Skeeball and Pop-a-Shot. Wheel of Fortune and Goblet Toss. This year the boardwalk is coming to Emanu-El for our annual Spring Benefit! We’ll have a head start on summer fun with classic carnival games, delicious food, fun prizes, great company, and incredible honorees.

Indeed, our Emanu-El Prize recipients exemplify so many of our cherished values. Susan Amkraut led our congregation for three years as president and has served on the Board of Trustees for over fifteen years, and chaired many committees. She is currently co-chair of the Rabbi Educator search committee. John Furth served for many years on the Board of Trustees and on the finance and investment committees. Hope and John have each served the community and beyond on boards that include the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, the Westchester County Library System, the Grand Street Settlement, and Blythdale Children's Hospital.

This event makes it easy and fun to support the congregation. Place a journal ad, donate an auction item, buy game tickets, and RSVP today for a wonderful evening celebrating our congregation! Details on page 9.

**CURRENT AND FORMER BOARD MEMBER DINNER**
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 6:00PM

Current and former board members come together to reconnect, get updates on board business, and celebrate the congregation. Followed by our Burt Bacharach Meets the Megillah Purim Shabbat.

RSVP to Dan O’Connor at doconnor@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x11.

**PURIM SHABBAT: BURT BACHARACH MEETS THE MEGILLAH**
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 7:30PM

Esther will tell us “What the World Needs Now.” Haman will kvetch that “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ On My Head.” Ahasuerus will ask “What’s New Pussycat?” Mordechai will assure Esther that he will “Say a Little Prayer.” The infectious tunes of Burt Bacharach will fill the Kaye Karaoke Café at our annual Purim Shabbat. Come ready for fun, games, gags, and even a little prayer!

RSVP to Dan O’Connor at doconnor@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x11.

**MARK YOU CALENDAR**
**FAMILY SERVICE:**
**MITZVAH SHABBAT & DINNER**
FRIDAY, MAY 11, 5:30 - 8:00PM

Introducing a new, reimagined design for a beloved tradition: Mitzvah Day transforms to Mitzvah Shabbat! We will live out three pillars of Judaism: Torah, God, and Community. Torah: We will heed the call of our sacred texts to care for the poor, the orphan, the widow, and all those in need of help with meaningful service projects appropriate for people of all ages. God: Mid-way through the evening we will come together for a brief Shabbat service that will give voice to the gratitude we feel for our own blessings and affirm our partnership with God to make the world a better place. Community: As an intergenerational community we will enjoy a Shabbat meal from the famous Emanu-El Pizza Truck together with challah and salad, wine and dessert.

The format for the evening is as follows:
5:30 - 6:30 Pizza and social action projects
6:30 - 7:00 Shabbat Service
7:00 - 8:00 Pizza, dessert - and more social action projects

Come for the whole evening or any part of it. Students should feel free to come directly from the ball field. Members of all ages can come to kvell at the next generation as we work together to make our community a better place.

Remember – with a little bit of time (and fueled by delicious pizza), you can make a real difference.
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BAT MITZVAH MAZEL TOV!
We honor Maddy Newman who will celebrate becoming Bat Mitzvah in March.
It is a pleasure and a joy to welcome Maddy as a full member of our congregation!

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 that you would like to appear in the bulletin, contact Abbie at 914-967-4382 x11 or alevitt@c-e-w.org.
People around the world consistently try to paint Israel with a very broad brush. One side acts as if the state is defined by occupation and impending apartheid, by walls and ultra-Orthodoxy. The other side sees only democracy and high-tech, gay rights and rule of law. The truth, of course, is as complicated and messy as any nation. When that complexity gets lost in the discussion within the American Jewish community, it often leads people (especially young people), to believe that they need to choose between supporting Israel or opposing it. Or, the third, and perhaps worst option, they can ignore it. Nuance and complexity in a relationship with Israel creates a foundation for connection, for an ongoing dialogue, an opportunity to learn and explore and clarify values and aspirations. Without that complexity, there can be no hope for meaningful engagement, no hope of being in real partnership with our people on the other side of the world.

Those who have traveled with me to Israel have experienced this complexity on a number of issues: Arab and Jew, Palestinian and Israeli, Orthodox and secular, Reform and everyone else – indeed, even the right way to eat a falafel gets complicated! Facetiousness aside, only exploration of nuance can lead to a relationship with Israel that transcends an Epcot-Hummus stereotype. As with any relationship, there are things about Israel to embrace and things to question, things about Israel to celebrate and even things to condemn. This is as true with Israel as it is with any nation, including our own.

Meeting Israelis provides one of the strongest ways to build a nuanced understanding of Israel. As with any human being, individual Israelis brim with contradictory points of view and paradoxical philosophies. In the same family you can find secular and Orthodox, capitalist and socialist, pro- and anti-two state solution, people on all sides of the issues faced by the nation. Aligning ourselves with the people who hold our views rather than accepting or rejecting the particular views of a particular Israeli government, allows us to maintain an ongoing relationship with Israel writ large. That relationship stands on shared values and beliefs rather than blind loyalty. Only that kind of relationship can truly endure.

