Celebrate the “New Year for the Trees” at the CSR Tu B’Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 13, 6:00 pm

We will gather together to eat, drink, sing, and rejoice in the miracle of the trees. We’ll also examine (and of course eat) a wide variety of fruits and nuts.

The custom of holding a Tu B’Shevat Seder dates back to the 17th century.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jaclyn Shor Feinberg & Jason Feinberg  
Gigi & Josie  
Rye, NY

Emma Bloomberg & Jeremiah Kittredge  
Zelda  
New York, NY

Community Synagogue of Rye is a caring Jewish community that seeks to add meaning and purpose to your life.

Inspired by Jewish teachings and traditions, we seek to be a center for spiritual transformation; to foster the creation of sacred relationships; and to give people the tools and resources to be God’s partner in healing the world.

This vision is guided by our commitment to the Jewish values of:

- Worship (T’filah)
- Lifelong Learning (Talmud Torah)
- Community (Kehilah)
- Loving Kindness (Hesed)
- Repairing the World (Tikkun Olam)
- Love of Israel (Ahavat Yisrael)

May their memories be a blessing

To Brianne & Sandy Goldstein on the engagement of their daughter Toby Goldstein to Gil Pinsberg

To Carol Bennett Bluestein and David Bluestein on their marriage

- To Stuart & Rosey Rudnick on the birth of their granddaughter, Ellen Faye
- To Linda & Lewis Nieberg on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Olivia Rae Liss

To Jason & Jaclyn Shor Feinberg on the birth of their daughter, Josie

To Ken & Sandy Weissberg on the birth of their grandson, Jonas Henry Weissberg

To Emma Bloomberg & Jeremiah Kittredge on their marriage

Condolences

When Cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends.

Our congregation mourns the passing of:

- Irene Haupt, mother of Marcia Tazbin
- John C. Bruzzone, father of Julie Goldstein
- Alan Kuller, long time member and companion of Myra Lehman
- Miriam Stevens, mother of Paul Stevens
## January 2019 Calendar

### Tuesday, January 1
- All Day: New Year’s Day
- CJL, ECC, Office closed

### Wednesday, January 2
- 9:00 am: ECC Music
- 3:30 pm: Koleinu
- 4:00 pm: CJL Grades K-7
- 7:30 pm: Shiva Minyan Training—For Lay Leaders

### Thursday, January 3
- 10:00 am: Talmud with Training Wheels
- 11:30 am: SAJE

### Friday, January 4
- 7:00 am: First Friday Torah Study—Offsite, Le Pain Quotidien
- 9:15 am: ECC Shabbat
- 5:45 pm: CJL 5th Grade Shabbat Dinner & Family Service
- 6:30 pm: Shabbat Service (Naming for Vanessa Lopez Rosin)
- 7:45 pm: College Reunion Shabbat Dinner

### Saturday, January 5
- 8:45 am: CJL Grades 3-6
- J-Life: 3rd Grade
- Torah Study service

### Monday, January 7
- 11:30 am: SAJE
- 2:00 pm: ECC Havdallah
- 6:15 pm: 7th Grade & CSR Teens
- 8:00 pm: Board of Trustees Meeting

### Tuesday, January 8
- 9:00 am: ECC Yoga
- 10:15 am: Toddler Time

### Wednesday, January 9
- 9:00 am: ECC Music
- 4:00 pm: CJL Grades K-7

### Thursday, January 10
- 11:30 am: SAJE
- 8:00 pm: CSR Book Club—Where the Crawdad’s Sing

### Friday, January 11
- 9:15 am: ECC Shabbat
- 9:30 am: Rye Interfaith Women’s Group Meeting
- 1:00 pm: 10th Grade RAC Trip
- 6:30 pm: Shabbat Service

### Saturday, January 12
- All Day: 10th Grade RAC Trip
- 8:45 am: CJL Grades 3-6
- 11:15 am: Isabel Harvey, bat mitzvah

### Sunday, January 13
- All Day: 10th Grade RAC Trip
- 6:00 pm: Tu B’Shevat Seder

### Monday, January 14
- All Day: 10th Grade RAC Trip
- 11:30 am: SAJE
- 2:00 pm: ECC Havdallah
- 6:15 pm: 7th Grade & CSR Teens
- 8:00 pm: Ritual Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, January 15
- 10:15 am: Toddler Time

