



## THE RABBI'S COLUMN: OVERHEARD IN A COFFEE SHOP

**By Mark Sameth**

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Sometimes you learn a lot by being a fly on the wall.

I was seated in a coffee shop last month - one morning between Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur - and I couldn't help overhearing an elderly woman explaining to her companion the difference between the ways her church approaches fasting, and the Jewish approach to fasting. "We fast, and then we celebrate," she said. "The Jews celebrate, and then they fast!"

I couldn't fault her for seeing it that way - indeed that's the way most Jews think about the Jewish holidays! But as I've written before, that's not exactly the way our tradition intended it. The Jewish tradition actually established Rosh Hashanna as the initiatory holiday of the season, followed by the fast day of Yom Kippur, all of which was meant to prepare us for the major fall harvest festival of Sukkot, a joyous, celebratory event culminating with the final holiday of Shemini Atzeret - the Eighth Day Wrap-Up Holiday - on which is also celebrated Simchat Torah - the Joy of the Torah.

As meaningful as the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur are, we get a skewed view of the tradition unless we follow the holiday cycle to its conclusion. And I hope you'll join us for that this year!

It all began with our Sukkot services, on Monday October 1 and Tuesday October 2 at 8 am. If you've not been to a Sukkot service you're really missing something. We paraded around the sanctuary with palm fronds and other species, and the holiday looks for all the world like an ancient Summerian fertility rite (on which, by the way, it was in part based). We return again on Monday October 8 at 8 am (Columbus Day - you may already have the day off!) for Shemini Atzeret. Monday night October 8 at 6 pm is the beginning of Simchat Torah (until about 7:30 or 8:00 pm, so bring the kids). And then we wrap it all up on Tuesday the 9th at 8 am with the final reading from the Torah, followed immediately by the first reading of the year. (See more on this and on our two honorees starting on page 5).

I hope you'll be with us to experience the full arc of the joyous holiday season!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As we move beyond Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur, and into the Fall festival of Succot, as well as the holidays of Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, our thoughts turn to continuity and tradition.

If it's true that we all stand on the shoulders of our ancestors who preceded us, then it also follows that we all share in the responsibility of maintaining, protecting and nurturing the uncommon history and heritage that has been handed down to us.

I was recently overseas on business, when a colleague (who happens to be of a different faith) made an interesting observation. He told me, "The Jewish people are truly unique with much to be proud of. You represent less than 1% of the world's population, but probably 80% of the world's best doctors and medical advances, and 85% of the most brilliant legal minds and global business leaders."

Albeit his numbers were embellished a bit to make his

point, his core message is correct. We do have much to be very proud of.

Has any group or culture been responsible for a higher percentage of significant contributions to the world, covering myriad disciplines and professions, with a smaller percentage of the world's population?

This is especially impressive when one considers that we lost one-third of our people during the Holocaust.

Here at PCS, we may be a smaller community, but we have never been short of talented and extraordinarily dedicated individuals.

The three basic tenets of any synagogue (or house of worship of any faith for that matter), have always been, and continue to be, a necessary staple for success, growth and stability. Our predecessors and us still have the same requirements for synagogue life, the 3 D's: Doers, Daveners and Donators.

In a community of our size, by necessity we place more of a premium on participation.

If we can "Do" and make a contribution with our own individual skill sets, knowledge and time, the community needs it. If we choose to dedicate our participatory efforts, understanding and time to "Prayer," the community needs that.

And, if Hashem has provided us with a little more than we may require with respect to material wealth and sustenance, and we can share that blessing with our shul and community in order for it to thrive and grow, then our community needs "Donators" as well.

Whatever our abilities and station in life are, please make a conscious decision to dedicate and share those blessings with our synagogue community. They are needed and invaluable assets to PCS. Chag Sameach to everyone!

— Jerry Neuburger

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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.