Beyond individual Israelis, we can also engage with Israel through myriad organizations whose values and philosophies align with our own. Angry about Ultra-Orthodox hegemony? Don’t disengage, support the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (i.e. the Reform movement). Want to see a two-state solution? Don’t condemn Israel, support the New Israel Fund. Concerned about relationships between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs? Don’t throw your hands up in despair, support Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel which builds connections between the Arab and Jewish sectors.

The Israeli government’s decision to expel African asylum seekers has caused a new wave of American Jews to “give up” on Israel or even to condemn Israel. But, when we read beyond the cover story, we find dozens of Israeli organizations fighting the expulsions. On the ground protests have taken place all over the country. In the academy, organizations like the Shalom Hartman Institute have presented a Jewish-Values based argument against expulsion. All branches of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism have joined forces to stop the expulsions in public, legal, and media arenas because of the belief that “deportation of asylum seekers goes against the core values of the State of Israel and Jewish tradition”.

For two thousand years we dreamt of the re-establishment of Jewish sovereignty in our ancient homeland. The past 70 years demonstrated both modern day miracles and the complexity that arises when reality tests ideals. By engaging with the intricacies and nuance of modern day Israel, we can do our part to sustain the dream of a hundred generations, the dream of a Zion rebuilt in safety and security, rebuilt around compassion, justice, and peace.

Howard J. Goldsmith, Rabbi
We then explored how “second wave” feminism of the 1960’s (the first wave being women’s suffrage) influenced Jewish women who began to address the absence of women’s voices in our texts, prayers, clergy, and synagogue leadership.

We concluded with the present day, reflecting on some of the voices coming out of this moment, trying to make sense of them, and sharing thoughts on how we might redefine what it is to be female in the world today. While we do not know where this turning point will lead, women’s voices can no longer remain buried. The voices of Tiamat and her descendants have been unearthed.

God was once a woman?! In ancient Babylonian myth, the deity Tiamat, life giving, mysterious, birther of the world, was a mother goddess. Her angry heir, Marduk, chopped her to pieces and buried them in the ground. The feminine conception of God was literally buried under the earth. As Judaism had its roots in Babylonia, our stories were influenced by the dominant culture, in which gods became male.

The silencing of women’s voices is as old as time, but also a hot topic today as we witness a new and powerful wave of women’s empowerment. In only a few short months we’ve seen a surge of women speaking out in #MeToo, the Time’s Up initiative, women’s marches around the globe, and a constant flurry of new accounts of sexual harassment.

This current national conversation about women led to the theme for this year’s annual Women’s Study Group retreat, entitled Women’s Voices, Unearthed. Marcie and I, along with our outstanding guest rabbi, Dena Klein, wanted to look at the absence of women’s voices in Jewish history and in our ancient texts, and follow its trajectory to the current day. For 24 hours, at the charming New England Blackberry River Inn, 16 of us learned and talked, ate, drank, and belly danced as we immersed ourselves in our topic.

We began by uncovering some of the voices that shaped our own identities, the messages we received growing up about how girls and women should be in the world, with regard to appearance, relationships, education, behavior, and other issues. While some of the messages were positive, many were limiting, such as: girls are not good at math, girls don’t get to play on sports teams, girls must take sewing and cooking.

We delved into the biblical story of Tamar and Judah, in which Tamar uses her sexuality and fertility as her only source of power. We read in the midrashic literature - the legends surrounding the Bible - about Lilith, the first wife of Adam who wanted too much equality so was sent away and demonized, and replaced by the more acceptable Eve.

6 days after the Women’s Study Group retreat on Women’s Voices, Cantor Stone happened to meet Letty Cottin Pogrebin, founder of Ms. Magazine and leading Jewish feminist.
On the surface, the Torah portion *tetzaveh* is all about, literally, what is on the surface—the priestly clothes for Moses’ brother Aaron.

*Parshat tetzaveh* appears to only deal with the clothes and accessories, these things that we might think are beautiful but excessive extras. But really, it is not about the things, it is about what they represent, the message they carry and the impact they have. (Exodus 28:3)

“Speak to all of the people who are wise hearted, who I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, and they will make Aaron’s garments to make him holy to be a Priest to me.”

These garments, as the Torah describes them, are beautiful blue, purple and scarlet, magnificently woven of the finest linen, expensive with trim of alternating gold pomegranates and gold bells, and gloriously accessorized with a breastplate of precious stones engraved with the names of the tribes of Israel.

Though the Torah goes on about the marvelous details of the garments, what is important about them is two things: First, they are made by wise-hearted people filled with *ruach chochma*, the spirit of wisdom. Second, when Aaron dons these garments they confer upon him holiness and transform him into his role as Priest. These extravagant coverings, these things, may not only endow Aaron with a fabulous sense of self-confidence, powerfully shifting him, ready-or-not, into the responsibility of representing the Israelites; the clothes themselves submit an offering to God—this *ruach chochma*. This is the true contribution of the wise-hearted tailors and seamstresses. We do not just offer things to the world, we offer bits of the essence of ourselves. The garments, and Aaron himself, are only vessels for the *ruach chochma*.

