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The Rabbi's Column:
Maintaining Our Jewish Values
by
Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan



Dear PCS Members,

Our nation has just completed the most contentious election in my lifetime. It has always been my policy as rabbi to refrain from public political commentary on the bimah, both to respect my synagogue's non-profit status and to make sure that members of different political persuasions feel equally welcomed and at home in my congregations. Our synagogue is a holy sanctuary for all members and a space to find comfort, inspiration and support from our community.

What I do speak out about are Jewish values. Parties in power continually change, but the values of our Torah remain from generation to generation: The dignity of each and every human being created in the divine image. Love of neighbor, and love of and welcome to the stranger. The sanctity of God's precious creation. Tikkun Olam, the Jewish vocation to heal and repair our world. It's up to us as Jews and citizens to put these values into action.

Unfortunately, our election has fostered a negative climate in our nation. The lack of civility, the disrespect and the proliferation of hateful acts will take a long time and a lot of effort to heal. What was on the fringes has become permissible, and as Jews we know it is important to take that seriously, because hateful words are often followed by hateful deeds. Many people, including some in our congregation, are fearful for their safety and their place in our nation, and it is up to us to be at their side. We must oppose all manifestations of hatred and prejudice. Even more, we must embody love and work without cease to foster understanding, acceptance and dialogue in our

diverse nation.

As an American, I cherish the freedom that our nation has offered my family for five generations. Over the generations, members of my family have served in the U.S. military to protect our freedoms, another has served in our Department of State, while another works for our Veterans' Administration. I hold our freedoms and civil liberties sacred and will always stand up to ensure them for others. Historically, our country has not always lived up to equality for all and welcome to the vulnerable. But those are our founding ideals, and I will always join with those who work to expand their reach. As a mother and grandmother, I am focused on the future and join with groups that work to ensure a healthy society and a healthy planet for my grandchildren!

As a congregation, we each have our different political opinions on many topics, but in the weeks, months and years ahead we must work together - fearlessly and tirelessly - to maintain the values of our Torah and the values that make our nation vibrant. We will see new alliances forged and new initiatives begun. We need to be here for one another as a community: learning, discussing, praying and taking action.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Julie Danan

TESTAMENT OF LOVE - Statement #WeWalkTogether



Rabbi Julie also would like to share the following document signed by the clergy and lay leaders of those congregations and organizations present at "Testaments of Love in our Faith Traditions" at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester on October 30, 2016 (list in formation below):

We, leaders of religious organizations, gathered at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, to share our Testaments of Love in Torah, Gospel and Quran, find we speak together of one Love.

When we share our rituals, we see we love the same God. When we hear our scriptures, we hear one command to love our neighbor. When we hear our histories, we know we were all strangers.

Here in this country we have found the freedom to practice our religions as our scriptures teach; with the traditions, the dignity and the courage that sustained our ancestors in all their journeys.

Therefore in this season as we change leadership in our country:

- We pledge ourselves to supporting the freedom of our neighbors to love God in their way.
- We pledge ourselves to loving all our neighbors – as all our religions teach.
- We pledge ourselves to welcoming all strangers – for we were all strangers.

We rejoice, in this Thanksgiving season, that we can be with our sisters and brothers, of different parents but the same God, who made all of us; and welcome one another to the table of love.

Co-Chairs - Testaments of Love in our Faith Traditions

- **Cliff Wolf**, *Co-Chair, Interreligious and Intergroup Relations, AJC Westchester/Fairfield*
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HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

by Galit Sperling, Principal

This November, PCS welcomed two soldiers from the Israeli Defense Forces, courtesy of Tzahal Shalom. Each year, it is an honor to introduce our students to a few of the many amazing young

men and women representing the IDF today, giving them a first-hand glimpse into the lives of young adults in Israel. Tair is a platoon commander in the Golani Brigade, who fought in Gaza during Operation Protective Edge. Hannah is a lone soldier from Florida, who waived admission to Columbia University to join the Israeli army. She is a departmental instructor who trains recruits, officers and reservists for use of weapons in combat. We had a fantastic time meeting and speaking with them about their experiences,

encouraging our students to learn more and visit the great land of Israel!

This month we'd also like to spotlight our awesome Madrichim (teen assistants) in the PCS Hebrew School. We are lucky and thrilled to have wonderful teen role models volunteering with our students every week in Hebrew School. Our Madrichim assist teachers in the classroom, work one-on-one with students on Hebrew reading, help organize, etc. They are an invaluable part of our community. Thank you to Jacob Freiheit, Hannah Klein, Ben Klingner, Deborah Johnston and Michelle Siegel!