## **HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**By Ronni Metzger, Principal**

**This year started off with a blast! Literally. The students had the opportunity to touch, smell and attempt to blow the shofar! This hands-on activity not only brought this ancient custom to light, but also informed the students of how difficult it is to create a single sound from the ram's horn. A new respect was found for the person who has to produce 100 blasts of the shofar on Rosh Hashanna.**

**The first day of school was also an Open House. Several prospective families came and observed the Hebrew School. A few of the children participated in some of the class activities. I am hopeful that we will have some new faces here at PCS.**

**We have been trying to take advantage of the beautiful weather and had a few lessons outside. We even conducted a short prayer service outside, with wonderful participation of the staff and students.**

**We are excited about the activities planned for October (please mark your calendars):**

**Thursday, October 4, 2012, the students will have an opportunity to have music and snack in the Sukkah!**

**(Sunday, October 7, 2012 NO CLASS)**

**Sunday, October 14, 2012, 9:00 am, all are welcome to come help take down the Sukkah!**

**Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7th grade bar mitzvah meeting with the parents in the evening. Watch for more information to come.**

**Sunday October 21, 2012, we will be making Challah with the Vav class, parents are encouraged to come and join the fun.**

**Thursday, October 25, 2012, Israeli Soldiers will visit the Hebrew School to share their stories and talk about Israel!**

**Friday, October 26, 2012, come to PCS for services and a special Shabbat dinner with an Israeli soldier!**

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# SIMCHAT TORAH, 5773!

**On Simchat Torah we conclude the reading of the Torah for the past year, roll it back, and begin the reading of the Torah for the New Year. It is a special honor to be called to read the last section (from Deuteronomy) and the first section (from Genesis). Please join us for this special celebration. The party – and it is a party! - begins Monday night October 8 at 6 pm. Guaranteed joyous fun for children and adults! Then come back Tuesday morning, October 9 at 8 am, for the last and first readings of the year. Our honorees this year are Michael Gold and Richie Levine.**

## MICHAEL GOLD, CHATTAN TORAH

*Michael Gold is a long-time member of Pleasantville Community Synagogue. Michael has distinguished himself in our community as the Chair of our Social Action Committee, the head of our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive, and as the founder of Under One Roof, a collaborative charitable initiative of the Upper Westchester Muslim Society and Pleasantville Community Synagogue. Michael was honored earlier this year for his work by the Westchester Jewish Council, which awarded him the Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award. It is a joy to honor Michael this year as our Chattan Torah.*



Michael and his wife Helen are the proud parents of Ruthie, a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, and Aaron, a freshman at George Washington University. Helen is an attorney with the Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Division where she represents abused and neglected children. She performs this most difficult task diligently, professionally and successfully. Michael, a former federal prosecutor, is a practicing criminal defense attorney in Manhattan.

Michael was raised with his two sisters, Caralee and Wendy, in Brooklyn, New York. His mother, Ronnie, was the national President of Pioneer Women, who worked tirelessly to ensure Israel's very existence. His father, Eugene, inspired by Michael's mom, became an international leader who negotiated the release of thousands of Soviet Jews. Michael inherited their passion for Jewish and social causes.

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## SIMCHAT TORAH, CONTINUED

As a young adult, Michael was a national leader in the anti-Viet Nam war movement and was a principal coordinator of the student strike against the war. He organized and led protests throughout the Boston area and was one of the national spokesmen, appearing on radio and television to advance the cause. Upon graduating Brandeis University, he joined the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry where he was one of three coordinators for New York City and orchestrated community action designed to contact and encourage the Soviet Jewish population, while pressuring the government for their release. In 1973, he went to the Soviet Union, met with many Jewish "refuseniks" and broadcast their stories upon his return in his speeches and activities throughout the metropolitan area on their behalf. He met with visiting Soviet dignitaries and was one of many voices who ultimately succeeded in forcing the Iron Curtain to yield and permit Jews to emigrate. During the Yom Kippur war, Michael went to the front lines, military hospitals and, upon his return to the US, spoke to many NY and NJ synagogues to highlight Israel's specific and desperate needs.