There is a myth in Judaism about the creation of the world called the Lurianic creation myth, which teaches us that when God began the process of creation, God contracted so as to take up less space in order to make space for the world to be formed. God’s light was contained within vessels and these vessels shattered under the pressure of the contraction releasing shards of light into the newly created world. The material world, our world, is composed of these shards. We, and all of creation, are vessels for sparks of God’s light.

We are all capable of taking our own inner light and manifesting it in the world. Be it in our work, our hobbies, or our relationships, we each bring light to others. What *parshat tetzaveh* teaches us is not to underestimate even the littlest gestures and details. For it is in the details that we may find great inspiration, fulfillment, and light.

Jade Sank, Student Rabbi
THE MEANING OF LIFE: WELL, AT LEAST THE MEANING OF Chelsea

Two little Hebrew letters, chet (ח) and yud (י), spell the word chai, the Hebrew word for life.

First, a word on pronunciation. Though we spell the English transliteration the same way we spell Indian chai tea, the pronunciation uses the guttural “kh” like challah, rather than the “ch” of chocolate or chess.

All Hebrew letters also have numerical values. Chet (ח) has the value 8 and yud (י) has the value 10. So, the value of the wordChelsea chai is 18. Because of this, the number 18 has taken on greater significance in Jewish tradition. For example, when giving gifts of money or making charitable contributions, very often Jews give in multiples of $18. Coincidentally (or not), 18 is also the number of blessings in the central section of a Jewish worship which is sometimes called the shemoneh esreh, The Eighteen.

When we raise a glass to toast at Jewish celebrations, we use the plural form of the word and say l’chaim (לחיים) which means “to life”. Of course, if you’ve seen Fiddler on the Roof you already know that!

For all of these reasons, Chelsea often appears on necklaces, clothing, and other Judaica. This outward sign of Jewish identity and pride shows the Jewish commitment to life above all else.

GET YOUR GROGGER ON: PURIM AT EMANU-EL

PURIM SHABBAT: BURT BACHARACH MEETS THE MEGILLAH
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
7:15PM COCKTAILS/7:30PM SERVICE
Esther will tell us “What the World Needs Now,” Haman will kvetch that “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ On My Head” and Vashti will ask “What’s New Pussycat?” as we “Say a Little Prayer” at our annual Purim Shabbat in the festive and famous Kaye Karaoke Café.

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K DROP OFF PURIM PROGRAM
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 9:30 - 10:30AM
Children learn about this fun, fanciful festival with age-appropriate activities, music, snacks, and art projects. Drop off your children with our outstanding teachers and pick them up happy and full of Purim treats. Immediately following, families are invited to the Young Families Purim Celebration. RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 maiuvalasit@c-c-w.org.

YOUNG FAMILIES PURIM CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 10:30 - 11:30AM
Celebrate Purim with your children through story, song, snacks, crafts and a brief, joyful Shabbat morning service. Families are invited to take part in the Purim Schpiel and carnival following the program. Please bring a new container of chewable children’s multi-vitamins to donate to the Afya Foundation. RSVP to Dan O’Connor at doconnor@c-c-w.org or 914-967-4382 x11.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM SCHPIEL
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 11:00 - 11:30AM
Our religious school students and parents will enjoy a fun (and age-appropriate!) re-telling of the most scandalous tale from our ancient past. We will celebrate with favorite Purim songs and a parade by our youngest students. We are commanded to hear the story of Esther each year and this is a fun, family-friendly way to check that commandment off your to-do list.

PURIM CARNIVAL
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Games! Prizes! Food! Excitement! After the schpiel, enjoy our annual Purim Carnival sponsored and run by our youth Group. The Susan Schweitzer Family Learning Center will overflow with popcorn, bake sale items, face painting, prizes and much more! $1 for 4 tickets, $5 for 25 tickets, all proceeds go to tzedakah.
UNION PRAYER BOOK SERVICE:
A TRIBUTE TO OUR REFORM HERITAGE
FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 7:30PM
Our congregation began with a group of congregants committed to worship in the Classical Reform style of the day. Grandeur and transcendence found expression in formal prose and poetry, classical organ music, and a dignified atmosphere. Each year we honor this heritage with our Union Prayer Book Service at which we use this beloved prayer book and familiar music to connect with our past and to consider the ways that beauty and majesty echo not only in the sanctuary, but in the world around us.

COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH SERVICE AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF HARRISON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 7:30PM
As we do each year, we will gather with Community Synagogue of Rye, KTI, and the Jewish Community Center of Harrison (JCCH) for a special Yom HaShoah service.

With the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising as just one reminder of Resistance, this year’s Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service will also celebrate the valiant Resistance efforts of those who fought for freedom.

The JCCH is located at 130 Union Avenue in Harrison. This event is open to the public.