Upcoming Hebrew School Dates:

Thursday, December 1: B'nei Mitzvah Parent Discussion with Rabbi Julie: Putting God on the Guest List

Sunday, December 18: Hanukkah Celebration

Thursday, December 22 - Sunday, January 1: No Classes (Winter Break)

Thursday, January 5: Hebrew School classes resume





The pictures above and to the right show our Madrichim in action!



Above and below, IDF soldiers Tair and Hannah visited with our Kitah Daled, Hey and Vav students.



(Above and right) Kitah Daled students enjoying a game in class



Kitah Hey and Kitah Vav students used money they raised through tzedakah to make sandwiches for a homeless shelter.

Who are these handsome dudes?

Why, it's David Terzuoli and his Bar Mitzvah tutor, Ed Sperling!



Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee Update...



I wanted to update everyone on the refugee efforts in Westchester. I attended a Westchester Refugee Task Force meeting at Westchester Reform Temple in late October, and both HIAS and Catholic Charities were anticipating approval for refugee family resettlement in early November. Catholic Charities will probably be settling families in Yonkers, Tarrytown or Ossining, while HIAS seems to be focusing on White Plains for their office and family resettlement. At this point, the volunteer congregations, churches and other non-profit agencies are looking at how to organize and what they can offer the families. At the meeting, PCS actually got a shout-out from Mary Refling, the leader of the Westchester Refugee Task Force, because Rabbi Julie and the Tikkun Olam Committee were among the first to volunteer to help with these efforts. I will keep you updated regarding the refugee settlement in Westchester. It appears that the first families may come in January. Our Tikkun Olam Committee's efforts are greatly appreciated; I will let you know when donations are being requested and what is needed.

Neighbors Link is a really terrific local agency that works to empower immigrants by training them in work skills, teaching them English and offering academic support. To help Neighbors Link in its mission "to strengthen the whole community by actively enhancing the healthy integration of immigrants," please consider depositing toys, gift wrap, bows and/or tape in the marked box at PCS through December 14. For more details, please see the flyer below or click [here](#).

Finally, mark your calendar for Friday, January 6. For the Prime Time Shabbat that evening, PCS has invited Dr. Mahjabeen Hassan of the American Muslim Women's Association and other members of our local mosque to join us. In addition, Mary Refling, whom I mentioned above, will speak about efforts in Westchester to aid refugees.

Leslie Mack, Chair
PCS Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee

Intimacy: The Land

We all come from somewhere. But perhaps our parents or grandparents come from somewhere else. Maybe we also were born in one place and now reside in another. Does any of this matter, or are we, as human beings, easily adaptable to any environment we inhabit? This is a subject that interests me, and it is of interest, I believe, for most Jews in America, people who have been part of this land for only a few generations. In my case, neither my mother nor any of my grandparents were born here, so I'm a first-generation American on one side of my family.

Several years ago, I traveled to Poland, where my mother and her parents were born, with Eve-Marie, two of our children and our future daughter-in-law, a journey mapped

out to get a sense of my deeper roots and those of my children. But I didn't find these roots there, in spite of the fact that my grandparents told me our ancestors lived there for more than 100 years. The soul imprint had been washed over and was no longer visible to me.

So to what do I connect? More and more I appreciate the land itself, the earth beneath my feet, the *adamah* from which we come. As a gardener, I spend many hours in the spring and summer planting, weeding and communing with the plants and vegetables I'm growing. There is a sense of belonging, of being in the flow of energy that nature exudes, and that sense grounds me in an essential reality.

Most of us who live in the suburbs make the choice to be enlivened by nature around our homes, recognizing everything growing as alive and speaking to us daily. We feel the change as winter approaches and our flowers and trees die or turn inward to prepare for the cold and snow.

But there is also the fact that our children will grow up and move away, and that we ourselves may also move away as we age and either downsize or seek a warmer climate.

We literally leave our land. There is no continuity beyond our lifetime, even if some of us remain here until we die.

In a real sense, we are nomads.

I see this as a loss - a loss of intimacy. It is easy to take for granted the environment we know for many years and to assume later that moving away doesn't represent loss.

