



### **TODAH RABAH TO THE FISHMAN FAMILY!**

In 2017, Eve and Ed Fishman, of blessed memory, created a fund designed to enhance The Emanuel Synagogue's ability to engage high impact outside speakers. The lay leadership of The Emanuel was truly honored to work with Eve and Ed to create this important fund. After Eve and Ed passed in 2021, their family requested donations made in their memory be contributed to this fund. We are grateful for the Fishman family's generosity and leadership, and we are extremely fortunate the Eve and Ed Fishman Educational Speakers Fund enabled The Emanuel to engage Dr. Keren McGinity for our Scholar-in-Residence Program. *Today Rabah.*

### **THANK YOU TO THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE'S DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE:**

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## **SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

"Open Hearts & Minds:  
Celebrating Our Diversity  
as a Community"

**APRIL 28 - MAY 1, 2022**

Featuring:  
**Dr. Keren R. McGinity**  
USCJ Interfaith Specialist

**The Emanuel Synagogue**  
160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford CT

The Conservative Movement and inclusion  
of members of Jewish families who are of  
different faiths or cultural backgrounds



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## About Dr. Keren R. McGinity

Since 2020, Dr. McGinity has served as the interfaith specialist at United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), having served as the inaugural director of the Interfaith Families Jewish Engagement graduate program at Hebrew College. She is also a research associate at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute at Brandeis University, where she teaches American Studies.

Her pioneering books, *Still Jewish: A History of Women & Intermarriage in America* (NYU Press 2009), a National Jewish Book Award finalist and *Marrying Out: Jewish Men, Intermarriage and Fatherhood* (Indiana University Press 2014), provide groundbreaking analyses about Jewish continuity by focusing on gender and change over time. Her books will be available for purchase during the weekend, following the Thursday and Sunday programs.

### Program Schedule:

#### Thursday, April 28

**7:00 p.m.** Minyan followed by program: “A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Perspective on Jewish Intermarriage.” Refreshments served.

***In Person, Zoom & Livestream***

#### Friday, April 29

**6:00 p.m.** Erev Shabbat Services with dialogue between Dr. McGinity and Rabbi Small: “From Brit Bat to Bat Mitzvah: How Love and Tradition Work Together.” Oneg Shabbat follows.

***In Person & Zoom***

#### Saturday, April 30

**9:00 a.m.** Shabbat services with D’var Torah presented by Dr. McGinity and Rabbi Small: “Living Our Values.” Kiddush luncheon follows.

***In Person, Zoom & Livestream***

#### Sunday, May 1

**9:00 a.m.** Coffee and Conversation with Dr. McGinity and parents of school-age children and interested parties.

***In Person Only***

**10:30 a.m.-noon** “Curb Your Enthusiasm: Interfaith Romance, Gender & Popular Culture.”

***In Person & Zoom***

The Emanuel's Diversity and Inclusion Committee was formed to further engage and include spouses and family members of congregational members who come from different faiths or cultural backgrounds. In the areas of ritual and religious school participation, as well as social involvement, The Emanuel has made many advances in the areas of engagement and inclusion over the years. At this moment, the members of the Committee believe additional progress is needed, including broadening and redefining the scope of membership in the congregation and openly celebrating couples who choose to marry a person of a different spiritual, cultural, or group background.

The Committee members are guided by upholding the value stated in our prayer book – “And My House shall be a House of Prayer for all people” – by advancing further the sense of belonging we offer to all members of our community. In principle, members of the Committee view a broader level of belonging as a full expression of our interpersonal Jewish ethics and our theology of “kvod ha-beriot” (“Honoring all the Creatures”) that is basic to the ethos of our Emanuel Family and foundational to Judaism.

The Committee members have been approaching this change process with support and guidance from top professional leadership in the Conservative Movement and are striving to create change while simultaneously insuring the dignity and belonging of all constituents of our Emanuel Family, including those for whom these changes feel threatening or challenging. The goal of the Scholar-in-Residence Program is for the community to engage in deep learning and discussion about marriage, family, identity, and the Conservative Movement's new narrative on intermarriage and inclusion. The Program will also serve as the kickoff for congregational conversations about living our values, tradition, and change. Members of the Committee sincerely appreciate your participation in the Program events and hope you learn from this thoughtful process and conversing with other congregants.

The Emanuel has engaged Rabbi Philip Warmflash to guide the continuation of the conversations and dialogue stimulated by the Program. Having presented in the past at educational and leadership forums locally, Rabbi Warmflash is no stranger to the Greater Hartford Jewish Community. Over the course of his career, he has provided consultation, mentoring, and coaching to Jewish organizations and their leadership teams in areas such as member engagement, decision-making, and change management. Rabbi Warmflash will be in-person at The Emanuel from Monday, May 23 through Wednesday, May 25 facilitating conversations among congregants. He will also be facilitating conversations virtually (dates to be determined). Please reach out to Elysa Graber-Lipperman at [elgrip@comcast.net](mailto:elgrip@comcast.net) if you would be interested in conversing further with other congregants about living our values, tradition, and change. Your voice is respected, valued, and welcomed.



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