and around the sukkah is central to the holiday's celebration so please stop by the beautiful Sukkah here at the synagogue that is available for any congregant to use during the festival for an al fresco lunch. These wonderful congregational gatherings will help you make the most of this joyful festival.

Sukkot Shabbat

Friday, September 25, 6:00pm Service

The joy of Sukkot meets the serenity and holiness of Shabbat at this outdoor celebratory service. Since Sukkot is so "early" this year, we can count on warmth and light as we bid the week goodbye, welcome the "Sabbath Bride" and shake a lulav in gratitude for all our blessings.

Opening Day Religious School Family Celebration: Pizza in the Hut

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Get ready to kick off the Religious School year with a festive Sukkot celebration for the whole family! We'll enjoy music, Sukkot-themed crafts and games, and practice the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and etrog. And, who doesn't love pizza in a sukkah!?

Sukkot Open House at the Goldsmiths'

Saturday, September 26, 4:00pm

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

Sisterhood Kickoff: Sushi & Sangria in the Sukkah

Tuesday, September 29, 7:00pm

Whether you're looking to mingle with old friends or connect with new ones, come enjoy a fun evening of socializing, laughter, and community. We can't wait to see you there! Cost: \$18/person. RSVP information appears in Emanumail.

Under the Same Roof:

A Harvest Gathering for Women

Saturday, October 3, 4:30pm

Gather in the sukkah with the Women's Study Group for late afternoon sparkling mocktails and seasonal snacks as we consider what we're harvesting and carrying with us into the year ahead. All are welcome! RSVP information appears in Emanumail.

Learn How To Play Canasta

**Tuesdays, September 29, October 6, 13 & 20
1:00pm**

If you've been looking to learn how to play Canasta, look no further! Canasta expert Jill Baker will be leading a 4-session class. Cost: \$180/person for the series. RSVP information appears in Emanumail.

Community Conversations with Board of Trustees President Amanda Gitkind Thursday, October 1, 10:00am

This informal gathering is a chance to grab a cup of coffee or tea, exchange ideas, ask questions, and spend time talking with Amanda and one another as we continue building a strong, welcoming, and engaged CEW. These discussions will be held several times throughout the year, creating regular opportunities to come together, connect, and keep the conversation going. RSVP information appears in Emanumail, or just stop by!



Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Memorial Service Saturday, October 3, 8:00am

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.

Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone Monday, October 5, 12:00pm



The personal reflections written during our longstanding Reflections Workshops have added depth and richness to our worship services and led to meaningful connections within

our congregation. Through sharing lunch and taking time to reflect on ordinary moments of life, participants have built a warm and supportive community. Whether you've been attending for years or are simply curious to try something new, you're warmly invited to join us. No special writing experience is needed – just a willingness to reflect and share. Cantor Stone would love to welcome you. RSVP to Cantor Stone at mstone@c-e-w.org.

Mahj, Melds, Mazel & More

Thursday, October 8, 7:00pm



This will be a fun filled evening of gaming designed to bridge all player types and engage with different members of

the community while supporting the temple Sisterhood. There will be Canasta round robin (run by the Shuffle Sisters), Mah Jongg tournament, Rummikub, and beginner tables of those that want to learn to play! Cost: \$54/person. RSVP information appears in Emanumail.

Single Malt Torah

Thursday, October 15, 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, October 17 & 31, 9:00am



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 familiar Jewish customs, holiday observances, or lifecycle rituals. 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! Contact Rabbi Goldsmith for more information at hgoldsmith@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x1013.

A New Year of Religious School

Summer always seems to fly by. I personally spent the summer celebrating my recent 40th birthday with different friends from dinners in the city, to a girls trip to Savannah and Hilton Head, and a big trip to Spain with my family. As much as I enjoyed the break, as August turns into



September, I find myself getting excited for the familiar rhythm of a new school year. The classrooms are coming back to life, teachers are working on new lesson plans, and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another year of learning, laughter, and community.

This year brings some exciting new faces to our Religious School! We are thrilled to welcome Cantor Isaac, who will be leading our weekly tefilah and music. We know our students and families will enjoy getting to know him as he brings his warmth, enthusiasm, and love of Jewish music to our Sunday mornings. We are also excited to welcome our new Rabbinic Intern, Jonathan Kabiri, who will be teaching our 6th grade students this year. We can't wait for our community to get to know both of them as they become an important part of our Religious School family.

The first few weeks of Religious School are always full of energy, and this year is no exception. Since our first two Sundays coincide with Jewish holidays, we'll begin the year by celebrating together as one community with special programs.

On Sunday, September 27, we'll kick off the school year with an opening day family celebration: Pizza in the Hut! Families will gather to celebrate Sukkot with music, crafts, games, the opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog, and, of course, plenty of pizza. The following Sunday, our students will celebrate Simchat Torah, the joyful holiday when we complete our annual cycle of reading the Torah and immediately begin again with the very first verses of Genesis. We'll mark the occasion with lots of Israeli dancing, festive activities, and a cookie decorating contest as we celebrate the excitement of starting the Torah all over again.

