



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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*Chaverim,*

Passover is in the rearview mirror, but the season of change is not over. For seven weeks after Passover we count the days until the next festival, when we freely make the biggest change of all – to trade our recently celebrated freedom for the limits imposed by the Law. The season of change has become the season of choice.

The entire community makes this choice – but we make a choice as a community only by each individual making a choice. On the holiday of Shavuot, each and every one of us stands at the foot of Mount Sinai, and must choose whether to accept the laws, ordinances, and restrictions that are being offered to us. The festival of freedom has led up to the festival of the receiving of the law. But when the Israelites stood trembling at the base of the mountain, they did not want to hear directly the word of the Lord. Instead, they asked Moses to act as an intermediary. And ever since Moses came down from the mountain with the law on Shavuot, it has been our choice to accept and follow those teachings.

Today, we believe in a direct relationship with G-d. Ours is not a community that requires an intermediary, but we search for a spiritual guide who helps us to hear Hashem directly. We value a rabbi who can help us on that journey, and act as a teacher to help us hear for ourselves. Unlike our forebears, who wanted to stop listening for themselves after the first ten pronouncements because they were afraid – today our choice is to hear for ourselves. Of course, the booming thunder and lightning that characterized the Voice at Sinai is not necessarily the way we hear the One today: we seek out that

small quiet voice that speaks during meditation, study, or a walk through the woods; we feel elated with Spirit through music and communal prayer; and we are flushed with knowledge of the eternal as seen in the eyes of our parent, child, or loved one.

At Sinai, we proclaimed “*na’aseh v’nishma* --we will do and we will hear.” As we approach Shavuot, we re-enact that choice – just as we re-lived the exodus from Egypt around the seder table – and choose again to act on our Jewish principles in order to understand the teachings we have been given. In repairing the work through *tikkun olam* and acts of *chesed*, lovingkindness, we draw closer to hearing and understanding G-d, and consequently to each other.

May we each find the inner strength to choose with courage and wisdom, and to do what is best for ourselves, our people, and our world.

B’shalom –  
Michael Safranek

# HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

by Galit Sperling, Principal



April was a month filled with important holidays and historical events in Jewish history, including Passover, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day), and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day). Hebrew School students in Kitah Hey and Kitah Vav have been engaged in an intensive unit on the Holocaust, and students of all ages have spent time learning about the founding of the State of Israel in 1948.

For our Yom Ha'Atzma'ut festivities, our students celebrated with singing and drumming to Israeli songs, making and eating delicious falafel sandwiches, writing wishes for the Land of Israel to be placed in our classroom Kotel (Western Wall), and creating homemade maps of Eretz Yisrael, the Land of Israel. Thank you to Ofri Felder, Seth Rutman, Aydin Mayers, and the Hebrew School teachers for their help in making that day a great success!

Kitah Alef/Bet and Kitah Gimmel (first through third grade classes) each had beautiful Shabbaton services in April as well. For the Shabbaton, our younger students start off the Friday evening Shabbat service at PCS with prayers and songs they have been learning and practicing in class. Our last Hebrew School Shabbaton for the year will occur on May 9, when Kitah Hey (fifth grade) will lead prayers during the Saturday morning Shabbat service.

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## Important Upcoming Hebrew School Events:

**Saturday morning, May 9:** Kitah Hey (fifth grade) Shabbaton

**Thursday, May 14:** Last day of class for Kitah Zayin (seventh grade)

**Sunday, May 17:** Last day of class for Kitah Alef/Bet–Kitah Vav (first through sixth grades)

**Friday evening, May 22:** Kitah Zayin (seventh grade) Graduation Ceremony

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Hard-working Hebrew School students!

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More photos from our Model Seders in March...



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...and, below, from the  
Passover play.



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## Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration



Israeli dancing for students in Kitah Alef/Bet and Kitah Gimmel (first, second and third grade)



Making falafel

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Aydin Mayers leading a drum circle



The classroom Kotel

# ASK THE RABBI:

## Science, Religion, and Other Topics of Interest

*On April 9 Rabbi Mark met with our sixth-grade class (Kitah Vav). Here's a brief excerpt from that very wide-ranging conversation:*

**SYDNEY SCHULZ:** Why does the Bible talk about Adam and Eve when there is scientific proof of evolution? Why do some people refuse to believe science?

**RABBI MARK:** Jews totally believe in evolution; certainly all non-Orthodox Jews do. In fact, the great rabbis of the past said that Jews are supposed to follow science; that the Torah is here to teach us other important lessons. So, for instance, science tells us that the human being evolved from earlier primates because that is what happened. Then the Torah tells us that God created the first human being “male and female” because it wants us to know that boys and girls, men and women are equal. Different lessons! Why do some people refuse to believe science, Sydney? It’s sad that some don’t. But more and more people – especially your age – are realizing that science is true, and that human beings are better off when we admit what is true.