It does. I grew up in the same house as one set of grandparents. I loved to listen to my grandmother reminisce about the old country, showing me the postcards she saved from her town and trying to recreate a sense of what she left behind through her little garden and through the foods she cooked. She and my grandfather made a good life for themselves and their

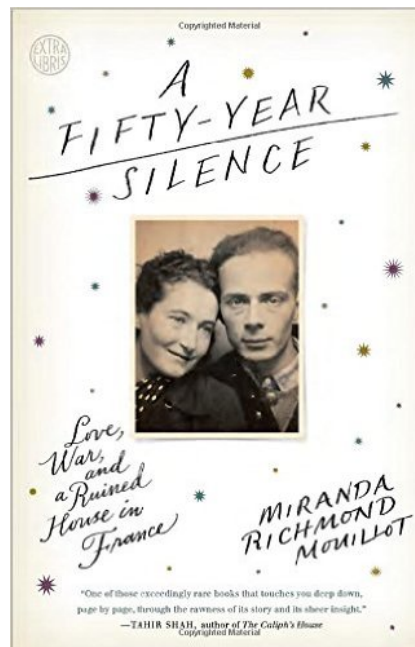
children here, but I felt, even as a child, the missing in her voice. We are not separate beings or small nuclear units. Our connections are wide and deep, linking us to each other and the living land.

-Peter Schaffer

From the PCS Bookworm... Eileen Jagoda

A Fifty-Year Silence: Love, War, and a Ruined House in France

by Miranda Richmond Mouillot



A Fifty-Year Silence is the culmination of a long, personal search by the author during which she delved deeply into the lives of her grandparents during the Second World War and its aftermath. With warmth and humor, Mouillot shares what she learned about what happened in France to so devastate her grandparents, causing their decades' long silence.

During the war, Mouillot's grandmother was a physician and her grandfather was an interpreter, ultimately at the Nuremberg trials. In the early 1950s, however, her grandmother left her husband, packed up her two children and came to America, neither speaking to nor seeing her husband again, except for one chance encounter.

With very little information to go on, Mouillot tries to piece together her grandparents' past. Fortunately, her grandmother never threw anything away. The author travels to France to see the house in which her grandparents had lived, now a crumbling ruin. Painstakingly, the author immerses herself in French history, and through letters, archival artifacts, press coverage and conversations with her grandparents, learns

some important truths.

Born in Ashville, North Carolina, Miranda Richmond Mouillot is a graduate of Harvard College. Although A Fifty-Year Silence is her first book, Mouillot writes regularly on non-fiction topics and also serves as an English translator of French works.

In our January issue, **the PCS Bookworm**, Eileen Jagoda, will review ***The Grantees: America's Sephardic Elite*** by Stephen Birmingham.

The **PCS Bookworm** also has some Hanukkah gift suggestions for you!

For children:

- *Elmo's Little Dreidel (Sesame Street)* by Naomi Kleinberg and Christopher Moroney
- *Mendel the Mouse: Welcome Back* by Ruth Finkelstein
- *The Ziz and the Hanukkah Miracle* by Jacqueline Jules
- *You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!* by Jonah Winter and Andre Carrilho

And for the adults on your list, try:

- *If You Can't Say Anything Nice, Say It in Yiddish* by Lita Epstein
- *Joheved: A Novel of Love and Talmud in Medieval France (Rashi's Daughter: Book II)* by Maggie Anton (reviewed by the PCS Bookworm in May 2015)
- *Rachel: A Novel of Love and Talmud in Medieval France (Rashi's Daughter: Book III)* by Maggie Anton

And for a beautiful Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift, consider:

- *A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People: From the Time of the Patriarchs to the Present* edited by Eli Barnavi

*These books are available from Jewishsource.com, Amazon or your favorite online or bricks-and-mortar bookstore.

Please join us for a very special

Prime Time Shabbat!

Friday night, December 2, 8 pm

Music and Torah teachings with

Rabbi David Evan Markus

co-chair of ALEPH Alliance for Jewish Renewal



Our Torah portion, *Toldot*, starts with the inner turmoil of Rebecca as the twins

Jacob and Esau struggle inside of her.

At a time of national turmoil, we may identify with her.

How do we reach from the inside out to do our part in reconciling a divided nation?

Is there a way struggle for righteousness while maintaining a peaceful core?

Join Rabbi David Markus and PCS Rabbi Julie Danan to reflect on these timeless and timely questions.

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A NEW CLASS AT PCS Beginning December 3, Saturdays, 12:30 - 1:15 pm*

Rabbi Julie Danan will lead an experiential, interactive class on "The Teachings of Reb Zalman." Her teacher, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi of blessed memory, was a world religious

figure and the founder of the Jewish Renewal Movement, a dynamic movement of spiritual Renaissance in the Jewish world.

If interested, please purchase the book, *Jewish With Feeling: A Guide to Meaningful Jewish Practice*, by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Joel Segel.

