



**2017 SPRING BENEFIT CASINO NIGHT
HONORING EMANU-EL PRIZE RECIPIENTS
MARCIE AIUVALASIT AND JOHN CARTON**
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 7:00PM



The recipients of this year's Emanu-El Prize truly embody the spirit of the award. Marcie Aiuvalasit and John Carton have poured their time, energy, resources and love into our congregation. Each of us have reaped the benefits of their efforts in untold ways.

Please join us on Saturday, April 1st to celebrate Marcie and John and to toast our wonderful congregation. Invitations and detailed information about the event are forthcoming.



Marcie became our Religious Educator in July 1987 and has been an integral part of our congregation ever since with her husband Tony and their children Sharon and Tony III.

With her background in secular education and her passion for Jewish life and social justice, Marcie has infused all aspects of our congregation with a love of learning and Jewish heritage. Marcie represents our congregation at numerous conferences and as a member of the Reform movement's Commission on Social Action.



John's connection with Emanu-El stretches back to being a religious school student in 1964. He and his wife, Wendy Rowden, became members in their own right in 1991.

Since 1999, John has served on our board of trustees in myriad roles: president, treasurer, chair of the long range planning committee, and he has taken leading roles in fundraising, human resources, accounting, finance, investment, nominating, facilities rental and more.

John's passion for our congregation and his commitment to its success are unparalleled.

**NIGHT OF COMEDY
WITH BOB ALPER**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 7:30PM



Bob Alper is the world's only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy... intentionally.

He performs internationally, from The Hollywood IMPROV to London theatres, has appeared on Comedy Central, Good Morning America, and Showtime, and was featured on T.V.'s EXTRA, immediately following a segment on the size of Jennifer Lopez's buttocks.

Bob (and please call him "Bob" or "Rabbi Alper;" anything other than "Rabbi Bob", which he says, is "too nauseatingly cute") earned a B.A., rabbinic ordination, as well as a doctoral degree, and served congregations for fourteen years. All of this, naturally, prepared him for a successful career as a stand-up comic.

Tickets are \$25/person, students are free. Purchase tickets online at <http://tinyurl.com/alperCEW> or with Jane at 914-967-4382 x21.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SHABBAT
FEATURING THE ISAAC
MEMORIAL LECTURE:
RACE IN AMERICA WITH
RACHEL LASER**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 7:30PM



Each year we celebrate the work of our Social Action Committee and our ESL tutors at this Martin Luther King Jr. weekend Shabbat service.

This year, in addition to the inspiring readings and moving music, we will welcome activist and educator Rachel Laser as our Isaac Memorial Lecture speaker. Picking up on the theme of race which Rabbi Goldsmith raised during his Rosh Hashanah morning sermon, Ms. Laser will address "Race In America Today". With the goal of understanding racial tensions simmering across the country, she will help us examine the root causes of racism, how it manifests in 21st century America, and the steps large and small that we might take to address it.

NIGHT OF MUSIC & JOY

NOVEMBER 19



AUDREY UNGER REICH

DECEMBER 2



COMMUNITY DINNER AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH

NOVEMBER 12 (joined by State Senator George Latimer)



RUSSIAN JEWRY: WITH LEV GOLINKIN AND RICHARD S. HIRSCHAUT

DECEMBER 2



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BOARD BUZZ

Dear Congregants,

The Board of Trustees has been as busy as ever.

The contract to replace the HVAC in the sanctuary building has been signed based on unanimous board approval. All the necessary funds for this project have been raised in the L'Dor V'Dor Capital Campaign. Work will begin in early January. Stay tuned for updates.

When you enter the building you will see the L'Dor V'Dor fundraising board showing our progress in our Capital Campaign to raise \$2.4 million. To date, we have pledges of \$1.3 million and \$960,000 has been collected. So many congregants have already participated. Please do your part; every dollar counts. Our goal is 100% congregant participation.

As you know, Rabbi Goldsmith is on sabbatical until mid-March. This is a wonderful opportunity for learning, rejuvenation and reflection. Cantor Stone and Student Rabbi Jade Sank, along with Marcie, Abbie, Ilene and Dan are available to help in any way they can. Please do not hesitate to call me or any board member to answers your questions.

May 2017 be a year filled with happiness and good health for all.

Best,

Susan Amkraut, President, Board of Trustees

VALUES FIRST

Ever since November 9th people have asked how we, as a congregation, will respond to the presidential election results in general and to the Trump administration, in particular.



In conversations with congregants, three primary perspectives have emerged. Some congregants feel that we ought to stand up to the Trump administration and fight its every move. They feel that our weekly Emanumail, our pulpit, and this bulletin should serve as a platform to explicitly rebuke the political machinations coming from Trump Tower and the White House. Others, people who supported Trump or who feel more ambivalent about his election, feel that the synagogue should respect the political diversity of our congregation and only speak on political issues if we plan to give “equal time” to the other side. And finally, a great many congregants feel bombarded by political news all day, every day. When they come to synagogue, they seek a sanctuary where they can transcend the daily tumult of policy and politics and reflect on more eternal issues and heartwarming traditions.