In 2001, Michael and his family became members of the Pleasantville Community Synagogue. Michael joined the Social Action Committee and became its chairman more than 10 years ago. He, along with his committee, has spearheaded countless food and clothing drives to aid day laborers, the interfaith food pantry, elderly Jews and the men's shelter. He has devoted enormous energy on behalf of the women's shelter where he has babysat, helped paint the shelter and cooked, and is in constant contact to arrange ongoing assistance. He has raised money for orphaned and destitute Israeli children and sold paintings created by severely disabled Israeli artists so they could continue their flight from ravaged bodies and soar on canvas. For 5 years, he and his committee supervised the synagogue's financial pledge to an Israeli victim of terrorism. His latest endeavor has reached beyond purely Jewish affairs and embraced the Upper Westchester Muslim Society with whom he has formed *Under One Roof*, to help promote community dialogue, while jointly supporting humanitarian projects. This collaborative effort has resulted in significant fundraising for several local and global projects and he looks forward to further charitable work and social gatherings between our communities.

## **RICHARD LEVINE, CHATTAN BEREISHIT**

*Richie Levine is a long-time member of Pleasantville Community Synagogue. His involvements here at PCS are many; he is the Chair of our Building Committee; he has an active role in governance as a member of the Board of Trustees; and he is a regular participant at Shabbat and holiday services, including being a member of our Torah Readers' Circle. It is a joy to honor Richie this year as our Chattan Bereishit.*

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## SIMCHAT TORAH, CONTINUED



I am a product of 4th generation American Conservative Judaism and from parents who were non-observant of the Jewish religion. I myself was not involved with Judaism after my Bar Mitzvah. My wife Lilly is of Italian- American descent (half Sicilian and half Calabrese) and was non- observant of the Catholic religion after confirmation. At the time of our marriage we decided to raise a family of the Jewish religion and were married by a rabbi.

Our family was a member of the JCC and our children Jessica and Robert were at the JCC at the early ages of 3 years for pre-school. When the children were 6 and 5 years old respectively my lovely wife Lilly stated that “these kids need some kind of religion and if you don’t bring them to a temple I am going to bring them to a church.” So, as a member of the JCC I asked “I need a temple quick. Can you refer me to a local temple?” Their response to me was that there is a temple called Pleasantville Community Synagogue that holds their High Holiday services at the JCC and they are located on Bedford Road here in town. I immediately began to scout out the location of this temple for immediate membership.

Once I located this church-looking building completely surrounded by residential single family homes I spoke to a synagogue member who had been volunteering to do outdoor plantings. I addressed her with the fear that maybe the synagogue would not accept my membership. I actually received more than I bargained for. This lovely congregant responded to me with “hey, if you can’t make it here you’ll never make it anywhere else.” I was shocked, then I was relieved and finally I was pretty excited.

Our family attended our first service on a sweltering Friday night July 4th weekend in 2005. We met Rabbi Mark and Malcolm Netburn, we sang and even danced. It was a beautiful night and we really enjoyed ourselves. As time went on we continued to go to services every Friday night together and I went on Saturdays alone. I made a commitment to my wife and my children that I would stand by them every step of the way and that I would be directly involved with their temple life and the people of the temple for the duration of our membership. Although the kids have passed Bar and Bat Mitzvah ages, we continue involvement to this day.

Although it is an honor to share this Simchat Torah, I would like to express my gratitude for the beautiful temple, Rabbi Mark, the people of the synagogue and everything that my family has been afforded by our involvement with temple life at Pleasantville Community Synagogue.

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# PCSers Speak

- By Evan Kingsley, Trustee

This year on first day Rosh Hashanna, Rabbi Mark called groups to the bimah, as is the PCS custom, recognizing the many ways that we members are engaged with synagogue and with community. From individual to communal, from spiritual to physical, from episodic to serial, there are so many, many ways.

