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The Rabbi's Column: Jewish Time by Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan



We all know that Jews have a special relationship to time. I know what you're thinking: 15 minutes late to everything! But there is much more to it than that. Shabbat, the Days of Awe—this season of Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur—the festivals and the life cycle passages: For two thousand years, our religion has focused primarily on holiness in time.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was one of the greatest rabbis of the past century, a scholar, theologian and social activist. Heschel wrote in his landmark book, *The Sabbath*, that we Jews are architects of time. For Jews, each day and each hour has its own sacred texture and mood. The Sabbath, Friday evening until Saturday night, is our temporal sanctuary, our island in time if you will, a day devoted to the spirit.

While other religions built giant monuments and cathedrals, Jews built their sanctuaries in time. As Heschel wrote, "The Sabbaths are our great cathedrals; and our Holy of Holies is a shrine that neither the Romans nor the Germans were able to burn; a shrine that even apostasy cannot easily obliterate: the Day of Atonement...."

"Jewish ritual," according to Heschel, "may be characterized as the art of significant forms in time, as architecture of time. Most of [our] observances... depend on a certain hour of the day or season of the year. It is, for example, the evening, morning or afternoon that brings with it the call to prayer. The main themes of faith lie in the realm of time. We remember the day of the exodus from Egypt, the day when Israel stood at Sinai; and our Messianic hope is the expectation of a day, of the end of days." The first thing that God declares holy in the Torah is a day: Shabbat.

There are two Jewish approaches to time. Some say that Jews gifted the world with the very idea of *linear* time, with the hope of a better tomorrow. But others hold that the genius of Judaism is in the sacred *cycles* of natural time. One viewpoint sees time as a line stretching forward into the future, the other sees it as an eternal circle, the seasons going 'round and 'round.

The linear view of time emphasizes Judaism's passion for social justice and for making the future brighter than the past. Rosh Hashanah is all about new beginnings, about improving ourselves and our world in the year ahead. True, our festivals often seem to dwell on memories of the past. But the reason that we Jews put so much emphasis on remembering our past is in order to create a better future.

According to a second opinion, Judaism finds the sanctity of time not in linear progress but rather in sacred cycles. This position is best articulated by Rabbi Arthur Waskow, founder of the Shalom Center (<https://theshalomcenter.org/>) and a leader in the Jewish Renewal movement. According to Waskow, the shape of Jewish time is not a line at all, but round, like a circle dance. The sacred cycles of the year are tied to nature and the earth, to the phases of the moon and the textures of the seasons. To

save our planet, Waskow asserts, we must stop our obsession with mere material progress and return to an appreciation of our ancient connection to the seasons and the earth.

I think it is a case of "both and." Rabbi Michael Strassfeld combined the two paradigms by describing Jewish time as a kind of rising helix, like the spiral ramp at the Guggenheim Museum. Time is both linear and cyclical. We keep returning to the same lessons with the seasons of each year, but each year we do it from a new vantage point that allows us a larger perspective.

We are all so busy today, with our ever-shortening attention spans pulled a million different directions by our ubiquitous technology and media, we may feel we are just too busy to take any quality time for our community. But making that sacred time on Shabbat, festivals and other gatherings will energize us for all the other things that occupy our lives all week.

The Kotzker Rebbe once asked his followers, "Where is God?" They laughed, and said, "Of course God is everywhere," until the Rebbe said, "God is wherever we let God in." But I'm told that what he actually said was, "God is *whenever* we let God in," that we have to make time in our days and weeks for our spirit, or there will be no room in our lives for God, for spirit, for learning and connecting.

I pray that as we embark on this New Year, we will all make time in our lives, time to contemplate, to live and to love. Please join us as we create sacred time this holiday season and beyond.

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HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

by Galit Sperling, Principal

We've had a great beginning to the Hebrew School year at PCS, welcoming back our returning students, and greeting new faces as well! The High Holidays are almost here and our students prepared by practicing blowing the shofar, singing holiday songs, dipping apples in honey and exploring how they will grow in the new year. While we prepare for the festivities of Rosh Hashana, it is also important to take the time to reflect: What is our relationship with God, as individuals, as a class in Hebrew School and as a larger community? How will we continue to practice our Jewish values, to do acts of loving kindness (*chesed*), spread good will and help to repair the world (*tikkun olam*)? We teach our children about doing good deeds, and that we are in fact commanded by God to do mitzvot and help others. As we reflect during the month of Elul, and learn in class about the history of the Jewish people, about Torah and Israel, we promise to continue improving ourselves, taking responsibility for our actions, and nurturing the world around us.