**JAKE LEIS:** I heard that Jupiter created Earth!

**RABBI MARK:** The planet Jupiter or the Roman god? Just kidding, Jake! No, I never heard that one. But click your fingernails. What you’re clicking is carbon-based life, which came from a star that exploded five billion years ago. Cool, right? And the universe is even older than that. The universe came from a tiny dot of energy (the rabbis called it the “*reishit*,” meaning the “point”) which exploded almost 14 billion years ago. The rabbis taught that everything in the universe came from that tiny dot. People thought that that was impossible. But now – thanks to the Big Bang theory – we know that the rabbis were right about this.

**ETHAN SPANIERMAN:** Why are leaves green?

**RABBI MARK:** They’re not. When dogs look at leaves, they see grey. We see green because our brains evolved to see and to tell the difference between some wavelengths of light. Certain colors are pleasing and calming to us – the colors we see a lot in nature, like green and brown. Is it a coincidence that we find the color of grass and trees calming? No! Our brains evolved to make those colors pleasing to us because we see them all the time. Otherwise – think about it! - if our brains were wired to see grass as bright orange, and trees as bright pink we would be visually agitated all the time.

**ABBY WELCH:** How do eyes work?

**RABBI MARK:** The eye sees when light bounces off an object and enters the eye. The image is projected “upside down” on the retina at the back of the eye. You would see everything upside down, except for the fact that the brain “flips” the image right-side up again. That’s how we see.

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BEN HAHN: And we see in 3D because we have two eyes. If you close one eye, you can only see in 2D.

RABBI MARK: Ben's right. We are actually seeing the world with our left eye from one perspective and with our right eye from a slightly different perspective. Those images merge in our brains and give us something called "depth perception." Why do you think the rabbis said we all need to see the world from different perspectives?

ETHAN SPANIERMAN: Because different perspectives make life interesting?

RABBI MARK: Absolutely! And the rabbis said that because no one person sees everything clearly, no one is right all the time, no one has all of the answers. So the rabbis said that we should not study Torah alone, but rather with a partner. That's what we do on Family Education Shabbat. We need each other.

CHARLOTTE HARRISON: Do you believe in global warming?

RABBI MARK: I would not put it in terms of belief, Charlotte. Global warming – today we say "climate change" – is a scientific fact.

CHARLOTTE HARRISON: I saw on the TV show Cosmos that the Earth is going to end up like Venus if we keep producing carbon dioxide. Do you think that's what will happen?

RABBI MARK: We absolutely have to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. I spoke about that at the High Holidays again last fall. Some warming over the coming years is now inevitable. But there are things we can do, like using more energy-efficient cars; not eating pigs and cows, which produce a lot of methane; and developing more sustainable sources of energy. There is a big meeting planned for the end of this year. Countries from all over the world are going to try to agree on a worldwide plan. I think we can do it. So no, I don't believe we'll end up like Venus.

BEN HAHN: We're learning about Hinduism in school. Which is older, Judaism or Hinduism?

RABBI MARK: That's a great question. It's a little hard to say because Hinduism refers to a wide variety of different beliefs across India, with different gods and different traditions. The oldest Hindu texts – the Rigveda - go back very, very far in time. They were probably written around the same time the first appearance of the Hebrew name for God was written down, thousands of years ago. Perhaps the most important Hindu text - the Bhagavad Gita, sometimes called the Hindu Bible – was probably written during Israel's Second Temple Period. So... it may be that Judaism is the oldest continuous religion, while Hinduism has the oldest text.

BEN KLINGNER: Are there other services, other than Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services? And what are their purposes?

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RABBI MARK: Yes, there are Jewish services for all the Jewish holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah, Sukkot, Chanukkah, Purim, Pesach/Passover, Shavuot – and more! Sometimes the holidays fall by coincidence on Shabbat (that’s what happened with Passover this year). But they can, and do, fall on other days of the week, too. Each one has its own purpose – to celebrate the harvest (Sukkot), or the Torah (Simchat Torah), or freedom (Passover).

MAIA MAYERS: When you have your Bat Mitzvah, which part of the service means that you actually are a Bat Mitzvah?

RABBI MARK: The part that actually “makes” you a Bat Mitzvah is when you say the blessings before and after the Torah reading. Of course we ask you to do much more than that – including a mitzvah project to show your commitment to healing the world! But if you’re asking what part technically makes you a Bat Mitzvah? It’s the Torah blessings.

NOAH SOLOMON: Do you have to make a speech at your Bar Mitzvah?

RABBI MARK: We ask the Bar and Bat Mitzvahs to make a speech, because that’s a great way to learn what your Torah portion is about, and then to teach it to others. In Judaism learning and teaching are not only for rabbis and Hebrew School teachers! Whatever you do in life, you are going to learn and teach: as a parent; in your professional life; in discussions about your community. Learning how to learn and learning how to teach are important skills. When you do that on your Bar Mitzvah, you will be teaching the adults as well as your friends. That’s a big deal, Noah! We consider you a “first level” adult that day.