### Wednesday, January 16
- 9:00 am: ECC Music
- 3:30 pm: Koleinu
- 4:00 pm: CJL Grades K-7

### Thursday, January 17
- 10:00 am: Talmud with Training Wheels
- 11:30 am: SAJE

### Friday, January 18
- 9:15 am: ECC Shabbat
- 6:30 pm: Shabbat Service

### Saturday, January 19
- 8:45 am: CJL Grades 3-6—MLK Day of Kindness Service Project
- 10:00 am: Torah Study service

### Sunday, January 20
- All Day: Evening Tu B’Shvat

### Monday, January 21
- All Day: Tu B’Shvat
- Martin Luther King Day
- CJL, ECC, Office closed

### Tuesday, January 22
- 10:15 am: Toddler Time

### Wednesday, January 23
- 9:00 am: ECC Music
- 3:30 pm: Koleinu
- 4:00 pm: CJL Grades K-7

### Thursday, January 24
- 11:30 am: SAJE
- 7:30 pm: The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice—Introduction: Ethics and Jewish Life—Offsite, Congregation KTI Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, January 25
- 9:15 am: ECC Shabbat
- 5:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm: Shabbat Service with Choir

### Saturday, January 26
- 8:45 am: CJL Grades 3-6
- 9:00 am: Board Shabbaton

### Monday, January 28
- 11:30 am: SAJE
- 2:00 pm: ECC Havdallah
- 6:15 pm: 7th Grade & CSR Teens
- 8:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, January 29
- 10:15 am: Toddler Time

### Wednesday, January 30
- 9:00 am: ECC Music
- 3:30 pm: Koleinu
- 4:00 pm: CJL Grades K-7 Last Wed class for 7th Grade
- 6:15 pm: CJL 6th Grade Living Museum

### Thursday, January 31
- 10:00 am: Talmud with Training Wheels
- 11:30 am: SAJE
- 7:00 pm: Mah Jongg
- 7:30 pm: The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice—Is Teshuvah Possible?
- 7th Grade—Offsite, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester

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**OUR B’NEI MITZVAH**

Isabel Harvey

My name is Isabel Harvey and I will be called to Torah as a bat mitzvah on January 12. I am in seventh grade at Rye Middle School. My parents are Eric and Kimberly Harvey. I have an older brother Austin and younger brother Aiden. I play Pre-Academy Soccer for NYSC and basketball for Rye Middle School. My Torah portion is Bo, from the Book of Exodus. My portion describes Passover: Moses and Aaron preparing the Israelites with all the things they had to do for the final plague that eventually brought about our freedom from Egypt.

For my mitzvah project, I will be raising funds and providing supplies to the Humane Society of Westchester by creating signs and collecting needed items and donations to support the animal shelter in New Rochelle, NY. This is a non-kill shelter.

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**CSR BOOK CLUB**

Every other month, Rabbi Leora Frankel will facilitate interesting discussions over wine, cheese, and other creative snacks as we explore the layers of a novel while connecting them to relevant and relatable Jewish texts.

The next CSR Book Club meeting is on January 10, at 8:00 pm.

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP to clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.

Have questions? Please email Jacey Taub at Jaceyg@aol.com.

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**Dear College Students,**

Welcome home for winter break! We hope you’re enjoying some well-deserved rest after finals. We’d love to see you while you’re home! Join us for our College Reunion Shabbat and Dinner on Friday, January 4. Services start at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:45 pm.

Let us know if you’re coming. Email Yael at yfarber@comsynrye.org to RSVP.

We look forward to seeing you!

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**COLLEGE SHABBAT REUNION**

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The Talmud is one of the foundational texts of Judaism. However, many of us may not feel like experts when it comes to this vital canon. In fact, it can be said that more than we are biblical Jews, we are rabbinic Jews following the laws and guidelines set out in the Talmud. Together we will explore the history and structure of the Talmud and rabbinic thought as well as the rabbis’ profound insights into human nature. No prior experience required!

**Talmud with Training Wheels Dates**
Select Thursdays at 10:00 am — January 3, 17, 31

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**Empty Nest—Full Life Team**
**Adults who value Jewish connection**

You “launched” your kids and now, with them (mostly) not living at home you are a free bird. We welcome you to the Empty Nest—Full Life (ENFL) group. If you are someone who values connection to your Jewish community, we invite you to get involved in a way that speaks to you.

Stay Active! Be Happy!

New ideas and opportunities are always welcome and can be sent to CSRemptynesters@gmail.com.

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**SAJE (Senior Activities in a Jewish Environment)**

Brenda Wilkin • SAJE@comsynrye.org

**Thursday, January 3**
**Katonah Museum of Art** comes to CSR. The Katonah Museum of Art, one of the most celebrated small museums in the country, was founded over 60 years ago by volunteers from local communities as an exhibition venue for fine arts. Nationally recognized, the KMA curates and hosts traveling shows, lectures, and workshops. **Michael Gitliz**, Executive Director, will present the art center’s travel presentation.