I respect each of these perspectives and can identify with each of them. On the one hand, the president-elect and some of his allies have said things that run counter to Jewish values. On the other hand, our congregation, as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt religious institution, should not take explicitly partisan positions. Finally, the flow of news, blaring headlines, political conflict, and uncertainty about the future all gets to be a bit much. Having the synagogue as a place of sanctuary from all of that “noise” can only be of great value to each of us.

With all of this in mind, the synagogue will take the following approach. First, we will continue to be a place of pastoral care. In other words, a place people can come for emotional and spiritual support in a communal, Jewish context. In the hospital setting, pastoral care is about being there for people in their pain, loss and anxiety, and their triumphs, joys and victories. In the context of our current political climate, it means acknowledging the mix of feelings and perspectives “in the room”. We will continue our commitment to meet people where they are, to acknowledge how people feel, and to intentionally support one another.

Our second approach to the new political reality will be a values-based approach. The values that have always been implicit in our worship, learning, and social action will be made explicit. While Jewish values abound, we will pay particular attention to following: We believe that all people are “created in the image of God” (Genesis 1). We endeavor to “love our neighbors as ourselves” (Leviticus 19). We hear the clarion call: “Justice, justice shall you pursue” (Deuteronomy 16). And, we “seek peace and pursue it” (Psalms 34). These are not partisan values, they are Jewish values. We will foster and express them. If issues come to the fore in our national life that run counter to these values or threaten them, we will speak about the issues fearlessly, in a non-partisan way, in a way that seeks to build up our nation and ourselves.

Having the synagogue as a place of sanctuary from all of that “noise” can only be of great value to each of us.

We will not become a fact-checking service. We will not respond to every policy that may make some of us uncomfortable. We will hold on to our Jewish values and traditions that have seen the Jewish people through thousands of years of ups and downs. If anything arises that flies in the face of those values, we will speak out in a values-based, issue-focused, non-partisan way. We will do all of this in a way that ensures that our congregation continues to exemplify the words of Isaiah: “Our house will be a house of prayer for all peoples”.

I believe that this is the most responsible approach to a situation that is on everyone’s mind. This is a way to maintain our relevance and continue to meet people “where they are”. It allows for freedom of the pulpit and provides guidance for discipline in our messaging. It will keep Torah front and center without giving in to partisan impulses. It will help maintain a Jewish perspective, the perspective of our heritage developed over so many thousands of years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard'.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi

BRINGING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

On Chanukah, my family sometimes lights as many as eight menorahs at a time. In fact, in the winter I light candles all the time. When at home during the day, I gravitate to the brightest parts of our home, and at temple staff meetings I scope out a spot with the most natural light. If it's twenty degrees outside but sunny, I get out for a brisk walk. It is common to seek the sun during the time of year when daylight hours are shorter, as the human requirement for light is crucial to our health and well being.



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Judaism understands this deep human need; our rituals have us constantly kindling light and showing gratitude for it, and our liturgy and texts make many symbolic references to light. “By Your Light we see light,” “a light unto the nations,” and so forth. Jews light candles every Shabbat and holiday. We light candles to remember our deceased. We keep an eternal light above the ark in the sanctuary. We begin our daily prayers with thanks for the light of the sun. We end Shabbat with *havdalah*, again blessing the Creator of light. At the darkest season, at Hanukkah, we kindle lights as a sign that light has always triumphed over darkness and evil.

As we hibernate in these cold and sometime bleak weeks of winter, the darkness around us - racism, divisiveness, hatred – can make us want to retreat.

But our better instincts and Judaism tell us that we cannot. We are told, “It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but neither are you free to desist from it.” Contributing time, energy and resources to causes we believe in is one way to dispel darkness.

Another way to light up our days – and our hearts - is tuning in to small kindnesses. In November, right after the election, I noticed that people in my neighborhood were reaching out to one another - strangers striking up conversations in the street, in taxis, the gym, the grocery store, exchanging a few words, smiling, then going their separate ways – providing a feeling of human to human connection and support. According to the Jewish mystics, the *mitzvo*t we perform and the kindnesses we extend each day to friends, family, community and strangers ignite sparks – or shards of light - of *tikkun olam*, healing the world, of reuniting God’s light that was shattered and dispersed long ago.

On Martin Luther King weekend, at our annual Social Justice Shabbat, we celebrate *tikkun olam*, the light-bringing acts of our Social Action committee. We highlight the contributions of those who fought for civil rights in the past, who inspire us all to strive for light in the current day.

In the coming weeks of winter, as we kindle our lights, may they remind us that we can illuminate our world through our attitudes and actions, both large and small, and turn darkness to light and hope.

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Meredith Stone, Cantor

REFLECTIONS: AN ONGOING WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR STONE

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

DAYTIME CLASS: 12:00PM Lunch & Workshop

EVENING CLASS: 6:45PM Light Dinner & Workshop

In this workshop, we find out how our daily life experiences, observations and anecdotes can illuminate and give deeper meaning to our prayers. Through writing on various topics, learning about the themes of prayers, and sharing as a group, we will see prayer in a new light and strengthen connections to one another and our tradition.