JOSH ZWEIBAUM: Why are card games so much fun?

RABBI MARK: Why do you think?

JOSH ZWEIBAUM: Well, they’re not video, you can put them in your pocket, and it’s fun to play with your friends.

RABBI MARK: So there’s your answer. You can always play online, but objects can be cool, and being with friends is a great thing.

CALEB FREIHEIT: Why do we close doors?

RABBI MARK: That’s a good question, Caleb. We close our inside doors for privacy, sound, sometimes to keep the dog out of our room. We close our outside doors to keep the house warm, to keep dirt from blowing in, and so that people knock or ring to let us know when they want to come in. The rabbis said that we should open our doors to the hungry, but then close our doors at night to keep our family safe.



### **Pleasantville Community Synagogue Remembers: Yom HaShoah**

The Shoah Remembrance Day Service at Pleasantville Community Synagogue on Sunday, April 12, was a heartfelt observance, honoring the memory of six million Jews – including one and a half million children – who were systematically and ruthlessly murdered by the Nazis during World War II. During this day, in Israel, a siren sounds at 10 a.m., all activity stops, and people stand in honor of those who died. At PCS, we began our memorial with a moment of silence in remembrance of the Shoah.

Our service included the lighting of six candles (for the six million victims), emphasized by our reading testimonies and poems written by the victims, many discovered in hiding places in ghettos and concentration camps.

A gold star, brought to PCS by members Jan and Bernard Gordon, was displayed in the center of the six candles. This framed Jewish star was worn by Bernie's mother, Dyna Hersczkowicz, in Paris. She was in her twenties when she was forced to wear it during the early 1940s. Her younger sister, Marcelle, also wore the *Juif* star.





Rabbi Mark and Hebrew School students: “We now light six candles in memory of the six million. As we light these candles, we commit ourselves to be responsible for one another; to build on this earth a world that has no room for hatred, no place for violence. Together we pray for the strength to fulfill this mission.”



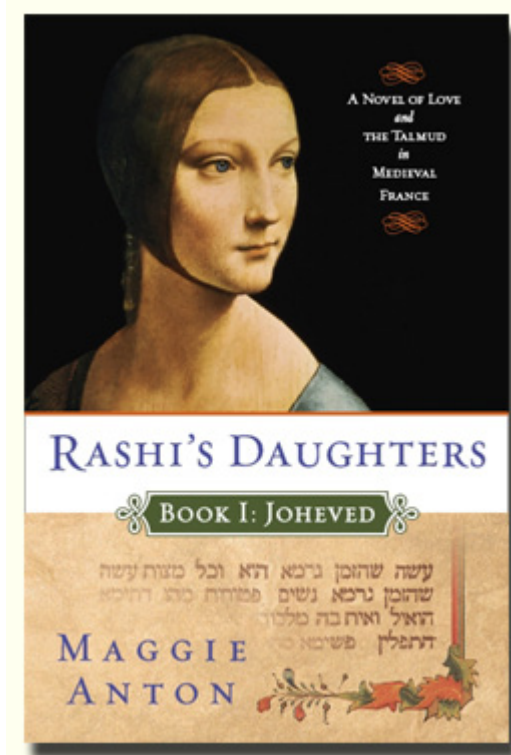
The original music of “Memorial Melodies,” composed by PCS member Peter Volgyes, gave prominence to the importance of remembering – and insuring – that such a tragedy never happens again. Gary Mayer’s clarinet renditions of these selections were very moving and made our awareness of the Holocaust even more meaningful.

*Photos and reporting by Estelle Rosen Kersh*

# From the PCS Bookworm... Eileen Jagoda

## *Rashi's Daughters: Book I - Joheved*

by Maggie Anton



Students of Jewish history are aware that medieval Spanish Jewry enjoyed a golden age for 500 years before the Inquisition. And even the Jews of Northern France had at least a silver age for nearly 200 years. The Jews' social status was high at that time. Jews were silversmiths, goldsmiths, winemakers, scholars, and traders. They traveled widely. It is in that time that our tale begins.

Welcome to France in the 11th century. Solomon ben Isaac is a brilliant traveling scholar, who in later years will be known as Rashi. He returns home to Troyes, France, to take over the family winemaking business. He has no sons but three daughters.

Joheved, the eldest, finds her mind and spirit awakened by religious study. It was, however, forbidden to teach girls Torah. When she becomes betrothed to Meir ben Samuel, she is forced to choose between marital happiness and her love of the Talmud. Her father continued to teach her in secret even though it was dangerous.