PASSOVER SERVICES

PASSOVER MORNING SERVICE
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 9:00AM
In the book of Leviticus we read “…on the 14th (of Nissan), at twilight, there shall be a Passover offering to God, and on the 15th of that month, God’s Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. On the first day you shall celebrate a sacred occasion; you shall not work at your occupations…”

We will celebrate Shabbat and the first day of Passover as a “sacred occasion” with a brief, meaningful morning service. Use this moment of reflection between seders to appreciate the blessings of freedom that we all enjoy.

PASSOVER YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE
FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 7:30AM
There are four times throughout the year when we traditionally come together as a community to remember those who have passed away: Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot.

We have scheduled the service at this early hour so that those who work full-time can attend this brief service to honor the memory of their loved ones.

There will be one more Yizkor service following this one in the Hebrew year 5778. The Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, May 20 at 8:30am.

FAMILY SERVICE:
HONORING HINEINI STUDENTS AND PARENTS
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 7:30PM
For our seventh graders in Hineini, it has been a year of community service and car pools, b’nei mitzvah ceremonies and boot camp, lots of studying and late night parties. On this evening we will celebrate the dedication and commitment of BOTH our 7th grade students AND their parents who together fill this formative year with meaning, joy, and blessings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FAMILY SERVICE: YOUTH GROUP
SHABBAT HONORING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 7:30PM
Our graduating high school seniors will be honored on the bimah. After, we will celebrate with our annual chocolate fountain oneg!

If you would like to help plan this year’s Youth Group Service, contact Jade at 914-967-4382 x31 or jsank@congregationemanuel.org.
### SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 7:00PM

**CONGREGATION EMANU-EL 2018 SPRING BENEFIT**

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### BENEFIT TICKETS · GAME TICKETS · CONTRIBUTIONS

- Benefit Tickets at $200 each
- Game Tickets (multiples of $5)

### RSVP AND JOURNAL DEADLINE

**MARCH 26, 2018**

Journal ads will only be accepted by mail or at cewtemplejournal@gmail.com

Visit our website [www.c-e-w.org](http://www.c-e-w.org) to make online donations & purchases.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ABBIE LEVITT AT ALEVITT@C-E-W.ORG OR 914-967-4382 X18 OR GINNY WEISMAN AT 914-262-3608.
2017-18 SOCIAL ACTION CALENDAR

We are committed to *tikkun olam*, the repair of our world. Help make our community a better place! Whether you donate your time or provide items to those in need, there are so many ways to get involved. Contact Social Action committee chair Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com for more information.

**Upcoming Events and Collections:**

**Afya Children’s Multi-Vitamin Collection & Don Bosco Book Drive**
March

**DOROT Passover Package Delivery**
Sunday, March 18

**Pajama Project & Brunch Run Collections**
April

**Brunch Run with Hineini**
Sunday, May 6

**Mitzvah Shabbat**
Friday, May 11

**DOROT WESTCHESTER PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERY**
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 10:00 - 11:30AM
10:15AM & 11:00AM NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS
WALK-INS WELCOME AFTER 11:00AM

We are pleased to be the host location once again for the DOROT Passover Package Delivery program in Westchester. We hope that you will consider being a part of this very important and special outreach effort.

Please contact Emily Cohen at emilydceno@gmail.com or 914-414-0636 if you are interested in learning more about this program.

Registration is required for students, adults and families online at www.dorotusa.com. Click on the DOROT Passover Package Delivery link in the News & Events section, and choose the Westchester location on the next page. You may register as a family or as an individual.

After picking up a bag of Passover goodies from the temple, adults and families (friends are welcome to participate too) are asked to deliver them to a senior on DOROT’s list, followed by a visit in the home of that senior.

**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 any foreign language is necessary, nor is a teaching background! You may volunteer any or all three mornings.

Classes are held at the Don Bosco Community Center, 22 Don Bosco Place in Port Chester. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jaime Morris at jaime-morris@hotmail.com.

**AFYA CHILDREN'S MULTI-VITAMIN COLLECTION & DON BOSCO BOOK DRIVE (MARCH)**

Don Bosco Community Center Summer Reading Book Collection (March 4 - 18)

We are collecting gently used books for children ages 2 - 5. Preferred book topics are science, transportation, and math.

Books will be added to Don Bosco’s young readers library and used for their summer reading program.

**Afya Children’s Multi-Vitamin Collection (March)**

Afya is collecting chewable multi-vitamins for children throughout March. Please only donate chewable, unopened packages of multi-vitamins. Afya collects and delivers critically needed surplus medical supplies, hospital equipment, and humanitarian provisions for acute and ongoing health crises worldwide.

Collection bins for both projects will be located in the main lobby. Contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com for more information.

**PAJAMA PROJECT COLLECTION (APRIL)**

In preparation for Mitzvah Shabbat in May (see page 1 for details), we are collecting new pajamas and new books for children of all ages, particularly needed are pajamas and books for young adults.

Pajama Project offers at-risk children the unconditional, magical gifts of new pajamas so that they can enjoy the greatest benefit of a loving bedtime and peaceful good night: a fulfilling good day.

