



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: "PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING..."

**By Mark Sameth**

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The word for honor in Hebrew is "kavod," the root of the word signifying something "weighty."

The PCS community is so proud to note that the long-serving and hard-working chair of our PCS Social Action Committee, Michael Gold, and one of the founding members of our synagogue, former board member and chair of the PCS Ritual and B'nei Mitzvah Committees, Ed Sperling, will be honored by the Westchester Jewish community. Their contributions to the Jewish community, to Westchester, and to the world at large are nothing if not weighty.

On Wednesday May 9, UJA will pay special tribute to Ed Sperling, Former Director, Edenwald Center, Jewish Child Care Association, at 6:30 p.m. at Hampshire Country Club, 1025 Cove Road, Mamaroneck, New York 10543. For more information or to register you may contact Hedy Levy at [levyh@ujafedny.org](mailto:levyh@ujafedny.org)

or by calling (914) 761-5100, ext. 109.

On Wednesday May 16, the Westchester Jewish Council will be bestowing the Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award on Michael Gold for, among other things, creating "Under One Roof," a Jewish/Muslim charitable organization established to provide support to people in need regardless of religious persuasion. That event – which is free and open to the public – will take place at the Jewish Community Center of Harrison, 130 Union Avenue, Harrison, NY.

Please come out for these two events! Please join us in honoring these pillars of our community! To Michael, to Ed: Yasher Koach!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the last several years I have renewed my friendship with high school friends, with whom I had lost touch. It started at a reunion and has blossomed into a regular email correspondence that has provided me with a lot of pleasure: part of my journey back to my roots in eastern Europe and my childhood in Brooklyn. Recently one of my friends, who has been the centerpiece of this journey, as he created the Listserv that connects us all together, suggested that we write about something we remember from our earliest days and he would put together a compendium of memories. The following is what I wrote:

The date is April 12, 1945 and I am just shy of my 5th birthday, living in Sea Gate in a 3-family house with an aunt, uncle, two cousins and my maternal grandparents. My grandfather was a printer working in a shop so noisy that I shrieked in pain the one time I remember visiting.

The presses in those days were made of steel plates banging against each other; there were no ear plugs or safety equipment, so my grandfather, who owned the business, would have to shout at the top his lungs to be heard. He retained the habit at home, and this, combined with his explosive temper, created an atmosphere of anger and fear in what was otherwise a loving environment. The house would ring with the sound of his voice, that got louder as his hearing began to fail. My grandmother was the gentlest and the quietest of souls, severely overweight; she waddled around the kitchen cooking the best Jewish food and ending every thought with the expression: "Gott sei dank." At 6 o'clock in the evening she would sit down in the living room, on the floor below us, and turn up the radio very loud so she and my grandfather could hear the news.

On this evening a geshrei came,

not from my grandfather, but from her, a heart-rending keening that stopped me cold. I remember holding my breath as I heard: "President Roosevelt is dead. Oy gevalt, what will we do? What will happen to the Jews?" Again and again I heard her grief, her despair resounding in my ears. The words "President Roosevelt" were a single word to her, a single word to everyone in that house. For 12 years they were linked together. They couldn't even imagine another president; FDR was the embodiment of the office. The thought of separating the words was the equivalent of separating the breath from the body. I cried in sync with her, getting my first inkling of what death was and what true grief sounded like.

- Peter Schaffer



## Pleasantville Community Synagogue Mission Statement

Pleasantville Community Synagogue is a transdenominational, inclusive community, a spiritual home deeply rooted in Torah (study), Avodah (prayer), and Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of loving-kindness). We seek to facilitate lifelong spiritual growth by engaging each member wherever that member may be on life's journey, embracing all generations. We encourage Tikkun Middot (repair of the self) and Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) through Jewish education for all ages, social action, Ahavat Yisrael (love of Israel), and a commitment to the understanding and fulfillment of mitzvot. We are a highly participatory community which relies on the commitment of time and energy from all members and which aspires to become an integral part of each member's life and their family's lives.



## HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

By Ronni Metzger, Principal

The arrival of spring brought with it the arrival of Chag HaAviv, the Holiday of Spring, which we know as Pesach. The students all participated in the model sederim. We asked questions—way more than just four—we recited prayers, we sang songs, we drank (grape juice of course), we ate matzah, charoset, and hard-boiled eggs. We discussed the meanings of each of the symbols on the Seder plate, and fulfilled our obligation to retell the story in the Haggadah of the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom. We had a hunt for the Afikoman, and even made origami frogs that the students could take to their own Seder tables. The celebrations were so successful in no small part due to the hard work of the teachers in preparing the students so well and to Emma Reisman, who not only shopped and prepared the food, but stayed to photograph the seders! The pictures are posted in the classroom. Please come and take a look!

