

After a thorough, nationwide search, Emanu-El has found the ideal leader for their religious school: Naomi Fabes. Naomi is thrilled to join the team at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester as their Director of Education. She is passionate about crafting meaningful experiences that allow families of all ages to find their connection to Judaism in a personal and authentic way.

Hailing from the Lone Star State, Naomi earned her B.S. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education at the University of Texas at Austin. She moved to New York City to pursue an M.A. in Jewish Education from The Jewish Theological Seminary, with a concentration in Experiential Education. While in school, Naomi served as the Education Intern at Baruch College Hillel, spent her summers as a ropes course instructor at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, and taught as an assistant teacher in Jewish early childhood programs.

In July 2014, Naomi began as a Full-Time Educator at Central Synagogue where she redesigned the religious school's K-2nd grade curriculum, played an integral role in the development and expansion of the Family Engagement department, and founded Camp Central, the synagogue's early childhood summer camp.

During her free time, Naomi can be found gardening, doing puzzles, making ice cream, and exploring the outdoors with her husband, Sherman, and their dog, Mallomar.