Collection bins will be located in the main lobby throughout the month. Contact Hedy Cardozo at hedozo@aol.com for more information.

**MIDNIGHT RUN BRUNCH RUN**
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 7:30AM
Wish list on page 19.
Our Hineini, MNP & Youth Group students are engaged in Jewish learning and community service activities. Our students apply the ethics and values of our Jewish texts to their decisions and actions. In our classes, we focus our studies on repairing the world. Our students examine the factors that influence the decisions of “upstanders”.

An “upstander” is a person who has chosen to make a difference in the world by speaking out against injustice and creating positive change. The term was coined by diplomat Samantha Power and popularized by Facing History and Ourselves. Our students’ actions exemplify the definition of an “upstander”.

In class, we discuss what it means to be our “brothers’ and sisters’ keepers”. How can we help bring tikkun olam to the world as global citizens and Jews? We study universal human rights, civil liberties for Jews and non-Jews. We explore examples of injustices in the world around them. Our students find connections to their own decisions; about when to stand up or speak out about injustices they see in their own lives.

We ask our students to reflect on the question “what are our responsibilities to the society in which we live?” We discuss rights, responsibilities, and our “universe of obligation” through the lens of the 10 commandments and Torah.

Through study and actions, our students are encouraged to take an active role in our community and world. Over the course of the year, students and their parents volunteer at many local agencies and for many important causes. These include: Food Bank For Westchester; Pleasantville Cottage School; Midnight Run/Brunch Run; Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk; Kristallnacht Walk; LGBTQ ally activities; Willow Towers nursing home; Afya; Hope Community Services Soup Kitchen; Friendship Circle; Our New Way Garden; Rye Nature Center; DOROT Westchester Passover Package Delivery; and special programs with Holocaust survivors Judith Altman and Dr. Moishe Avital. In addition, our students run our annual Purim and end of year carnivals!

We will recognize our amazing students and families at two Shabbat Services: our Family Service Honoring Hineini Students and Parents on Friday, April 20 at 7:30pm; and our Youth Group Shabbat Service on Friday, May 4 at 7:30pm. Please help us honor our students and families for their role in repairing our world.

Kol Hakavod - All the Honor!

Jane

Jane Dubro, Youth Activities and Program Director
REFLECTIONS: A WORKSHOP WITH CANTOR STONE

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 12:00PM LUNCH & 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@c-e-w.org. An additional Reflections workshop will be offered in May.

WALK WITH THE RABBI

MONDAYS, MARCH 5 & APRIL 9, 9:00AM

What better way is there to discuss a Torah portion than walking at Playland with our community of energetic congregants and our fearless walker, Rabbi Goldsmith?

MAH JONGG & CANASTA

MONDAYS, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26 & APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:45PM

All levels of players are welcome; friends are invited too! If you are interested in playing, contact Jane at 914-967-4382 x21 or jdubro@c-e-w.org.

TORAH STUDY

Saturday morning. A time of rest. A time of study. A time for conversation. A time to discuss the Torah with Rabbi Goldsmith 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, MARCH 10, 9:00AM - VAYAKHEL PEKUDEI
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 9:00AM - TZAV
SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 9:00AM - PASSOVER SES
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 9:00AM - ACHAREI MOT/KEDOSHIM

CHAI MITZVAH

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 10:15AM

A curriculum for the parents of 6th graders to help them deepen their own Jewish commitment and understanding in the year leading to their children’s b’nei mitzvah. This is a great opportunity to get to know Rabbi Goldsmith, the rest of the clergy, and other parents in your child’s grade.

TEENS TEACH TECH

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 11:00AM

Learn to use your smartphone, laptop and other technology. Our terrific teens will teach you to use your devices! Sign up with Marcie at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

NEXT STEP

SUNDAYS, MARCH 11 & APRIL 22, 11:00AM

This group of men meet to discuss personal issues that they face in retirement. The bonds of friendship and a deep sense of trust have allowed this group to continue for many years.

Next Step is facilitated by congregant Paul Spindel (retired executive).
ALBANY ADVOCACY DAY AT THE NEW YORK STATE CAPITAL
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 10:00AM

NFTY and Reform Jewish Voice of New York State (RJVNYS) are offering Reform Jewish adults and teens across New York State the opportunity to become a formidable intergenerational lobbying force designed to effectuate change and promote legislation imbued with Jewish values. This year they will be tackling such issues as reproductive choice, expanding anti-discrimination laws, clean energy, protecting public education, ending the unjust money bail system and early voting.

For more information contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.

1967'S SIX DAY WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH WITH RABBI GOLDSMITH
MONDAYS, MARCH 12, 19 & 26, 12:00PM

What led to this confrontation with Israel’s neighbors? How did the war change the face of the Middle East? How did the Settler Movement take shape and what is its legacy in today’s search for peace?

We will examine these important questions from the view of history and, more importantly, we’ll think about the religious implications of this seminal moment in the history of modern Israel.

RSVP to Dan O’Connor at doconnor@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x11. Light lunch served.