*As Maggie Anton's nest was emptying, she had more time to study her Jewish history. She became quite intrigued with Rashi and his family. This led to her beloved trio of works that has become so very popular. If you liked Joheved, consider Book II - Miriam and Book III - Rachel.*

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## **ON THE HORIZON AT PLEASANTVILLE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE...**

Many thanks to all who participated in the **PCS Vision Survey**; the Vision Committee received over 70 responses, representing approximately one third of all PCS member households. The input from this survey is invaluable and will be used to help the PCS Board of Trustees guide the congregation into the future, including setting priorities and supporting programming. At a Committee meeting on April 15 there was a general discussion and an overview and analysis of the facts and information garnered from the survey. Preliminary insights gathered from the survey have already been shared with the Board.

The next Vision Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 pm** to discuss next steps and to begin developing a full set of recommendations for integrating the insights from the survey into future PCS planning. The PCS Vision Committee expressed its appreciation for the community response to the survey and the thoughtful input that was provided. We are excited to be involved in this opportunity to take action to make our "PCS Vision" a reality as we move into the future. As we progress down the road, you can look for periodic reports from the Committee to the entire community in our newsletter.

Please feel free to e-mail Committee Chair Laurie Hirsch Schulz at [lhirschsulz@gmail.com](mailto:lhirschsulz@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

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The **Rosh Chodesh Group** event on **Wednesday, June 17, at 7:30 pm** will be a program about the month of Tammuz (June/July).

Tammuz is a time to mourn and also the time to read the story of Hannah in Samuel 1:1-2. According to the *Targum*, an early interpretive translation of the Torah into Aramaic, the song of Hannah is considered "one of the ten songs that encompass the history of the world...In the Scriptural sense, *shira* (song) represents the concept that people understand the harmony of creation." (Commentary in *The Chumash* (Stone Edition) at page 1235).

We will celebrate Rosh Chodesh Tammuz by reading Hannah's song and singing other songs.

Contact Group Chair Robin Berman: [awake.rob@gmail.com](mailto:awake.rob@gmail.com).

To learn more about the Rosh Chodesh Group event on **Wednesday, May 20**, please see page 15 of this issue.

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In our June issue, **PCS Bookworm**, Eileen Jagoda, will review *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean* by Edward Kritzer.

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The **PCS Newsletter** editors are requesting **photos taken in Israel** that include you and your family, from either past or current travels. Please send as an attachment via email to:

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# MAY 2015 YAHRZEITS

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# 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.

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**FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Building Fund**

To preserve the beauty and functionality of our physical plant, and to build reserves for future expansion.

**General Fund/Fair Share**

Helps to finance any need of the synagogue considered necessary by the Board of Trustees. All unspecified gifts are credited to the General Fund.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Supports various individuals, organizations, and/or programs at the discretion of the rabbi.

**Hebrew School Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships to children who would like to attend our Hebrew School and may not currently have the financial resources to do so.

**Yahrzeit Memorial Board Nameplate (\$360)**

A nameplate with the name and date of departed loved ones will be lit in their honor on the anniversary of their passing. Please contact the office for appropriate form.

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**Name and fund selected:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation in honor/memory of (please specify which):** \_\_\_\_\_

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# May 2015 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 7:15pm Yoga class	28 7:30pm Jewish Museum presentation on the infamous Dreyfus Affair	29	30	1 7:15pm Services Children's Service 7:33 pm - Candle lighting	2 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am ...
3	4 7:15pm Yoga class	5	6	7 4:00pm Ask the Rabbi, 5th grade ★ Lag B'Omer	8 7:15pm Services Children's Service 7:42 pm - Candle lighting	9 9:00am Morning Meditation; Family Education Shabbat service, 10 am Kita Hey Shabbaton ...
10	11 7:15pm Yoga class	12	13	14 Vision Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm	15 7:15pm Services 7:48 pm - Candle lighting	16 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am Parashat Behar-Bechukotaj..
17 ★ Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) Executive Board meeting, 7 pm Last day of Hebrew.	18 7:15pm Yoga class	19 Rosh Chodesh Sivan  Board of Trustees meeting, 7:30 pm	20 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh "flower talk" celebration	21	22 7:00pm Hebrew School Graduation! 7:15pm Services 7:54 pm - Candle...	23 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am ★ Erev Shavuot (Festival of Weeks).
24 ★ 9:00am Shavuot I service	25 ★ 9:00am Shavuot II service 7:15pm Yoga class Memorial Day 9:27 pm - Havdalah	26	27	28	29 7:15pm Services Children's Service 8:01 pm - Candle lighting	30 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am Parashat Nasso ...
31 Israel Day Parade in NYC  Executive Board...	1 7:15pm Yoga class	2  Board of Trustees meeting, 7:30 pm	3	4	5 7:15pm Services Children's Service 8:06 pm - Candle lighting	6 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am Parashat Beha'alotcha ...

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