Though we're only about 150 families strong at PCS, the bimah was beyond filled this Rosh Hashanna for every Torah aliyah. It seemed as though well more than half of us present in our JCC "sanctuary" took a turn chanting the blessings before a Torah reading with our fellow congregants, each engaged in their own way. That's because PCS has so many "ways in" and so many modes of engagement.

And yet, as a congregation, we struggle each year to meet our membership and financial goals. Maybe it's because we don't make it easy. We make ourselves work for the reward of engagement.

Anyone who has attended a lecture by Dr. Sarah Tauber; stayed up for one of Rabbi Mark's late-night study sessions; danced around the synagogue on Shabbat evening; renovated the bathrooms; joined with our Muslim neighbors to break bread; or planned the annual Purim Shpiel over glasses of wine... anyone who has made the effort to be an active participant in just one of the myriad offerings at PCS each year knows the walk up to the bimah at Rosh Hashanna is a small part of the reward.

I grew up in a congregation many times the size of PCS but without quite the breadth of opportunity for engagement. Maybe the need was less acute; Jews in the 1960s and 1970s suburbia felt a stronger need to join a synagogue as both obligation and necessity. There was obligation to support the Jewish community within the still-visible shadow of the Holocaust. There was a need to identify with the Jewish community in the context of the active threats to Israel's existence. And there was a desire (or so it seemed) to join a synagogue for social and business relations. It is what you did.

But many of us feel we're beyond that need, we suburban Jews, where relationships now easily glide across religious, professional and cultural sectors; where interfaith families rival same-faith families in number and thereby fluidly extend our social fabric; where we've largely reached a level of cultural comfort as a generation far removed from the threats that Jews, as Jews, once felt.

PCS offers many "ways in" because each of us experiences our need for a Jewish connection in complex and perhaps less pressing ways.

But it feels really good to stand on the bimah at Rosh Hashanna as someone connected to PCS in one of those myriad ways. As someone who has done it, I encourage you to try it in 5773.



## B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECTS

By Jeremy Stone

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I helped an organization called the Pinwheel Project. The Pinwheel Project is a non-profit charity that provides assistance to families with a child in the hospital. The Pinwheel project is currently helping 14 hospitals throughout New York, one in Miami, and the Ronald McDonald Houses in New York City and Westchester. I am choosing to help raise money for meal vouchers. Meal vouchers are provided to families of the sick children who cannot afford to purchase food at the hospital. The money I raise will help provide food vouchers to for the families of children at Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Center in Brooklyn, New York.

To date, I helped raise over \$1,000, which is enough to feed families with children in the hospital for over a month. I chose to raise money for meal vouchers because I am helping kids that are less fortunate than me and can't even afford to have a lunch every day.



## UNDER ONE ROOF

Under One Roof, a collaborative charitable relief organization comprised of members of the Pleasantville Community Synagogue and Muslims from Westchester, is angered, saddened and repulsed by the recent outrage of religious bigotry and wanton violence that continues to leave death and destruction in its wake. Whether in the form of an amateur video or political cartoon, there is simply no room or reason for insulting millions of religious adherents, be they Muslim, Jew, Christian or any other denomination. However, these hurtful words can never be a justification for the deliberate and calculated killing of innocents under any circumstances. Those that burn religious books or release defamatory literature or other offensive materials must be denounced for the ignorance and bigotry they represent. But they can never be an excuse to unleash waves of reckless attacks half a globe away against people who likely equally disapprove of the bilious message. The Talmud and the Quran agree that the murder of one innocent person is like killing the world. We mourn the loss of life and pray that words and actions enhance our ability to live together rather than constantly pull us apart.

- Michael Gold, Chairman: PCS Social Action Committee

# Bar Mitzvah on Masada: A Fantastic Accomplishment

By Seth Greenwald

As soon as we entered the baggage claim area of Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, I knew everything would be fine. Up until that point uncertainty and fear were ever present in the back of my mind. The airport was well lit, nicely designed and very clean. And what of the numerous armed soldiers lined up in plain sight situated in all the right strategic places? Well to be honest, there were none; it was just my imagination on heightened alert again.