RSVP to Cantor Stone at 914-967-4382 x19 or mstone@congregationmanuel.org.

Additional Reflections Workshops will be offered in March.

FILLING OUR NEW YEAR WITH LIGHT

Once there lived a king who was getting older. He knew that he needed to determine which of his three sons would succeed him as king. The problem was that the king loved all of his sons very much, and he did not really know who was best suited for the kingship. The king decided to hold a contest to determine which son was best for this enormous responsibility.



“Under the palace is a big empty room that is never used. Each one of you will have thirty days to fill the room. You can fill the room with anything you want. Whoever fills the room to its fullest potential,” said the king, “will become king someday.”

The oldest son was given the first chance to fill the big room. He thought to himself: “In the kingdom, there are many stones. Why don’t I fill the room with stones? After all, there are big stones, and small stones. If there are gaps between the big stones, I’ll be able to put small stones!”

So, the oldest brother got to work filling the room with as many stones as possible. Soon the thirtieth day came. At the end of the day, the trumpets were blown, and the king came to inspect the big room. The king was very happy to see how full the room was. Of course, there were still tiny spaces between the rocks, but it was very full. The king said: “Son, the room is very full, and even though there are still spaces between the rocks, I can tell that you worked very hard.”

The room was emptied, and now it was the second son’s turn. He also had thirty days. The second son decided to fill the room with feathers. “You can compress as many feathers as you want, until the room becomes full,” he thought.

The thirtieth day came, and the room was full. The king came to check the room. When he opened the door, feathers started flying all over. The king said: “I see that you were thoughtful and patient. However, the feathers spill out the door leaving space in the room.”

The room was once again emptied, and it was the third son’s turn. Well, the first day passed, and it seemed as if he had not yet decided how to fill the room. Then, the next few days passed as if there was no contest going on. The king, worried, called his youngest son: “Maybe you need some extra time?” asked the king.

“No,” the youngest son said. “The room will be filled to its fullest potential on the thirtieth day.”

The thirtieth day came, and at the end of the day, the youngest son went into the room with a shoebox in his hands and closed the door behind him.

At the end of the day, the trumpets were blown and the king came to check the room. When he opened the door, he smiled. There was his son, holding a *chanukiyah* in his hands with all eight candles lit. It was the last night of *Chanukah* and he had filled the room with light.

The king said: “My son, you are the wisest of all. You will be the next king.”

This story teaches us that that we can try to fill our lives with tangible things and yet still see empty spaces. It is only those things that are intangible, like light, that actually fill our lives to ultimate capacity.

I love the holiday season in America and especially in New York City. I love the strings of tiny lights wrapped around tree branches, the pop-up shops at Columbus Circle and Union Square, the grand opening of the ice rink at Bryant Park, the department stores’ decadent windows, and everything gingerbread, chocolate-peppermint and pine. I love these things, but I love the intangible outpourings of faith, compassion, and light that come along with this season even more.

Every child bundled on the subway is hopeful for a renewed season of snow days, frolics through fresh powder and being the first one to forge a sled-path down the hill. Adults leave larger tips for the barista that knows their order, put a clementine into the outstretched hand of a stranger, give gifts to the teachers and coaches that enrich the lives of their children, and bonuses to their hard-working employees. Giving trees are arranged, toy drives begin and more people volunteer to feed the hungry in soup kitchens and to donate boots, blankets, and coats. The feeling of renewal grows closer with the coming of the new year.

Chanukah is a story about faith, belief, tradition, and rededication. In our world, which sees so much pain and cynicism each year, it is easy to hold on to our rocks that seem sturdy and unchanging. But this is a season of belief, of hope in even the cold and early darkness. Like the youngest son who filled the room with light from the *chanukiyah*, we too are capable of filling our lives and the lives of our loved ones with light, love, generosity and blessing.

As we light our *chanukiyot* this New Year’s eve, let’s observe the light that fills our lives and rededicate ourselves to bringing the warmth of this season forward into our families, communities, and our world this year.

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Jade Sank, Student Rabbi

(Story adapted from “The Big Room,” greatjewishstories.blogspot.com)



RITUAL CORNER



We are a people who travel. Abraham, the very first Jew, began by traveling from his father's home to a new land.

Our whole people schlepped for 40 years through the desert. Throughout history we were traveling merchants.

Today, while we're more likely to visit Miami than travel to Bialystok to sell tchotchkes, we're still on the move. And, like so much else in Jewish life, "we've got a prayer for that". The traveler's prayer, whether the traditional text or the following Reform version, asks for God's protection on our journeys and asks that our trip should fulfill its purpose. So, next time you travel, whether to Vilna or to Vail, consider offering a word of prayer before setting off:

יְהוָה, יִשְׁמַר צְאִתְךָ וּבֹאֲךָ
מֵעַתָּה, וְעַד עוֹלָם

Adonai, yishmar tzeitcha u'vo'echcha meiatah v'ad olam

Adonai shall guard your coming and your going from this time forth and forever.