Upon returning from spring break the students in grades 4th through 6th attended a memorial service in observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The students recited poems and sang songs, lit memorial candles, recited prayers and a special kaddish in memory of the six million who perished. It was a somber event that was very sad, but meaningful.

The next week we held a party in celebration of Yom H'atzmaut. With the planning and input from Ofri Felder and Seth Rutman, we had a wonderful day. We made posters for the Israel Day Parade, we played games, and Ofri made authentic Israeli humus with all of the children! Ofri and Seth arranged for Ariela Wehrle to lead the students in Israeli dancing, and for Greg Shafrits, a/k/a "Groovy Greg" to lead us in a sing-along, including favorites like Am Yisrael Chai, Od Yavoh Shalom Aleynu, and Oseh Shalom and of course Yom Huledet Sameach. We ended the day with delicious birthday cake! The day was a lot of fun for everyone. And once again Emma was there taking pictures! Watch the bulletin board for the update!

We ended the month with the Dalet class participating in a Heritage Day program. The students brought in heirlooms and shared stories of their Jewish heritage with the class and their families.

We have exciting programs planned for May as well. The Vav class will be making clay yads (pointers) that they can use next year at their bar or bat mitzvah! The Rabbi will spend an hour or so with the Vav class, as part of the "Ask the Rabbi" program. The Gimel class will have their shabbaton and receive their siddurs (prayer books)! We will celebrate the Zayin class graduation and on our last day of school (Thursday, May 24, 2012), we will have our first annual Mitzvah Day! We will plant flowers and plants around the synagogue, to beautify our community!

# PCS MODEL SEDER



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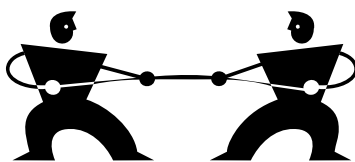
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## **Battle Lines:**

# **Great Schisms in Jewish History**

A lecture and discussion series by Dr. Sarah Tauber, Professor of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary

*Are we heading for a break between a conservative theocracy in Israel and a diaspora Jewry dedicated to liberal democracy, as a recent article in The Jewish Daily Forward states? This series will put great schisms in Jewish history in perspective. It will excite those of us interested in a deeper understanding of Jewish history as well as contemporary Jewish life.*

Lecture Date and time	The Schism	Historical Time Frame
Tuesday Feb 28, 7:30 PM	Upstarts vs. Elites: Second Temple Era Collapse	1 <sup>st</sup> century BCE
Tuesday March 20, 7:30 PM	Hasids vs. Mitnageds: Eastern Europe Explodes	18th century
Tuesday May 1, 7:30 PM	Secular Rebels vs. Orthodox Traditionalists: the Jews Take on Power Politics	20 <sup>th</sup> century

Many of us enjoyed Dr. Tauber's lecture series on "Visions of Modern Israel" last year and have been waiting to hear her again. We invite the PCS community as well as anyone interested to join us for this lively educational series and discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

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## **Ask the Rabbi: The Big Bang, Jewish Food, Becoming Jewish, and More...**

**On April 1, Rabbi Mark met with our 3rd grade class for a session of "Ask the Rabbi." Here is an excerpt from that wide-ranging discussion.**

**Ethan Spanierman:** What's the real theory of the Big Bang?

**Rabbi Mark:** You won't believe it! In the Torah it tells us that God said "Let there be light!" How can there be light without a sun? But the Big Bang theory tells us that the Universe started as a tiny dot of light, even before there were any stars, like our sun.

**Abigail Welch:** How could light have created the stars?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, at first the light was all smooth. Then as things began to cool a little bit things started to "clump" up. And some of those little clumps became stars.

**Noah Solomon:** But how could God have been there if there was nothing?

**Rabbi Mark:** Great question! OK, so what are the two words that make up the word "nothing"?

**Class:** No...thing.

**Rabbi Mark:** Right. And remember: God is not a thing. So at first there was only God; God existed but "no things" existed yet.