Israel has left an indelible impression on me and my family. Our little contingent included my wife, son, mother and brother-in-law. On the bus most mornings at 8 am, we didn't get back to our hotel until 6 pm. There was just too much to see and do for us to enjoy any appreciable downtime. The country is not much larger than New Jersey but contains the history of the world. This was more than a vacation. It was an education.

On the bus on our way to Masada, the tour guide indicated that the hill on our right was where David slew Goliath. "Wasn't that just another Bible story?" asked a fellow tourist. The guide explained that there is significant archeological evidence indicating that this very hill was where the battle had occurred more than 3,000 years ago. Immediately, my mind raced back to the past imagining myself sitting on the hill watching this momentous fight. So long ago, so alive.

Moving alongside the Dead Sea I noticed that there were salt deposits quite a distance away from the water's edge. The guide first told us that this was the lowest point on Earth. Then she exclaimed that in fifty years time the Dead Sea may disappear completely. How could this be? This historic body of water has existed since the beginning of time. Now man is draining its precious contents in record quantities for his own gain. Surely we are a sad species if we allow this horrific event to happen.

The cable car ride up Masada was packed. Our tour guide gave us the option of hiking up the mountain, but surprisingly the 105 degree heat scared away most of us. From the top we could see the Dead Sea and beyond that, Jordan. Not a cloud in the sky. My 71- year- old mother was wilting in the heat. Thoughtfully the open air bimah was equipped with an overhead screen blocking out most of the direct sunlight. My mom and I gave out a collective sigh of relief.



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When pride collides with history you know it will be a good day. Listening to my only son recite his parsha on top of Masada is an experience indelibly etched in my mind. I am an avid photographer. Constantly looking at life through the lens of a camera. When I put down the camera in order to focus on the sights and sounds of the moment, I knew this day was very special. Looking around at my family with damp eyes I understood how lucky I was to be here. There's something about thousands of years of history that puts a life in perspective.

At that moment, I felt a sense of accomplishment like never before. We planned this trip for over a year. (Truth: we would never have made it here without my wife's tireless efforts.) We travelled over 5,000 miles. Suffered near heat stroke. And now my son had written himself into the book of the Jewish people. Incredible. Grand open vistas have a way of making us feel small. On this day, my family and I were the biggest people in the world.



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Melvin Lessner, Father of Jan Gordon	October 2
Morris Berenbaum, Uncle of Helen Harrison	October 5
David Silverberg, Father of Galia Silverberg	October 7
Sandy Karmen, Mother of Abbe Karmen	October 9
Dyna Gordon, Mother of Bernard Gordon	October 9
Nathan Bergenfeld, Father of Andrea Orlander	October 11
Janete Collins, Mother of Beth Manners	October 12
Hinda Berenbaum, Grandmother of Helen Harrison	October 17
Rhoda Scherer, Mother of Susan Scherer	October 19
Harold Faust, Father of Barry Faust	October 20
Henry Elkin, Father of Eve Marie Schaffer	October 20
Arnold Reisman, Father of David Reisman	October 20
Florence Fuchs, Sister of Audrey Lenoff	October 20
Rose Dulberg, Grandmother of Lisa Lipkin	October 21
Ruth Goldberg, Mother of Eric Goldberg	October 21
Esther Levine, Mother of Susan Netburn	October 22
Irwin Rutman, Father of Seth Rutman	October 26
Warren Singer, Stepbrother of Sharon Friedman	October 29



**To All PCS Members:**

**If you or another member suffer personal tragedy or loss or are otherwise in need of help, please immediately call Rabbi Mark at 769-2672, and Michael Gold at 238-9219.**

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The PCS Newsletter is published monthly, online, from September through June, and it is emailed to every member family as well as to prospective members and some Jewish organizations.