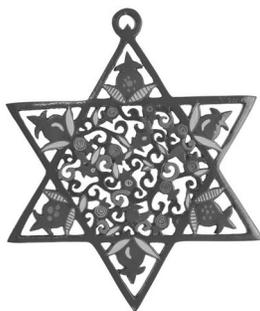
Adonai, the whole world is full of Your glory. Wherever I go, You are near to me. If I take up the wings of the morning and dwell on the ocean's farthest shore, even there Your hand will lead me; Your right hand will hold me.

You have always been a light to my path. Now that I begin another journey, I turn to You in confidence and trust. Protect me from the perils of the way. May I go forth in health and safely reach my destination. May this journey not be in vain; let its purpose be fulfilled; let me return in contentment to my dear ones. Then shall I know Your blessing in all my travels. Amen.

BAR MITZVAH MAZEL TOV!

We would like to honor the following student who is celebrating his Bar Mitzvah ceremony in February. It is a pleasure and a joy to welcome him as a full member of our congregation!

JACKSON KLEIN



EXPLORING OUR PRAYERS FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 7:30PM

Participation from our L'Dor Vador (5th grade) and Mi Ani (6th grade) students.

Followed by the annual Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae Oneg!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

DINNER FOR CURRENT AND FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 6:00PM
(PRECEDES PURIM SHABBAT)

Current and former board members join together to reconnect, get updates on board business, and celebrate the congregation.

PURIM SHABBAT: SIMON & GARFUNKEL

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
7:15PM PRE-PURIM COCKTAILS/ 7:30PM SERVICE

Coffee House culture meets the Persian Casbah as Esther, Ahasuerus, Mordechai and Haman get stuck on a "Bridge Over Troubled Waters". Not to worry, when "Cecilia" and "Mrs. Robinson" make their way over the "59th Street Bridge" to lend a hand, everyone is soon "Feelin' Groovy".

Don't miss the drama, the action, the laughs, and the bad puns when Simon & Garfunkel take on the Book of Ester!



2016 - 17 SOCIAL ACTION EVENTS

We are committed to tikkun olam, the repair of our world. Help make our community a better place! Whether it's donating your time or providing items to those in need, there are so many ways to get involved. Interested in participating in any of these great efforts? Contact Social Action Committee Chair Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.com).

HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE - DONE!

OCTOBER

COATS FOR HOPE - DONE!

OCTOBER

MIDNIGHT RUN WITH HINEINI - DONE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER:

TEAM EMANU-EL - DONE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

COMMUNITY MEAL AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH - DONE!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

HAVE A HEART TOY DRIVE - DONE!

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 2

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT HOPE HOUSE - DONE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

FOOD PANTRY CEREAL DRIVE

JANUARY

AFYA WITH OUR YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PANTRY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

KIDS' KLOSET COLLECTION

MARCH

BRUNCH RUN WITH HINEINI

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

COLLECTION FOR AFYA

APRIL

DOROT PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

MITZVAH DAY: DAY OF LEARNING AND DOING

MAY 7

DOROT WESTCHESTER VISITING OPPORTUNITY

There are lonely seniors in neighboring towns waiting for a friendly visitor. Can you visit them? Volunteers are matched with seniors for weekly home visits for a minimum of a year. DOROT social workers maintain a supportive presence for the duration of your relationship.

For more information, please contact Emily Cohen at 914-381-1260 or emilydcohen@gmail.com.

KNITZVAH CORPS

MONDAYS, JANUARY 9 & FEBRUARY 6, 6:30PM

Knit baby clothing, blankets, and chemo caps to donate to those in need. This is a group activity that enables us to experience a true sense of social action. All are welcome.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21
or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

HANDS-ON SERVICE PROJECT AT AFYA WITH OUR YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 10:00AM

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, join teens from all over Westchester for a morning of service at the Afya Foundation to help sort much needed medical supplies for people in developing countries. Donations of hand sanitizer, bars of soap, toothbrushes and other general personal care supplies are greatly appreciated.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21
or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

Afya Foundation is located at 140 Saw Mill River Road in Yonkers.

THE NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FOOD & CLOTHING PANTRY SORT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 8:30AM

Help sort and stock items for the Neighbor To Neighbor food pantry in Greenwich. Appropriate for ages 10 & up; children must be accompanied by an adult.

The pantry is located in the Christ Church Annex at 248 East Putnam Avenue in Greenwich.

RSVP or for more information, contact Hedy Cardozo at [hedozo@aol.com](mailto:hedoza@aol.com).

ESL PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS
9:30 - 11:00AM

Volunteers are needed to teach English as a Second Language to a very eager-to-learn immigrant community. No knowledge of Spanish or any other foreign language needed. Come one morning to observe other volunteers and see what a rewarding experience it is for both tutors and students. You may volunteer any or all three mornings.

Classes are held at the Don Bosco Community Center, 22 Don Bosco Place, Port Chester, NY (near Costco).

For more information or to volunteer, email: Doreen Kushel at dkushel@icloud.com or Emily Cohen at emilydcohen@gmail.com.