BOOK CLUB
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 10:15AM
(WITH RABBI GOLDSMITH)

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 10:15AM
The Leavers by Lisa Ko

BOOKS & BITES
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 7:00PM
The Leavers by Lisa Ko

To RSVP and for more information, contact Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.

WOMEN’S STUDY GROUP
PASSOVER SEDER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 6:30PM

Please join us for a communal Seder with opportunities to learn and share this special holiday and many of its traditions.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org and let her know what you would like to bring to the Seder.

GALLERY OPENING & PRE-NEG: ROSALIND KAHN WATERCOLORS
FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 7:00PM

Congregant and nonagenarian Rosalind Kahn began painting as an adult after retiring from a career in fashion merchandising. Involved in the arts as a local docent, Rosalind credits her love of watercolor art to her time conducting art tours.

Open to the public. Refreshments served.

SINGLE MALT TORAH
THURSDAYS, MARCH 29 & APRIL 26, 8:00PM

Men of the congregation gather in Rabbi Goldsmith’s study for some Torah learning and refreshments. Explore the wisdom of our tradition and enjoy some fine scotch. Bring a friend!
L’CHAIM TRIP TO THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 12:00PM
Now in its 16th year, The New York Botanical Gardens Orchid Show will showcase thousands of dramatically displayed orchids in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory featuring a series of installations crafted by Daniel Ost, each a living sculpture that celebrates the complex beauty of these stunning flowers. One of the world’s leading floral designers, Ost uses flowers as a means of expression. His artistic creations will be tailored to the unique environment of the landmark Victorian-style Conservatory, complementing the architecture of the building while creating a transformative, dazzling spectacle of color, form, and texture.

RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

SUNDAY FILM SERIES:
THE PEOPLE VS. FRITZ BAUER
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 7:00PM
Attorney General Fritz Bauer receives evidence that Adolf Eichmann, the lieutenant colonel responsible for the mass deportation of the Jews, is hiding in Argentina. Bauer has been trying to take crimes from the Third Reich to court. Because of his distrust in the German justice system, Bauer contacts the Israeli secret service Mossad, and, by doing so, commits treason. Bauer is not seeking revenge for the Holocaust – he is concerned with the German future. German with English subtitles. Rated R. Directed by Lars Kraume.

Free & open to the community. Friends welcome.
RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
LADIES NIGHT OUT: PAINTING WITH MASTER ARTIST TERRY SCHWARZ
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 7:00PM
In just about two hours, while you’re sipping a glass of wine, master artist Terry Schwarz will guide you through your own unique painting. Absolutely no painting experience needed, and we will provide all the materials (canvas, paints, brushes and even a smock).

Open to the community. Space is limited. Cost is $35/person, includes refreshments.
RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
ENGAGING AGING: CREATING LIFE STORIES, A PRELIMINARY GUIDE AND DISCUSSION
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 7:30PM
Life stories can be simple annotations to family photos (who, what, where), a collection of life’s highlights, or a life history for descendants and relatives to read. The hardest part in creating life stories may be starting, and there are many guides and tools to help.

With congregant Tim Alexander, we will explore a range of such tools, draw upon Tim’s own experience in getting started, and provide handouts and references to take home.

RSVP to Marcie at 914-967-4382 x15 or maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.

ANNUAL CONGREGANT ART SALON:
CALL FOR ARTWORK
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, APRIL 30
ART SALON OPENING: FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 6:30PM
Showcase your talents in our beautiful, light-filled gallery! This show will highlight the artistic perspectives of the artists in our midst. Paint, fiber, photography, sculpture... all mediums are welcome. We encourage all congregants to participate in this celebration of art and culture.

For more information, contact Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.
Do not stand idly by while your neighbor’s blood is shed.”
Leviticus 19:16

For the past twenty-five years I have had the privilege of chaperoning our ninth and tenth graders on a L’Taken Political Action Seminar sponsored by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. The teens spend two days learning about contemporary Social Justice issues through the lens of Reform Judaism. On Sunday evening they chose an issue on which they shared our movement’s views and worked with others from our congregation to create a policy presentation to be delivered in the congressional office of either Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand or Congresswoman Lowey. On Monday, professionally attired, they descended on the capitol to lobby passionately for an issue that they believed needs to be addressed. I am always so proud of our students and this year was no exception. I had such a great experience with Rachel, David & Connor Griff, Brandon and Ben Groothuis, Molly Potkin and Lily Baranowski.

On Sunday they participated in a simulation designed to compare the American and Israeli Declarations of Independence and to focus on how they both demonstrate the ideals of a nation. They learned that these ideals are sometimes more aspirational than a reality. The closing activity was to choose quotes that they found compelling concerning the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948. Below are some of their selections:

“We believe in a Jewish State, manifesting the principles of our prophetic traditions, is one of the most significant sources of Jewish unity and inspiration in the world today.” (URJ Resolution on Israel and the Prophetic Tradition, 1981).

“This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.” (Israeli Declaration of Independence, 1948).