A new school year always brings fresh opportunities to learn, grow, and make lasting memories together. We can't wait to welcome everyone back and begin another wonderful year of Jewish learning, friendship, and community. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and meaningful new school year. See you soon!

Jackie

Jackie Kurland, Director of Education



High Holy Day Services for Young Families

Joyful songs, engaging stories, and a healthy dose of tradition are the right ingredients for introducing little ones to the High Holy Days.

These services are free and open to the community so bring your friends!

Rosh Hashanah Young Families Service

Saturday, September 12, 3:00pm

Rosh Hashanah Young Families Celebration

Saturday, September 12, 3:30pm

Religious School and Family-Friendly Nature Walk & Tashlich at Edith Read Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, September 13, 11:15am

(see pg. 2 for details)

Yom Kippur Young Families Service

Monday, September 21, 2:15pm

Turn to pg. 14 for the full Pre-K/K and Young Families Programming calendar.

Opening Day Religious School Family Celebration: Pizza in the Hut Sunday, September 27, 10:30am - 12:00pm

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Religious School Simchat Torah Celebration Sunday, October 4, 9:30 - 11:00am



Religious School students will join together to celebrate Simchat Torah! We will spend the morning honoring the Torah in various ways, from singing songs about the top biblical stories to decorating Torahs in fun, edible ways, and, of course, there will be Israeli dancing!



Pre-K/K & Young Families

2026-2027

Celebrate Jewish life and holidays with Congregation Emanu-El!

We are committed to helping young families begin their Jewish journeys. Your little ones - children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren - will discover the sweetness of Judaism throughout the year. Our events are overflowing with food, song, movement, crafts, stories, community, and fun!

Mark your calendars and save these dates:

Saturday, September 12: ROSH HASHANAH

3:00 PM - Young Families Service
3:30 PM - Young Families Reception

Monday, September 21: YOM KIPPUR

2:15 to 2:45 PM - Young Families Service

Sunday, November 1: SHABBAT

9:00 AM - PreK/K Religious School Drop Off
10:30 AM - Young Families Celebration

Sunday, December 6: CHANUKAH

9:00 AM - PreK/K Religious School Drop Off
10:30 AM - Young Families Celebration

Sunday, January 24: TU BISH'VAT

9:00 AM - PreK/K Religious School Drop Off
10:30 AM - Young Families Celebration

Sunday, March 14: PURIM

9:30 AM - PreK/K Religious School Drop Off
11:00 AM - Purim Carnival!

Sunday, April 11: PASSOVER

9:00 AM - PreK/K Religious School Drop Off
10:30 AM - Young Families Celebration

Sunday, May 2: ISRAEL

9:00 AM - PreK/K Religious School Drop Off
10:30 AM - Young Families Celebration

TOT SHABBAT

Start the weekend with your little ones at CEW! Join our clergy as we sing songs, hear stories, and recite blessings.

Friday, November 6

5:00pm Service

Friday, January 29

5:15pm Dinner - 6pm PJ Shabbat Service

Friday, December 4

5:30pm Chanukah Service - 6pm Dinner

Friday, April 9

5:00pm Passover Service

All events are free and open to the community. Young Family & Tot Shabbat events are appropriate for ages 6 months through 2nd grade and require an adult present.
For more information contact Director of Education, Jackie Kurland.

Yahrzeit Remembrances for the Memorial Fund

In memory of:	Remembered by:
Morris Adler	John & Amy Tanenbaum
Louis M. Barkan	Jackie Stuart
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Barbara Karp	Jim & Jane Stern
Stephen Kushel	Doreen Kushel
Janie Lewis	Robin Neimark Seegal
Elizabeth LoCastro	Tom & Peggy LoCastro
Tillie K. Lubin	Sara & Axel Schupf and Family
Robert Miller	Reed & Karen Miller and Family
Lewis & Norma Myers	Susan, Sarah & Wendy Greenberg
Andrew J. Nathanson	Elyse, Brian, Alison & Kevin Nathanson
Alma H. Oppenheimer	Jim & Jane Stern
Louis Salzer	Tom & Peggy LoCastro
Richard Salzer	Tom & Peggy LoCastro
Irwin Schechter	Jason, Michelle, Lindsay, Lexi & Lara Schechter
Milton Schlackman	Helene & Jonathan Rod, Olivia Truesdale Rod and Marc Rod
Robert Segal	Lilian Sicular
Ethel Sullivan	Dominique & Sheila
Rose Terdiman	JoAnn Terdiman
Rick Wolff	MJ Wolff

Annual Fund: Community Support

Jonathan & Kimberly Burkan
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Jonathan & Sydney Stern

Annual Fund: General Contribution

Isaac Shapiro & Katherine Pereira with appreciation
MJ Wolff in honor of Shelly Benerofe, Jane Meryll and
Maj Wickstrom becoming B'nai Mitzvah