LET THERE BE LAUGHTER!

A Rabbi walks into a bar...but tells only clean jokes!

And that is exactly what you'll find at our Night of Comedy with Bob Alper on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 7:30pm.



Bob is an ordained rabbi who served congregations for fourteen years and holds a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary. All this prepared him for a twenty-five year comedy career with wonderfully unique material presented with intelligence, sophistication, and it's 100% clean.

A recent survey from the Pew Research Center, on Jewish identity, finds humor is one of the main qualities that four in 10 of the 5.3 million Jewish Americans say is essential to their Jewish identity.

"The findings of the Pew study are not surprising," said Rabbi Bob Alper. Being funny is "a good stereotype," Rabbi Alper says. "It's part of our identity, something we pride ourselves on. Jews are proud of the role that Jews have played in the humor industry."

Don't miss out. Make your reservation now! Tickets are \$25/person, students are free. Purchase tickets online at <http://tinyurl.com/alperCEW> or with Jane at 914-967-4382 x21.



Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director

MIX & MINGLE/SEEK & DISCOVER



MEDITATION & YOGA

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
& FEBRUARY 7, 14, 28
& MARCH 7, 9:30AM

Create awareness through mind, body and spirit. One can become grounded, energized and more present in everyday life with yoga and meditation.

Janelle Berger, certified Yoga instructor (200-RYT) and recently certified in Mindfulness Meditation, leads our weekly yoga/meditation class. Learn proper yoga postures, breathing technique and Mindful Meditation in this hour class.

Cost: \$25/per class or \$200/10 class pack

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21
or jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.

TELL ME A STORY: TALES OF THE EARLY IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA WITH RABBI EMERITUS DANIEL S. WOLK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 12:00PM

Follow a fur trader to the Midwest. Sit on the curb with a now famous rabbi who lost his language. Discover what happens when you mix up Kenton and Canton. Meet the man who raised collies. And tell us your own story.

How did your family come to America?

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@congregationmanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x21. A light lunch will be served.

More sessions will meet in March.

MAH JONGG

MONDAYS, JANUARY 9, 23, 30
& FEBRUARY 6, 13, 27, 7:00PM

How did a 19th century Chinese parlor game come to be a favorite pastime for Jewish women?

From the tenements of New York City to the bungalows of the Catskills and the vast American suburbs, Jewish women have kept this game alive enjoying the betting and matching domino-like tiles into rummy-like patterns.

For more information contact Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.

BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 10:15AM

BOOKS & BITES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 7:00PM
LOCATION TBD

Both groups will discuss My Own Words, by Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

For more information, contact Marcie at maiuvalasit@congregationmanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

MOSAIC MEETINGS

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 22
& FEBRUARY 12, 4:45PM

These gatherings provide creative and meaningful ways for LGBTQ Jewish teens to foster a deeper connection to Jewish life and potentially strengthen both their Jewish and LGBTQ identities.

Run by Mosaic of Westchester and hosted here at Emanu-El, meetings are open to Jewish LGBTQ teens and allies.

This is a wonderful opportunity to for LGBTQ teens and allies to build community, get to know each other, make new friends, share, learn, and have fun together in a safe and supportive setting.

For more information, contact Bina Raskin at binaraskin@mosaicofwestchester.org or 914-262-6555.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY: AN INTERVIEW WITH SURVIVOR RON UNGER

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 7:30PM



Learn about Mr. Unger's early life during this interview-style program with his daughter, artist Audrey Unger Reich.

As a child growing up in the southern Polish town of Tarnow, Mr. Unger's life changed abruptly at age 11 when the Nazis invaded Poland in September 1939. He lived under ever-increasing restrictions and brutality until he was deported to Plaszow, the first of three concentration camps he was sent to during the War. He was liberated from Ebensee (a satellite camp to Mauthausen) on May 6, 1945, only months after his father died of infection and malnutrition. Ron's mother was murdered at Auschwitz and he spent more than three years in a displaced persons camp in Italy until immigrating to the United States in December 1948.

During a visit to Poland in 2014, his daughter Audrey found Mr. Unger's home in Tarnow, as well as the building where his family's business had been. She also visited Zbylitowska Gora, a forest outside of Tarnow, where, in June 1942, 6,000 Tarnow Jews, including 800 children, were shot by German soldiers and then buried in mass graves.

Audrey's exhibit "Nature as Witness", currently on display in the temple gallery, is a mixed media paintings inspired by the interaction between nature and history, particularly Jewish history. Audrey is an artist and educator, who tells her father's Holocaust story, and has created artwork inspired by it.

RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationmanuel.org.

NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 8
& FEBRUARY 26, 11:00AM

This group of men meets 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.

Led by retired congregant Paul Spindel.



L'CHAIM: MARC CHAGALL AND ALEX KATZ WITH TERRY SCHWARZ

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 12:00PM

Alex Katz, a contemporary painter, has been painting for nearly seven decades and his work can be found in over 100 public collections worldwide. In 2016 he had a solo exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Marc Chagall, a painter and stained glass artist, was a pioneer of modernism and a master of color.