**Noah Solomon:** What did the people before the Jews believe? How did those people think the Universe started?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, one story that people believed a long time ago was that a Giant Snake was killed by a Giant Snake Killer, and then the Giant Snake Killer made the body of the dead snake into the Earth. There were lots of stories like that; that the Universe started with a fight to the death. But the Torah said that God created the Universe with words: "Let there be light!"

**Josh Zweibaum:** If the earth ended, what would the Big Crush be like?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, first of all we don't know for sure if the Universe will end in a Big Crunch or not. But if it does it will be billions of years from now, and by then we'll probably be living in another Universe.

**Josh:** Yeah – it will probably be 4D!

**Benjamin Hahn:** What kinds of Jewish foods are there?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, Jewish food has always depended on where the Jews have lived. So Jews whose ancestors lived in Europe have Jewish foods from Europe – like blintzes, bagels, kasha varnishkes, and pastrami sandwiches. Jews from Israel, the Middle East, and North Africa have hummos, falafel, and pita. Jews from India have curry.

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

**Abigail Welch:** Who are some famous people from Israel?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, everyone knows the current Prime Minister, Benjamin “Bibi” Netanyahu. And people know some of the past leaders, too - like Ehud Barak. There’s even one man, Shimon Peres, who was one of the founders of the country, and he’s still alive. And – you won’t believe this – at almost ninety years of age, he is the current president of Israel. Can you imagine if one of the founders of America – George Washington or Thomas Jefferson – were alive today? But Israel is still so young that some of the founders are still alive and in charge.

**Noah Solomon:** Why did people attack Israel and take away the Torahs if they didn’t believe in God? What would they do with the Torahs if they weren’t going to pray to God?

**Rabbi Mark:** Great question. You know, when people fight with other people, they don’t always do it because they need their stuff. They sometimes take their stuff just because they know it will hurt and upset the people they’re attacking. You’re right: The people who attacked the Temple did not need the Torahs or anything else in the Temple.

**Maia Mayers:** Is there a certain number of Torahs you can have in one Ark?

**Rabbi Mark:** Not really. We have five in our Ark here at PCS. The famous old synagogue in Kaifeng China had 13, but that’s because the synagogue was 1,000 years old and so it collected a lot of Torahs over the years.

**Abigail Welch:** Why are the US and Israel friends?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, why are you friends with your friends?

**Abby:** They’re nice to me; we like the same things; and they like to play with me.

**Rabbi Mark:** OK, so it’s sort of the same reason. The US and Israel like the same things. One of the things we like is democracy. Israel and the US are democracies. What’s a democracy?

**Abby:** “Democracy is not spectator sport!”

**Rabbi Mark:** Terrific! You’re right. In a democracy, everyone has a voice, everyone has a vote. And even though in a democracy the majority rules, we also make sure that minorities have rights that can’t be taken away. The US and Israel are both democracies, and that’s one reason we’re such good friends.

**Josh Zweibaum:** I have a question about Judaism and Christianity. Was Jesus Jewish?

**Rabbi Mark:** Yes, he was.

**Ethan Spanierman:** Do Jews believe that Jesus was killed on the cross?

**Rabbi Mark:** Jews believe he was killed on the cross, we just don’t believe that he was God, or the son of God. But yes, Jesus was killed on the cross. That’s how the Romans – who ruled Israel back then - killed people in those days. It was terrible! And it’s terrible to say, but the truth is that the Romans were killing something like 500 people a day back then. It was a terrible thing.

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ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

**Ethan:** What are the rules of war?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, each country has its own rules. And then there are the rules of the Geneva Convention that all countries are supposed to follow (like that you're not allowed to kill prisoners of war, but you have to keep them alive until the war is over). Israel has some special rules of war called "Purity of Arms." It says that Israel cannot just start a war; it can only fight a war to defend itself. Israel's Purity of Arms rule says that Israel has to be very careful not to harm civilians, but only fight against people who are attacking it. It's true that civilians sometimes do get harmed in war, but Israel takes great care to make sure that they do not.

**Noah Solomon:** Can someone become Jewish?

**Rabbi Mark:** Oh, yes. Some of my own ancestors were not born Jewish. Many famous rabbis were not born Jews. Some of the most famous Jews ever were not born Jews. Ovadiah ha Ger was a famous Italian composer 1,000 years ago. He became a Jew and wrote the oldest Jewish music that we know of. You can go online and listen to his music at Hebrew University. (Just type in "JMRC" and "Proselyte Obadiah" and it'll come up.) There are many others. I'll put some of their names in the newsletter. [Some famous converts to Judaism include the American television journalists Connie Chung and John King; singers Daryl Hall, Jim Croce, Jackie Wilson, Sammy Davis Jr.; and musician Ike Turner; and then there's Julius Lester and Ivanka Trump, and the list goes on and on.]