**Monday, January 7**
The PBS video, *The Story of the Jews: Over the Rainbow*, looks at how the Jewish people of Eastern Europe made their mark on the modern world. Come join us in the sanctuary as we watch this special featured video by Jewish historian and documentary award winner Simon Schama. Discussion to follow with Susan Taplin.

**Thursday, January 10**
Meet **Ed Pressman**, who will speak on *Petrouchka*; the music by Stravinsky, the ballet choreographed by Michel Fokine. This will be an outstanding program. Ed is a Collegium board member, WCC adjunct instructor in American history and political science, and lifelong student of music. Ed’s first visit to SAJE, over 2 years ago, was so enjoyable we asked him to come back.

**Monday January 14**
Exciting Times for **Single-payer Health Care**. **Madeline Zevon** is the Health Care Chair of the League of Women Voters of Westchester and Co-chair of the New York State League of Women Voters. She will address the New York Health Act, legislation that will bring universal, comprehensive, affordable health care to every New Yorker.

**Thursday, January 17**
**Rabbi Robert A Rothman**, offering as always, his very special and unique talk.

**Monday, January 21**
**NO PROGRAM**—**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Thursday January 24**
**Dine Around** at **Rini Restaurant**. A chance to enjoy good food and the company of fellow SAJE members. Lunch is $27 per person.

**Monday, January 28**
Meet **Rye Mayor Joshua Cohn**. Learn about Rye’s financial and residential development both in and out of the city.

**Thursday, January 31**
**Stay Put in Rye and Environ**. **Marie Johnson** is the Executive Director of SPRYE, which is an effort by residents to create a support network for themselves and their peers. Service programs allow residents of Rye, Rye Brook, Portchester, Purchase and Harrison to enjoy a satisfying lifestyle while continuing to live in their homes and communities.
The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice

From political and financial scandals to rapid progress in biomedical science and technology, the complex issues of modern society are, at their core, issues of ethical and moral concern.

How do Jewish ethics inform our discussions and decisions about the critical questions of the day?

These sessions will be taught by Rabbi Ben Goldberg (KTI), Rabbi Leora Frankel (Community Synagogue of Rye) and Rabbis Howard Goldsmith and Jade Ross (Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester).

Introduction:
Ethics and Jewish Life
Thursday, January 24, 7:30 pm—Rabbis Leora Frankel and Ben Goldberg
Congregation KTI, 575 King Street, Port Chester

Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration
Thursday, January 31, 7:30 pm—Rabbi Howard Goldsmith
Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, 2125 Westchester Avenue, Rye

***Please save the date(s) for future sessions***

- Thursday, February 7—Modern-Day Slavery and Our Ethical Responsibility (CEW)
- Thursday, February 28—Disabilities and the Ethics of Inclusion (CSR)
- Thursday, March 7—Is Lying Ever Ethical? (KTI)

Fee—Includes sourcebook & materials; $36 for members of Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester or Congregation KTI. $50 for all others.

For more Information Rabbi Ben Goldberg—rabbigoldberg@congkti.org | 914.939.1004 x206
All sessions begin at 7:30 pm. Registration required.

Happily Ever After: An End-of-Life Series

Life ends ‘happily ever after’ when we bring careful thought and advance planning to it.
This two-part end-of-life series is both for those ready to think about these important issues and for any with older relatives they care about.

Death over Deli – Making Comfortable Choices with Heidi Weiss, MSW & Dr. Donna Coletti, MD
Saturday, February 2, 10:45 am (following Torah Study)
As the end of life nears there are so many sensitive decisions we and our loved ones face. From choices around comfort care to legal and financial planning, our expert panel will share resources and advice.

Death and Hors D’Oeuvres – Funerals and Jewish Mourning with Michael Rosenthal
Sunday, March 10, 4:00 pm
We will talk about Jewish values and rituals around end-of-life, funeral observances, and beyond. Balancing both the spiritual and logistical, they will also field any questions you have about Jewish funerals and what mourners can expect. Light refreshments will be served.

Anyone is welcome to attend either or both of these panels; please share widely. Please do RSVP with an e-mail to clergyassistant@comsynrye.org so we can plan for enough food and seating.
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Our dedicated bins are back in the lobby!
The Sharing Shelf seeks donations of winter clothing for
infants, children and teens.
Please bag items and place them in the marked bins.
All sizes, from newborn through adult XXL are accepted but
sizes 3T-14 for boys and girls as well as casual clothing for
teen boys is critically needed.
Donations of new socks & new underwear are greatly
appreciated but we do not accept used ones.
CLOTHING SHOULD BE IN CLEAN, WEARABLE
CONDITION FREE OF RIPS, STAINS AND TEARS
READY FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION TO
CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact
Carrie Nagel at carrienagel1203@gmail.com

Need some new pieces of Judaica?
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Contact Briannegoldstein@gmail.com
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