Annual Fund: High Holy Day Appeal

Shelly Benerofe
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Robert & Amy Lindsay
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Norman & Joanne Matthews
Jack & Karyn Moore in memory of Harold Kahn
Ilene Schwartz
Jim & Jane Stern
MJ Wolff

High Holy Day Guest Ticket

Shari & Jonathan Austrian
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Lauren Maybaum in appreciation
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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 6:00pm Summer Zoom Shabbat Service with Lay Leader	5 7:00pm Selichot Program at WRT
6	7 Office Closed for Labor Day <i>Labor Day</i>	8 1:30pm Games 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	9	10 7:00pm Cooking Class	11 7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	12 High Holy Day Schedule on pg. 2 Office Closed for Rosh Hashanah <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
13 Rosh Hashanah Schedule on pg. 2 Office Closed for Rosh Hashanah <i>Rosh Hashanah Day 2</i>	14	15 1:30pm Games 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	16	17 1:00pm Jewish Museum Trip	18 7:00pm Gallery Opening 7:30pm Shabbat Shuvah	19 9:00am Stella Goldman Bat Mitzvah 11:30am Lexi Lerch Bat Mitzvah
20 11:15am Academy 11:15am Next Step 7:30pm Kol Nidre <i>Kol Nidre</i>	21 Yom Kippur Schedule on pg. 2 Office Closed for Yom Kippur <i>Yom Kippur</i>	22 Office Closed	23	24	25 6:00pm Outdoor Sukkot Service	26 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Parker Wolff Bar Mitzvah 1:00pm WSG Sukkot Lunch 4:00pm Sukkot Open House at The Goldsmiths' <i>Sukkot</i>
27 10:30am-12:00pm Opening Day of Religious School Family Celebration	28	29 1:00pm Canasta Lessons 1:30pm Games 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 7:00pm Sisterhood Sushi in the Sukkah	30			

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00am Coffee & Chat with President Amanda Gitkind	2 7:30pm Shabbat Service	3 8:00am Shemini Atzeret Shabbat Service 11:00am Cecilia Kunkes Bat Mitzvah <i>Eighth Day of Sukkot & Shemini Atzeret</i>
4 9:30-11:00am Religious School Simchat Torah Celebration <i>Simchat Torah</i>	5 12:00pm Reflections Workshop	6 1:00pm Canasta Lessons 1:30pm Games 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp 7:30pm Board Meeting	7	8 7:00pm Mahj, Melds, Mazel & More	9 6:00pm Early Shabbat Service	10
11 No Religious School	12 Office Closed for Indigenous People & Columbus Day <i>Indigenous People & Columbus Day</i>	13 1:00pm Canasta Lessons 1:30pm Games 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	14	15 8:00pm Single Malt Torah	16 6:00pm Early Shabbat Service	17 9:00am Beit Midrash 11:00am Henry Bauer Bar Mitzvah
18 9:00-11:00am Religious School Session 1 10:30am-12:30pm Religious School Session 2 10:30am Confirmation 11:15am Next Step	19 7:00pm <i>Beyond the Block at JCC Mid-Westchester</i>	20 1:00pm Canasta Lessons 1:30pm Games 4:00pm B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp	21 11:00am-5:00pm Sisterhood Boutique	22	23 6:00pm Shabbat Dinner 6:45pm Consecration & Musical Guest Cantor Becky Mann	24 11:00am Vanessa Patchen Bat Mitzvah
25 9:00-11:00am Religious School Session 1 10:00am Academy 10:30am-12:30pm Religious School Session 2	26 1:00pm Trip: Sing Sing Prison Walking Tour #1 2:30pm Trip: Sing Sing Prison Walking Tour #2	27 1:30pm Games	28	29	30 7:30pm Sacred Stories Shabbat Service	31 11:00am Benjamin & Eli Taub B'nei Mitzvah

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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SHABBAT SERVICES

9/11	7:30	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
9/18	7:00	Gallery Opening
	7:30	Shabbat Shuvah
9/25	6:00	Sukkot Shabbat Service ☺
10/2	7:30	Shabbat Service
10/9	6:00	Early Service
10/16	6:00	Early Service
10/23	6:00	Shabbat Dinner
	6:45	Consecration & Musical Guest Cantor Becky Mann ☺
10/30	7:30	Sacred Stories Shabbat 🎵☺

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Shabbat Dinner, Consecration of New Students & Musical Guest Cantor Becky Mann Friday, October 23 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Service



Cantor Isaac is thrilled to invite Cantor Becky Mann as our musical guest for Consecration Shabbat. To call Cantor Mann a rising star would be an understatement,

as she has established herself as a leading voice in the world of Jewish music. She also happens to be Cantor Isaac's classmate and dear friend. Her melodies have become standards throughout the Reform movement, with a rare ability to reach and move congregants of all ages. We guarantee you will leave the sanctuary singing her songs! Dinner cost: \$15/child, \$20/adult, or \$60/family max. RSVP information for dinner will appear in Emanumail.