We look forward to celebrating the upcoming holidays with our families and community. Wishing you all a happy and sweet New Year! *Shana Tova u'Metuka!*

Upcoming Hebrew School Dates:

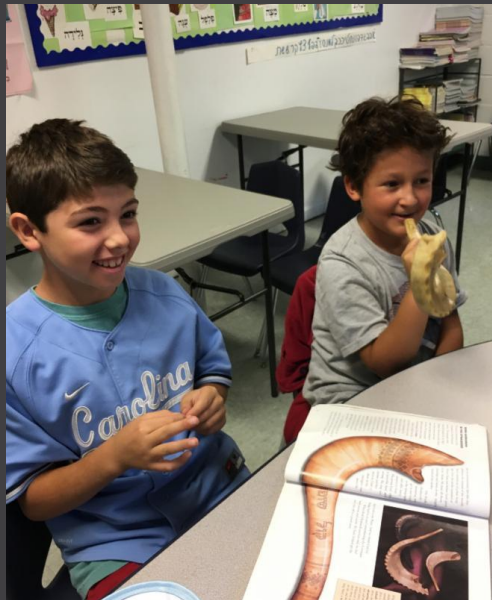
Hope to see you all at High Holiday services!

Sunday, October 2: No Classes (Rosh Hashanah)

Sunday, October 9: No Classes (Columbus Day weekend)

Monday, October 24: Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday, October 28: B'nei Mitzvah (Seventh grade) Class Dinner & Shabbaton



Practicing blowing the Shofar for
Rosh Hashana



Hebrew School looks like fun!

David Terzuoli's Mitzvah Project

For my mitzvah project, I completed three full days for a total of 24 hours volunteering at Clarence Fahnestock State Park in Putnam Valley. With the assistance of trail maintenance volunteers, I helped improve trails for hiking, biking and running. I learned to identify and root out invasive species, contributing to the overall health and well-being of the park by pulling weeds and harmful plants, cutting back encroaching vegetation and clearing blocked sections of trail. I also participated in the maintenance of the beach area of the park. This experience helped me learn the importance of contributing to the health and preservation of our precious environment. The simple act of not littering goes a long way in protecting our environment!



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**You read about
Ethan Spanierman's
Mitzvah Project
in our September issue, and
here's a photo of Ethan
hard at work at the
Westchester Food Bank!**



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Before I wrote this president's message, I reviewed previous messages for themes and ideas. I also reviewed the calendars, from prior months and future months. And I noticed a theme: We are very busy with some fabulous and amazing programming, and we have a dedicated board and committee members that work hard to ensure the viability of PCS. But as I look to the future, I am realizing that even though we have been communicating with our membership quite well, the community outside of PCS seems not to be aware of all the wonderful opportunities available at PCS.



I am certainly not a marketing expert, but there needs to be a way for the Pleasantville community (and surrounding towns) to learn about us. As a start, the Board has increased their social media postings on both our individual Facebook pages as well as community pages. If all our members "liked" the PCS Facebook page and then "shared" all posts, we would expand our reach greatly. We have created a group on MeetUp.com, "Joyful Judaism," which will list our event calendar. Please go to Meetup.com and join this group. The more members in the group, the more credible and attractive it becomes. And, of course, the best way for our friends and neighbors to learn about PCS is by word of mouth. You never know when someone is looking for a synagogue. Beyond all our individual efforts, we can also use some professional help. If anyone in our community has experience in marketing, communications or graphic design, we can certainly use your assistance. Even if you don't have an expertise but are interested and have ideas, we welcome your input.

Without new interest, without new members, we cannot sustain and grow. We will not be able to continue being a full-service synagogue with the advantages of a small intimate membership. Besides our joyous, uplifting Shabbat services with musical accompaniment, we have so much to offer, from adult education classes, special needs services (SNAP) and Tot Shabbat to special programs like Special Envoy Ira Forman from the State Department and scholars in residence, Rabbi Jonathan Porath and Danny Siegel. Help us reach the undecided and unaffiliated. Invite friends to join you at High Holiday services or at any of the events on our calendar.

As we approach the New Year, I hope that this year will be a healthy and prosperous one, both for our congregants and for PCS.

L'Shana Tova,
Amy Gutenplan

Intimacy: Personal Relationships

Our intimate relationships with our partners, with our children and with our parents matter not only to us but also to our greater community and to the world. How we relate, how we love and how we evolve as we move through our daily routines radiates out far beyond our everyday awareness. Most of us assume that what happens in the privacy of our homes or in our bedrooms simply stays there, hidden and inaccessible. Not true! A simple example is the surprise we often feel when our children reveal their knowledge of the conflicts and disagreements between their parents, even when the doors are closed and we speak in hushed tones. But it goes much further than this; we wear our feelings and attitudes in our faces, in our postures and in the way we speak out in the larger society. And it isn't just our children who sense this. After all, we too were once children and we are still carrying the history of our early lives, of our parents' and grandparents' lives, ingrained in our thought modes and habits. So what we assumed was private is actually quite visible, even when we don't consciously connect the dots.