On Monday morning Rachel, Molly and Lily lobbied on Gun Violence Prevention to a staffer from Senator Schumer’s office. They spoke forcefully and clearly asking the Senator to co-sponsor and help bring to the floor for a vote the bill S.1923, The Background Completion Act. Below are excerpts from their well articulated arguments:

“40% of guns sold in the US are sold by unlicensed sellers, which include guns sold at shows and online. Nearly 3,000 guns are bought without a background check but, are still sold to people with criminal records, mental illnesses or other prohibitive circumstances. The word for this is the “Charleston” loophole… This loophole got its name because of the shooting that took place in Charleston, SC. The shooter was able to get the pistol he used to kill nine people because his background check was not completed in the 72 hour time and was therefore given the gun without approved background check. If this loophole didn’t exist, those people would still be alive along with many others. (Lily Baranowski).

“Leviticus tells us, “do not stand idly by while your neighbor’s blood is shed.” The Bible commands us, “Thou shalt not murder.” We, as Reform Jews, cannot stand by and watch thousands of people impacted by gun violence year after year… By passing the Background Check Completion Act, we are fulfilling our duty to prevent people who shouldn’t have guns from receiving them. (Mollie Potkin).

We as a family discuss troubling issues that are prevalent in the United States. One of these issues is gun violence. I distinctly remember watching a news segment on the murder of 9 innocent African Americans in a church in Charleston, SC. The reason that I still remember this horrific event from so long ago is because that was one of the first times I realized how devastating gun violence is against innocent people… I believe the solution is to pass strong gun violence prevention such as the Background Check Completion Act. (Rachel Griff).
On Monday afternoon Ben Groothuis, Brandon Groothuis, Connor Griff and David made their articulate arguments for passing HR 2972 the Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH) Woman Act that would provide access to and affordability for abortion to all women. Below are excerpts from their very persuasive lobbying speech:

Decision making determines your fate or the way that you live the rest of your life. All people should be able to determine the fate of their life or how they live their life. As a Reform Jew, we truly believe that fellow citizens should be able to exercise their rights and be able to make the choice of whether or not to have a child while the fetus is in the womb. It is so important that women are able to choose an important life decision that will impact their life greatly. (David Griff).

Many people oppose abortion and also oppose giving a woman the choice about whether or not to abort a fetus. This topic is very controversial, yet one I feel extremely strong about because I know someone who had to choose whether or not to get an abortion. At 3 months pregnant, she took a routine blood test determine the health of the fetus. When she received the results, she found out that the fetus had an extra chromosome and the doctors were not sure if it would survive the birth. She had to make a difficult decision, to wait and see how the fetus ended up after birth or to get an abortion. She ultimately chose to get an abortion because it was best for her. Women should legally have the choice to do what is best for them. (Ben Groothuis).

According to the Jewish Talmud, we are told, “If a woman’s labor becomes life threatening, the one to be born is dismembered in her abdomen…for her life comes before the fetus” (Mishnah Ohalot 7:6).

This signifies that in the case where a mother’s life is threatened due to the fetus, she cannot put the fetus’s life above her own, sacrificing her life in favor of the fetus. We are commanded to protect life, however Judaism places existing life prominent to potential life… In the eyes of Judaism, abortion is viewed as a moral and correct decision and women must have the ability to have a choice. (Connor Griff).

The Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade grants women the right to abortion. Due to the income and geography of women, it is sometimes very difficult to have access to abortion clinics…Access is very important along with financial coverage of lower income. The Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurant Woman Act (HR 2972) would end bans on abortion coverage, restoring respect for each woman’s choice, ensuring fair treatment no matter her income, and protecting her health and safety. I would like to thank co-sponsor congresswoman Lowey for supporting the rights for women to be able to choose. (Brandon Groothuis).

What caring and insightful students these 7 teens are! Spending 4 days with them, watching them experience ritual, text, values and community was a gift. They inspired me to “not stand idly by while your neighbor’s blood is shed.”

Marcie Aiuvalasit, Religious Educator
Working hard at prepping lobby presentations. “One take away from this trip is that we need to keep fighting for the Reform Jewish positions.” - David Griff.

Mollie, Rachel and Lily urging Senator Schumer’s staff to co-sponsor The Background Check Completion Act (S.1923). “Our take away is that you can always advocate for what you believe in.” - Mollie Potkin, Rachel Griff and Lily Baranowski.

Urging Congresswomen Nita Lowey’s staff to add co-sponsors and bring to the house floor Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH Woman) (H.R.2972).

Ice skating after dinner at Pentagon Row.

On our way to Senator Schumer’s office.

“I enjoyed meeting Congresswomen Lowey.” - Brandon Groothuis.