**All are welcome to join us for Shabbat services, which start at 10 am, and for kiddush lunch at noon. We also offer Jewish meditation and spiritual teachings led by Rabbi Julie, from 9:15-10 am (9-9:30 am on B'nei Mitzvah days).*

For more information, please e-mail Rabbi Julie at rabbi@shalompcs.com or call the PCS office at 769-2672.

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FILL THE VOID

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7:30 pm

Come watch and then discuss the internationally acclaimed and award-winning film, *Fill the Void*, the story of an 18-year-old Hasidic woman being pressured into an arranged marriage. This is an amazing and unusual film, written and

directed by Rama Burshtein, an Orthodox woman.

*You have never seen a movie quite like **Fill the Void**.*
Go to <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2219514/> for more
about
***Fill the Void**, including the trailer.*

Part of a series of Israeli films, sponsored by PCS Adult Education.
Have any ideas, questions or suggestions? Contact [Barbara Doctor](#) or [Marcy Gray](#) in the PCS office.

Refreshments will be served.

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**Join us at PCS for another
joyful
SNAP service
- and pizza dinner!***
*Friday night,
Dec. 9, 6:30 pm*



Are you looking to welcome
Shabbat with your child, but
not sure where to begin? Is your child a unique learner
who
thrives in more intimate, personalized environments?

Join us **Friday night, Dec. 9** for a joyful "SNAP" dinner
and service - *Special Needs at Pleasantville*.
Doors open at 6:30 pm for a fun pizza dinner followed
by a special Hanukkah-themed service with great music.

Everyone is welcome: all ages, levels of ability and literacy, anyone and everyone looking for a very welcoming, joyful and inclusive Shabbat experience.

For more info or to RSVP, call the PCS office, 769-2672, or email Vivian Chang Freiheit, vivianpiano@yahoo.com.

**To help offset the cost of SNAP programs, donations of any kind are greatly appreciated!*

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Growing Jewish Naturally



Celebrating **Hannukah** Outdoors *For young families with kids 0 to 8*

Meet us at **Camp Sprout Lake**
Sunday, December 11th, 10:30-11:30 am
Croton-on-Harmon, New York
Led by **Julia McCarthy** with **Rabbi Julie Danan**

Our program will be led by longtime educator Holly Jett. She will be teaching us about Hannukah and the lunar calendar, all within the context of feeling gratitude for the natural world.

Free of charge! RSVP needed: info@shalompcs.com or call PCS office at 769-2672.

"Growing Jewish Naturally" is funded by a grant from UJA Federation





S'MORES AND STARRY NIGHT

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 11 | 3:30-5:00PM
For past and future campers

Learn about the winter night sky
and moon phases from an expert.
Make s'mores and have fun with old and new friends!

Sprout Westchester

(formerly Camp Discovery)

500 Yorktown Rd. (Route 129), Croton On Hudson

RSVP to: sproutwestchester@youngjudaea.org

Collecting Toys at PCS!



In partnership with Neighbors Link in Mt.
Kisco,
PCS is collecting toys for children
from newborn to 18 years old.
**Gift wrapping and bows and tape are
needed, too!**

Please bring in a toy or gift or wrapping
essentials- value up to \$25 - to the marked box
at PCS until Dec. 14.

You will have helped to make an immigrant
family's holiday that much brighter.

Neighbors Link mission statement is:

*"To strengthen the whole community by actively enhancing the healthy
integration of immigrants."*

*For more information about Neighbors Link and how you can help, visit
www.neighborslink.org.*

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HANUKKAH LEARNING

with Rabbi Julie:

"The Jewish View of Miracles"

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 pm.

All are welcome and no previous knowledge is necessary.



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GOT LITTLE ONES?

Then come and check out
what's going on at PCS!



Join our "Menchkins" - from babies to 8 - and have an *awesome* time learning about *Joyful Judaism* with other families in the area.

* Tot Shabbat musical services once a month on Friday, often followed by a festive dinner; for our next one, see flyer immediately below.

* Home-based holiday celebrations with food, fun and crafts. **The next one will be a Hanukkah celebration, Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:15 am - 11:30 am at the Pleasantville home of Ali and Ben Serebin.**

* "Growing Jewish Naturally" - a special ongoing UJA grant-provided program with great activities focusing on nature, food and sustainable living. For our next event, click [here](#).

* *And so much more!*

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PCS Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner Friday night, December 16



**5:30 pm: Doors open for a
30-minute PJ Tot Shabbat service with a
Hanukkah theme for little ones up to age 8 with their families**
**6 pm:
Tot Shabbat dinner, including latkes!***

***Donations to help offset the cost of the dinner are always welcome!**

E-mail Marcy Gray to RSVP at mgray@shalompcs.com or call 769-2672.