These two figurative painters, although different stylistically from one another, both utilize family as their subject matter.

\$10/per person includes lunch. RSVP to Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP SHABBAT RETREAT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 5:00PM - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 5:30PM

Learn, bond, and enjoy the beauty of rustic New England. This year we will spend our time together at the Blackberry River Inn, in Norfolk, CT.

The Blackberry River Inn is a historic Colonial home dating back to 1763, situated on 27 acres in the beautiful Southern Berkshires of Connecticut.

For more information about the Shabbat Retreat, contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or Meredith at 914-967-4382 x19. RSVP to Marcie by January 13.

Room rates:

\$300/person double occupancy (includes 3 meals)

\$370/person single occupancy (includes 3 meals)



LADIES NIGHT OUT: MAKE JEWELRY AT BEAD EVERYTHING IN WHITE PLAINS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:00PM

A night of jewelry making and schmoozing!

\$40/person includes food and necklace.

Limited space - RSVP to Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

Bead Everything is located at 175 East Post Road in White Plains.

ADULT HEBREW LESSONS

TUESDAYS, 2:00 - 3:00PM

Adults who are interested in learning or freshening up on their Hebrew are invited to our beginner and intermediate level classes.

Emphasis will be on prayer reading skills to enhance your worship experience.

To sign up for the classes contact Marcie at or maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

TORAH STUDY

Saturday morning. A time of rest. A time of study. A time for conversation. A time to discuss the Torah with Student Rabbi Jade Sank and other congregants. Our sessions include a brief worship service with an opportunity to recite Kaddish and celebrate the Sabbath. No need to sign up - just drop by!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 9:00AM, SHEMOT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 9:00AM, BESHALACH

ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPENING IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS?

We'd love to share your news in the bulletin!

If you have any exciting announcements from your life that you would like to appear in the bulletin, contact Abbie at 914-967-4382 x11 or alevitt@congregationemanuel.org.



**YOUNG FAMILIES
CUDDLE UP SHABBAT**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 5:30PM

 Celebrate Jewish life with your little ones at these holiday celebrations!

These events are free and open to the public, friends are always welcome.

For more information, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

**WINTER/SPRING 2017
YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE EVENTS**

Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 12, 10:45AM

Religious School Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12, 11:30AM

Passover Celebration

Sunday, April 2, 10:00AM

Mitzvah Day: Day of Learning and Doing

Sunday, May 7, 9:30AM

School's Out Carnival

Sunday, May 21, 11:00AM

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAYS, JANUARY 9
& FEBRUARY 6, 6:45PM

For more information contact Jane Dubro at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

**YOUTH GROUP FAMILIES FEEDING
FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 -
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

YOUTH GROUP MLK DAY AT AFYA

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 10:00AM



Make it a day on, not a day off!

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, please join teens from all over Westchester for a morning of service at the Afya Foundation in Yonkers to help sort much needed medical supplies for

people in developing countries. Donations of hand sanitizer, bars of soap, toothbrushes and other general personal care supplies are greatly appreciated.

Community Service certificates available. Friends welcome! Registration fee: \$18.

To RSVP and for transportation details, contact Jane at jdubro@congregationemanuel.org.

**L' DOR VADOR GRADE 5 FAMILY
EDUCATION MORNING:
PROPHETS FOR PRESIDENT**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:30AM

Your 5th grader needs you to help elect a prophet president! Jeremiah, Amos, Isaiah and Micah are hoping to win the race - the pollsters are predicting a close election.

PRE-K & K PROGRAM: TU B'SHEVAT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:30 - 11:45AM

Celebrate the new year for the trees! Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Each class focuses on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling, and arts & crafts.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Marcie at maiuvalasit@congregationemanuel.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

**WINTER/SPRING 2017 PRE-KINDERGARTEN
& KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**

Purim

March 12

Passover

April 2

TEEN SOCIAL ACTION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 12:00PM

Community Synagogue of Rye hosts our February Social Action Sunday. More details to come...

RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP 2016

On Thursday, November 10th, ten of our wonderful eleventh grade students and I departed from La Guardia airport and landed (on time!) in Atlanta, Georgia ready to embark on an amazing 3 day Civil Rights Journey to Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham Alabama and back to Atlanta. For me this was the fulfillment of a personal dream and connection to my own teen and college years when I first discovered my connection between social justice and Jewish values. Experiencing these students' awakening was truly a gift. Here we are arriving in Alabama. I hope that you enjoy reading their responses to this special trip as much as I enjoyed accompanying them.