**Abby:** How does someone become Jewish?

**Rabbi Mark:** Well, a grownup who wants to become Jewish will study with a rabbi, and then they'll have a ceremony in a body of water – sometimes in a lake, sometimes in a special pool called a "mikvah" – it's a beautiful ceremony!



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# B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECTS

## **Eliana Johnston**

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I decided to do something related to the land because part of my Torah portion, Emor, mentions how fields should be harvested.

I volunteered at Teatown Reservation. I helped them prepare a wildflower area by pulling stilt grass. Stilt grass is a weed, and I pulled it up from the roots and collected them in huge garbage bags. I also volunteered at Teatown's Eagle Fest event. I helped little kids match pictures of birds to their actual skulls. I was surprised at how quickly they paired them up.

I also planted bulbs at my sister's Claremont school and here at PCS. It was really fun planting bulbs at the school because I could have the honor of contributing to the beauty of their garden called the Heart of Claremont. Now they are fully bloomed!

I encourage you to visit Teatown. It's a great place to hike and enjoy nature and the land around us.

## **Douglas Crocitto**

For my community service project I did several different mitzvah projects with the JCC. One mitzvah project was at the Edenwald Center at the Cottage School. We had a pizza party and played games with the students at the school. We also toured the campus and saw how the students lived at the school. It was an interesting and rewarding experience. The second mitzvah project was a different experience. We helped to package medical supplies for third-world countries and care packages for Israeli soldiers. I felt like I was helping people in their time of need. Finally, I played in the middle school jazz band. We played concerts at the Pleasantville Senior Center and at Bedford Road School. It is really fun to play for all different ages and people who enjoy music. I do plan on continuing to play in the band for years to come.





# Celebrate Israel Night



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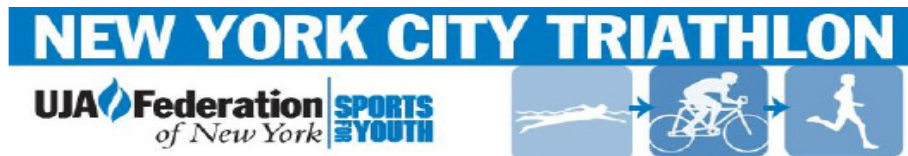
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# May 2012 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Hebrew School Heritage Day</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Dr. Sarah Tauber presents final in a 3-part series: "Great Schisms in Jewish History"</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Calendar meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>7:38pm-7:56pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah - Benjamin Yamuder</p> <p>9:09pm-9:10pm - ...</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Kita Zayin class, 11am-1pm</p> <p>Executive meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>High Holiday Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>UJA Tribute to Ed Sperling, at Hampshire Country Club, Mamaroneck</p> <p>Social Action Committee meeting, 7 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p> Lag B'Omer</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Kita Gimel Shabbaton</p> <p>Tot Shabbat</p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>PCS House Band</p> <p>7:45pm-8:03pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Emor</p> <p>Bat Mitzvah - Eliana Johnston</p> <p>9:16pm-9:17pm - Havdalah (72 min) ...</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>WJC Distinguished Service Award to Michael Gold, at JCC of Harrison</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>PCS Board meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Kita Zayin Graduation</p> <p>7:52pm-8:10pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Behar-Bechukotai</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah - Douglas Crocitto</p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 7pm *</p> <p> Yom Yerushalayim</p> <p>Last day of Hebrew school for 1st and 2nd grades</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Event, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Last day of Hebrew school for 3rd-6th grades</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:58pm-8:16pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p> Erev Shavuot</p> <p>Parashat Bamidbar</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Shavuot I</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Shavuot II</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p> <p>9:31pm-9:32pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>PCS House Band</p> <p>Birthday blessings</p> <p>8:04pm-8:22pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Nasso</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah - Lee Greenwald</p> <p>9:34pm-9:35pm - ...</p>

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***May 16: WJCS honors Michael Gold***

***May 26: Late night Shavuot "Tikkun" study, 10 pm***

***May 27: Shavuot Services, 9 am***

***May 28: Shavuot Services, 9 am***