Ending our L’taken Social Justice weekend. “I learned a lot this weekend, such as how much guns affected people in the world.” - Ben Groothuis.
YOUNG FAMILIES EVENTS
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 jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

Young Families Purim Celebration
Sunday, March 4, 10:30AM

Religious School Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 4, 11:30AM

Passover Celebration
Sunday, March 18, 10:45AM

Israel Independence Day
Sunday, April 15, 10:45AM

Mitzvah Shabbat
Friday, May 11, 5:30PM

School’s Out Carnival
Sunday, May 20, 11:00AM

PRE-K & K DROP-OFF PROGRAMS
Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are a wonderful introduction to the Religious School experience. Classes focus on a Jewish holiday with a fun-filled program including cooking, music, storytelling and arts and crafts. Classes meet seven times this year on Sunday mornings during Religious School and are open to the public.

For more information about this program or to enroll, contact Religious Educator Marcie Aiuvalasit at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

PURIM CELEBRATIONS
SUNDAY, MARCH 4
9:30-10:30AM - Pre-K/K classes
9:30-11:30AM - Religious School
10:30-11:30AM - Young Families Purim Celebration
11:00-11:30AM - Purim schpiel in the sanctuary, parents are welcome to attend
11:30AM -1:00PM – Purim Carnival led by the temple Youth Group

Guess How Many, Baseball Pop, Basketball, Duck Pond, Frog Toss, Lollipop Tree, Black Jack, Popcorn, Face Painting/Tattoos, Pin the Hat on Haman, Find the Hamantaschan shell game, Plinko, Monkeying Around, Ping Pong, prizes, and a bake sale!

Game tickets 4 for $1 or 25 for $5
Lunch and snacks sold by our Hineini students.

HINEINI & YOUTH GROUP
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CARNIVAL
Volunteers needed to set up at 9:30am. Volunteers receive community service forms. RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org
CHOCOLATE MATZAH MAKING
FOR GRADES 3 & 4
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 11:45AM - 1:00PM
Students will make delicious chocolate covered matzah with Marcie after religious school.
RSVP to Marcie at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x15. Pizza lunch included.

HAGGADAH HELPER
FAMILY EDUCATION MORNING
FOR GRADES 1 & 2
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 9:30-11:00AM
Families will create their own Haggadah pages for use at their Passover Seders.
For more information, contact Marcie at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x15.

SAMPLE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 9:45 - 11:00AM
Know any families that are Shul Shopping?
Our Religious School opens its doors to prospective families interested in learning more about our Sunday School program. Please email Marcie the names of any families you know who might be interested at maiuvalasit@c-e-w.org.

JTEEN JSERVE DAY OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 12:00PM
Every year, Jewish teens around the world join each other on this special day to make their community and the world a better place.
RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.

ANNUAL MIDNIGHT RUN
BRUNCH RUN
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 7:30AM
Hineini, Youth Group, and parents will travel to NYC on a bus and will make one stop to serve breakfast, engage in conversation with the homeless and give out supplies. Friends are welcome! This is always a very meaningful experience.
RSVP to Jane at jdubro@c-e-w.org or 914-967-4382 x21.
Items needed (adult sizes only):
Blankets Coats Jeans Sweatshirts Socks Boots/sneakers New underwear Soft luggage & backpacks Toiletries: Soap, shampoo & conditioner Disposable razors Moisturizer Dental care items Women's sanitary napkins

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SCHOOL’S OUT CARNIVAL & BBQ
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 11:00AM - 1:00PM

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Your Center for Customized Health Care

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SHABBAT FEATURING 
THE ISAAC MEMORIAL LECTURE WITH 
AUTHOR DAVID GRANN
MARCH - APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

March 2  Purim Shabbat: Bacharach Meets the Megillah
7:15  Pre-Purim Cocktails
7:30  Service ♫

March 9  Shabbat Service
7:30  Service

March 16  Union Prayer Book Service: A Tribute to Our Reform Heritage
7:30  Service

March 23  Sacred Stories Shabbat
7:00  Gallery Opening Pre-Neg
7:30  Service ♫

March 30  Early Service
4:00  Service

April 6  Shabbat Service
7:30  Service

April 13  Early Service
6:00  Pre-neg
6:30  Service

April 20  Family Service: Honoring Hineini Students & Parents
7:30  Service ♫

April 27  Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat with Joseph Berger
7:30  Service ♫

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT: AUTHOR & JOURNALIST JOSEPH BERGER
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 7:30PM

Joseph Berger’s decades long career in journalism has given him a front row seat to the history of the last 50 years – especially as that history has played out in the New York Metro area. His own immigrant experience informs his writing in deep and meaningful ways. He has covered everything from religion to education, metro, and recently, the new Tappan Zee Bridge. In addition to his work in journalism for The New York Times, he has written a number of well received books on everything from Hassidism in America to the impact of the Westinghouse Prize in the scientific fields.

Mr. Berger has directed all of that experience and insight into his latest work, a forthcoming book about the life of the late Elie Wiesel to be published by Yale University Press. This sweeping biography will cover not only Wiesel’s Holocaust experiences, but how he used those horrors as motivation to protest genocides around the world, and to promote the rights and needs of refugees of all backgrounds. In this year when we consider what it means to be an upstander, Joseph Berger will shed light on how Elie Wiesel was truly one of the greatest upstanders of his time.

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