Marcie

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator

A JOURNAL OF OUR JOURNEY

We made it... He (our guide) told us a story about Leo Frank and discrimination that he faced. The story shocked all of us and gave us the impression of the hardships faced by our Jewish ancestors in the south. - Quinn Perini

DAY 1: Montgomery, Alabama

This morning we went to the Rosa Parks museum in Montgomery, located adjacent to the very spot where she was arrested. The experience was incredibly immersive, and even included one exhibit in which the whole scene of her arrest was re-enacted! - Sarah Birnbaum

Shabbat Services tonight were wonderful. It was really interesting to see the similarities and differences between our congregation and theirs. Though the setup of their service was a little different than what we were used to, everyone was very friendly. - Lila Rutishauser

DAY 2: Selma/Birmingham, Alabama

From meeting Joanne Bland in Selma, to eating local soul food for lunch, to hearing a moving sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the civil rights trip was a powerful and inspiring journey from start to finish. - Shoshi Daniels

DAY 3: Atlanta, Georgia and Trip Home

The exhibits at the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham brought tears to my eyes. The injustices faced cannot be justified. It is ineffable to describe the emotions that course through your veins... The museum was an unforgettable experience which truly leads us to understand how WE have the power to NEVER let history repeat itself. - Ben Stein and Alex Kaplan

This trip to Atlanta and Alabama was one of the best experiences that I've ever had. This trip was not about learning but it was about experiencing. From the bridge in Selma to the Civil Rights Museum, I never felt more a part of history. - Rose Baranowski



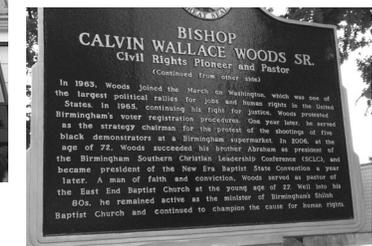
Bus Stop marker for the beginning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Selma, and 19th century Reform temple, now a historic landmark



The Equal Justice Initiative, an organization that represents death row and wrongly imprisoned inmates in Alabama prisons



Beginning our march under Pettus Bridge, and hearing the story of Joanne Bland, who at age 11 marched across the Pettus Bridge on Bloody Sunday



Freedom Park in Birmingham, Alabama

9TH/10TH GRADE L'TAKEN POLITICAL ACTION SEMINAR

Friday night Shabbat Service

Justin Groothius remembers Cantor Stone's hand motions to "Roll Into Day, Roll Into Night"



Saturday/Sunday

Learning about the issues and how to lobby



Monday

Lobbying on Capitol Hill



Lobbying to Senator Schumer's staff member

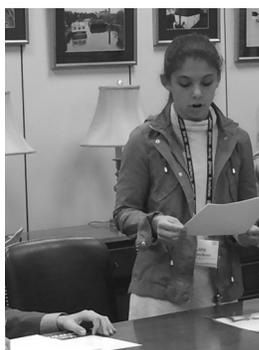
Support for the Raise the Wage Act

As reform Jews, we are responsible to help those in need regardless of who they are. If WE don't take immediate action, now, COUNTLESS lives will be impacted. If we take immediate action, we have tremendous potential to help those reach financial stability and live a more stable life. I (We) ask that Senator Gillibrand support any legislation that would further increase the minimum wage, especially the Raise the Wage Act.

- Matthew Griff, Justin Groothius and Reese Ptashnik

The Refugee Crisis

As a nation founded by immigrants on the principles of religious freedom, the United States must continue to welcome refugees of all faiths, races and national origins. We as Jews have all been refugees. Whether it was throughout the forty years we spent wandering the desert or even when we were liberated from the concentration camps after the Holocaust, each one of us has been in a situation where WE needed a helping hand. It is so very important that we not stand idly by as these refugees call for help. But rather, we look forward and assist in every way possible. - Amanda Bortner, Lara Schechter and Hannah Tanenbaum



Lobbying to Senator Gillibrand's legislative assistant



Meeting with Congresswoman Lowey’s press assistant

The Refugee Crisis

Our country is one of the most diverse countries in the world, America is a cultural melting pot. It is a core American value that this country is accepting towards everyone no matter what you look like, your religion, and where you are born... - Victoria Rosenstock

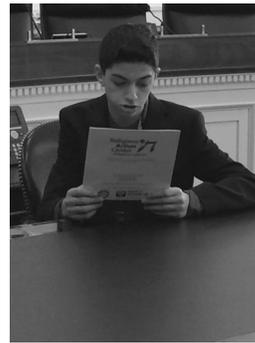
The values of the Torah obligate the members of the Jewish community to accept all people. As it states in the Torah “You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him, for you were strangers in Egypt.” - Chloe Barnett

It is important that as a member of congress, and the House Appropriations Committee that you continue to fight for robust funding for the office of refugee resettlement and increased humanitarian aid to Syria now and in the new congress beginning in January... - Andie Riesel



Campaign Finance Reform

(We) thank you very much for your prodigious support of the “Government By The People Act” (H.R.20) and hope that you will continue this magnificent support that you have shown as a cosponsor for Campaign Finance Reform. Your voice is ever so important in congress and can be used in an opulent way to potentially sway many of your colleagues against what they have been financially bound to through this corrupt system. - Sam Glaser and Cole Wyman



Support for the Raise the Minimum Wage Act

As a young Jewish adult, it is my responsibility to help those in need. We are told in Proverbs 31:9, to “speak up, judge righteously, champion the poor and the needy.” This quote really touches upon one of the main principles of Judaism, doing the right thing... It is in our religion to help those who can’t afford common necessities which could be resolved by raising the federal minimum wage. - Spencer Gordon and Noah Malin