If you provide professional or business services in the area, the PCS newsletter might provide some extra, valuable visibility. To arrange for your ad to appear in the newsletter, here's what you need to know:

**\* Deadlines:**

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The Westchester Jewish Council is busy planning the 2012-2013 year and we already have many exciting events planned for the community. Please put these dates on your synagogue/organization calendar. We will send out more information to include in your bulletins as the dates get closer.

Saturday, November 17, 2012

Night of Jewish Music and Joy held at Temple Israel Center of White Plains - This event is co-sponsored by Kol Hazzanim, the Cantors of Westchester and UJA-Federation of New York.

Saturday, February 9, 2013

Westchester Jewish Council's 37th Annual Gala honoring our President Ron Burton. This event will include a concert by singer/songwriter David Broza.

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Westchester Jewish Council's 37th Annual Meeting and Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony honoring 18 deserving community leaders from our member organizations.

Sunday, June 2, 2013 (TENTATIVE)

Celebrate Israel Parade

## PCS COMMITTEE CHAIRS

All the Committees of The Pleasantville Community Synagogue are eager for your participation and suggestions. If you'd like to get more involved in the life of the PCS community, this is the way to begin! Below are the names of the committees, their chairs, and contact information.

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## General Fund

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## Building Fund

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

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## October 2012 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Help put up the PCS Sukkah! 9 am</p> <p> Erev Sukkot</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p> <p>Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 6 pm *</p> <p>6:20pm-6:38pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Sukkot I - Services 8 am</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Sukkot II - Services 8 am</p> <p>7:47pm-7:48pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Sukkot III (CH"M)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Sukkot IV (CH"M)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Sukkot V (CH"M)</p> <p>6:12pm-6:30pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Sukkot VI (CH"M)</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah - Samuel Cohen Angove</p> <p>7:40am-7:41am - ...</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Sukkot VII</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p> <p>6:09pm-6:27pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p> Shmini Azeret -Services at 8 am</p> <p>Simchat Torah celebration and services - 6 pm</p> <p>NO YOGA CLASS</p> <p>...</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p> Simchat Torah - Services 8 am</p> <p>7:36pm-7:37pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Board meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Shabbat dinner</p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>PCS House Band</p> <p>6:01pm-6:19pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah - Jayson Calvi</p> <p>Parashat Bereshit</p> <p>7:29pm-7:30pm - Havdalah (72 min) ...</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Kita Zayin, 11 am</p> <p>Hebrew High School/Rabbi's Comparative Religion Class, 11:30 am</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Rosh Chodesh event, 7 pm</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>High Holiday Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Life Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7th grade parents' meeting, 7 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>PCS House Band</p> <p>5:50pm-6:08pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am</p> <p>Family Education</p> <p>Shabbat 10 am</p> <p>Parashat Noach</p> <p>7:19pm-7:20pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Tzahal Shalom, Oct. 21-31</p> <p>Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 6 pm *</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Evening with Israeli soldier</p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>5:40pm-5:58pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Lech-Lecha</p> <p>7:09pm-7:10pm - Havdalah (72 min) ...</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Kita Zayin, 11 am</p> <p>Hebrew High School/Rabbi's Comparative Religion Class, 11:30 am</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>PCS House Band</p> <p>5:31pm-5:49pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Vayera</p> <p>7:00pm-7:01pm - Havdalah (72 min) ...</p>

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**We need your help!**  
**COME DO A MITZVAH ...**  
**AND HAVE FUN!**



If you missed helping to put up the Sukkah  
please come help take it down at PCS on  
**Sunday, October 14, at 9 am.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- Monday October 1: Sukkot services, 8 am*
- Tuesday October 2: Sukkot services, 8 am*
- Monday October 8: Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor services, 8 am*
- Monday, October 8: Simchat Torah services and celebration, 6pm*
- Tuesday October 9: Simchat Torah services, 8 am*
- Wednesday October 10: Introduction to Judaism at the JCC, 7:30 pm*
- Saturday October 20: Family Education Shabbat, 10 am*
- Saturday October 27: Phil Paris returns to PCS! Shabbat Service, 9:30 am*