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SAVE THE DATE!

PCS Progressive Dinner
Saturday - January 28th at 6:15pm

*Delicious Hors D'oeuvres
Dinner at Members' Homes
Fabulous Dessert Reception*

Volunteer as a Host

or

Come as a Guest

(couvert for guests - \$20)

Plan to have an exciting evening progressing from one home to the next. Meet new people, have fun and enjoy great food in a relaxed, warm atmosphere.

We all start together at the same home for appetizers. We then draw names for dinner assignments and proceed to our host homes for the entrée. At the end of the evening we gather together once again for dessert at another member's home.

Look for your Paperless Post invite:

Want to Host or have questions? Call or e-mail:

Marlo 914-238-0082

pcsprogressivedinner15@gmail.com

Rekindling Shabbat at PCS

IN DECEMBER...

On Friday, December 2, please join us for very special Prime Time Shabbat service at 8 pm with music and teachings shared by Rabbi David Evan Markus. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services. For more information, click [here](#).

On Saturday, December 3, please join us for Shabbat morning services at 10 am, followed by a kiddush lunch at noon and the first installment of a new, experiential, interactive class led by Rabbi Julie on the teachings of her beloved teacher of blessed memory, Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi. For more information on the class, click [here](#).



On Friday, December 9, beginning at 6:30 pm. PCS will host a SNAP (Special Needs at Pleasantville) pizza dinner, followed by a Hanukkah-themed Kabbalat Shabbat service with great music. Please click [here](#) for more information.

On Saturday, December 10, services begin at 10 am, followed at noon by a Kiddush lunch, and at 12:30 by further exploration of Reb Zalman's teachings.

Friday, December 16, is the date for a PJ Tot Shabbat service with a Hanukkah theme at 5:30 pm, followed by a Shabbat dinner, with latkes (!), at 6 pm. More details [here](#)!

Saturday morning services on December 17, are at 10 am, followed by a Kiddush lunch at noon and more of Reb Zalman's wisdom at 12:30.

On Friday evening, December 23, there will be a pot-luck Shabbat dinner at a location to be announced. Watch your email for more information!

On Saturday, December 24, please join us for Shabbat morning services at 10 am followed by a Kiddush lunch at noon and the Reb Zalman class at 12:30.

There will be no services at PCS on Friday, December 30.

On Saturday morning, December 31, services will begin at 10 am, followed by a Kiddush lunch at noon. The Reb Zalman class will not be meeting that day.

IN JANUARY...

Mark your calendar for a **Prime Time Shabbat** on Friday evening, January 6. PCS has invited Dr. Mahja been Hassan of the American Muslim Women's Association and other members of our local mosque to join us that evening. In addition, Mary Refling, head of the Westchester Refugee Task Force, will speak about efforts in Westchester to aid refugees.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Pleasantville Community Synagogue by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

[For PCS donation form, please click here.](#)

[You can also donate online by clicking here.](#)

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Miriam Seiler

Oren Cohen, in honor of the yahrzeit of his beloved father, Sidney Cohen

Eileen Jagoda

Hedi Sperling, in honor of her beloved parents, Blima and Dov Weiss, on the occasion of their yahrzeits

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Kiddush Fund

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Eugene Friedman, mather of Rachel Friedman	December 28
David Grekin, grandfather of Peter Grekin	December 29
Margaret Sperling, mother of Edward Sperling	December 30
Louis Israelow, father of Marvin Israelow	December 30

To All PCS Members:

If you or another member suffer personal tragedy or loss or are otherwise in need of help, please immediately contact Rabbi Julie at (914) 769-2672 or Rabbi@ShalomPCS.com, or to our Caring (Chesed) Committee Chair, Susan Friedman at (917) 846-3038, or SFriedman@ShalomPCS.com.



The PCS Yahrzeit Memorial Board is a beautiful and symbolic place to honor your loved ones while helping to support your synagogue. The anniversary of their passing will be commemorated with a light by their name plate. You will find the appropriate form for purchasing a memorial name plate by clicking [here](#).

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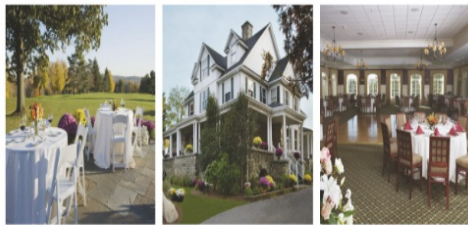
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