Meeting with our Congresswoman Nita Lowey

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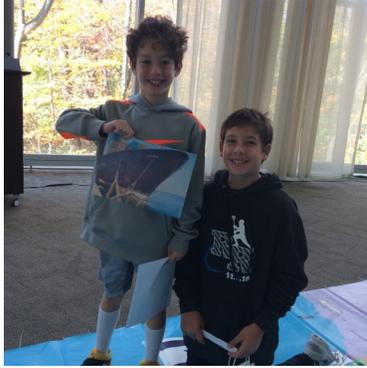
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8 Families Feeding Families Food Drive Begins 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School 11:00AM Next Step	9 12:00PM Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone 6:30PM Knitzvah Corps 6:45PM Youth Group Meeting 6:45PM Reflections Workshop with Cantor Stone 7:00PM Mah Jongg 6:45PM Youth Group 7:15 - 8:30PM MNP 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation	10 9:30AM Meditation & Yoga 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	11	12	13 7:30PM Social Justice Shabbat featuring the Isaac Memorial Lecture: Race in America Today	14
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29 No Religious School	30 7:00PM Mah Jongg 7:15 - 8:30PM Monday Night Program 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation 7:30PM International Holocaust Remembrance Day with Ron Unger	31 9:30AM Meditation & Yoga 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School 7:00PM Books & Bites Families Feeding Families Food Drive Ends				

CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 2017

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			1	2 12:00PM L'Chaim: Lunch and Learn with Terry Schwarz	3 7:30PM Shabbat Service 5:00PM Women's Study Group Retreat Begins	4 5:30PM Women's Study Group Retreat Ends
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12 9:30 - 11:45AM Religious School & Pre-K/K Tu B'Shevat Program 9:30AM 5th Grade L'Dor V'Dor Family Education Morning 12:00PM Teen Social Action Sunday 12:00PM Youth Group - NFTY 4:45PM Mosaic of Westchester	13 7:00PM Mah Jongg 7:15 - 8:45PM Confirmation No MNP	14 9:30AM Meditation & Yoga 3:50 - 5:45PM Hebrew School	15 7:00PM Ladies Night Out	16	17 6:00PM Pre-neg 6:30PM Early Shabbat Service	18
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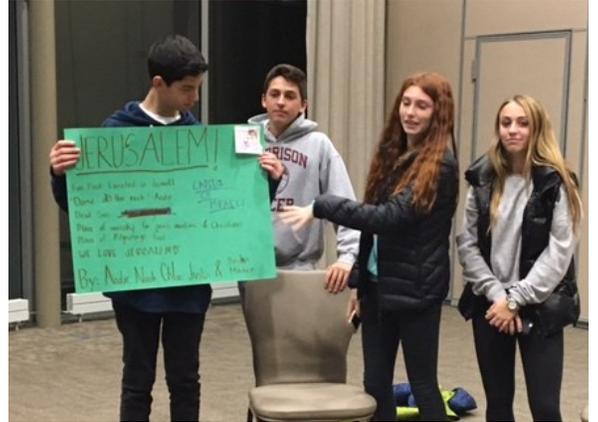
3RD & 4TH GRADE FAMILY EDUCATION MORNING: VIRTUAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

NOVEMBER 6



7TH GRADE & MONDAY NIGHT PROGRAM: ISRAEL NIGHT

NOVEMBER 21





**JANUARY - FEBRUARY
SHABBAT SERVICES**

- January 6 **Shabbat Service**
7:30 Service

- January 13 **Social Justice Shabbat featuring
the Isaac Memorial Lecture
with Rachel Laser**
7:30 Service 🎵 📺

- January 20 **Family Service:
Exploring Our Prayers**
7:30 Service 🎵

- January 27 **Early Service**
6:00 Pre-neg
6:30 Service

- February 3 **Shabbat Service**
7:30 Service

- February 10 **The Art of Memory with
Julie Scallero & Steven Goldberg**
7:30 Service 🎵 📺

- February 17 **Early Service**
6:00 Pre-neg
6:30 Service

- February 24 **Lay Led Service**
6:30 Service

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**SACRED STORIES SHABBAT:
THE ART OF MEMORY
WITH JULIE SCALLERO
& STEVE GOLDBERG**

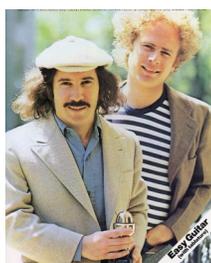
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7:30PM

Julie Scallero and Steve Goldberg of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center will show how Germany has confronted Holocaust history by creating different kinds of remembrances.

Using a visual presentation, the speakers will discuss various types of memorials, including the most recent sites, and the reactions they elicit from Germans and others.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
PURIM SHABBAT:
SIMON & GARFUNKEL**



FRIDAY, MARCH 10
7:15PM PRE-PURIM COCKTAILS
7:30PM SERVICE

Details on page 7.