

# Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley and the Jewish Federation of Ulster County

*invite you to join us for a beautiful and meaningful event!*



## MONTREPOSE CEMETERY HEADSTONE RESTORATION

75 Montrepose Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401

### Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 10 AM – 1 PM

Erev Rosh HaShanah is September 20th, and it is traditional at the New Year to visit our ancestors' graves to pay our respects and to clean gravesites and headstones. This event is family-friendly, a community mitzvah of connection between the generations. All ages are welcome to come and learn, and our youngest will enjoy some special activities detailed below! **No experience is required!**

**TRAINING** will be provided on how to safely clean headstones. Cleaning solutions will be provided; please do **NOT** bring any cleaners! Join us in work clothes and bring the following per attendee:

- Rubber gloves
- Eye protection
- Natural or synthetic bristle brushes – **NO Brillo nor wire brushes allowed!**
- 2 Sponges: 1) for wetting/rinsing stones and 2) for treating moss and lichens
- Wooden paint stirrer or plastic scraper to remove moss and lichens
- 1 or more gallons of clean water
- Paper towels
- **BAG LUNCH FOR A PICNIC** on our peaceful, park-like grounds!

**FOR OUR LITTLE ONES:** Samara Gilman, Religious School Director, will teach gravestone rubbing, the meaning of Jewish symbols on the stones, and rituals, such as the loving placement of specially decorated visitors' stones! What a wonderful lesson for them....

**Pre-event registration is requested.** To sign up or for questions, please contact:

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