The foremost danger to true intimacy, to the electrical energy we felt when we first fell in love, is habit. I'm not talking about useful habits we learn early on that serve us practically and that are essential. I'm referring to habits of thought, habits of discourse and habits of disconnecting whenever something unpleasant arises. As human beings we are inherently creative; we find new pathways every day, whether it is in language, in thought or in action. But we often limit or deny that creativity by reverting to our comfort zone, to what we know well, to what we have said or done before. In a relationship this leads to taking each other for granted, not sharing how we really feel and not daring to challenge each other. It means moving out of our comfort zone into unknown territory, becoming explorers in ourselves and of each other. We speak of making a *tikkun*, of repairing our lives or our community, but the true meaning is the re-forming of

something that has been rendered stale or broken. It is the willingness to go back to square one and make it new again. In a relationship we choose to let go of our history with each other, acknowledging what was, but making the decision not to either resurrect or repeat it. We make ourselves present to each other, sitting on the edge of anticipation with no other thought than to fully hear and understand.

This leads us to the other essential element in creating intimacy, already implied in the letting go of habit, which is deep communication. Most of us are comfortable talking about things, chatting or reminiscing, bring up subjects outside of ourselves. What I'm suggesting is speaking from a place inside of us, speaking our real feelings in the moment. It can be as simple as saying, "I'm sad; I'm worried." This changes the dynamic; it invites our partner to hear our words and to respond in kind. With no other referent outside, it becomes truly intimate. The sad truth is that we all yearn for this exchange of feeling, but deny ourselves, either out of old habit or the fear of being rejected at the moment. What we lose is more than the experience of the moment; it is the witnessing of our own and the other's *neshama*. As the poet/priest John O'Donohue writes:

"Real intimacy is a sacred experience...
(It) is of the soul,
and the soul is reserved."

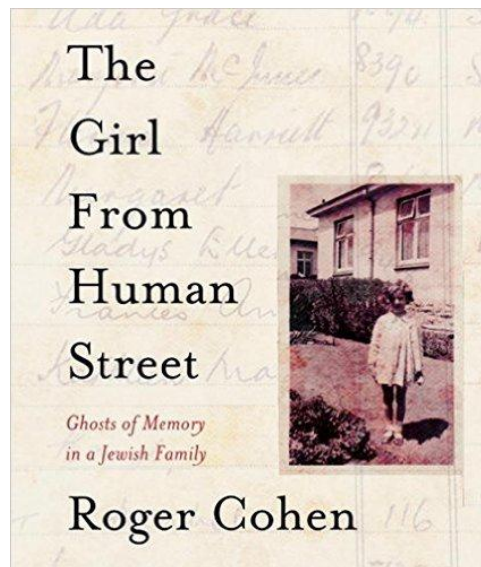
-Peter Schaffer

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From the PCS Bookworm... Eileen Jagoda

***The Girl from Human Street:
Ghosts of Memory in a Jewish Family***

by Roger Cohen



In this memoir of displacement, prejudice, hope, despair and love, *New York Times* columnist Roger Cohen turns his considerable talents to a tale of his own legacy.

Cohen traces his family's fascinating history from the 19th century through the present day. He has carefully researched four generations of wandering, from pre-Shoah Lithuania and apartheid South Africa, to England and the USA. Cohen's recall as a child in South Africa is astonishing. Even in the fifties, there was a vibrant, thriving Jewish community in Johannesburg. The chronicle focuses a good deal on Cohen's mother, June Adler, and her many struggles. When the family moved to England, she mainly felt displaced: a transplant that did not take. For the rest of her life she was ill with various degrees of bipolar disorder, which she struggled to overcome. The Cohen family today has many branches scattered across the U.S., England, South Africa and Israel.

Roger Cohen is a columnist for The New York Times. He became the Times acting foreign editor on 9/11 and foreign editor shortly thereafter. Cohen is also the author of several books. He lives in New York City.

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In our November issue, [the PCS Bookworm](#), Eileen Jagoda, will review *The Orchestra of Exiles* by Josh Aronson and Denise George, the story of Bronislaw Huberman, the Israel Philharmonic and the 1,000 Jews Huberman saved from the Nazis.

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10Q

Combine the wisdom of the ancient *Heshbon Hanefesh* (accounting of the soul) with modern technology. Go to <http://www.doyou10q.com/> and sign up. Each day from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur you answer a big question about your life, which is then sealed away in the "vault" and shared with you again next year. It's a great experience to help gain perspective on your life.

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HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help set up, serve and clean up

When: Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Oct. 2,
approx. 8:30-9:30 pm

First day of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, Oct. 3,
approx. 11 am-2 pm

Yom Kippur Break Fast, Wednesday, Oct. 12,
approx. 4:30-7:30 pm

Where: First Congregational Church in Chappaqua,
210 Orchard Ridge Road

*This is a GREAT way to meet other congregants, do
a vital mitzvah and have fun! It's also a great way for
PCS teens to get community service hours!*

Can you help?

Please contact Robin Berman at awake.robin@gmail.com

or Marcy Gray at 914-769-2672 or mgray@shalompcs.com

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In the Image: Rabbi Julie's High Holy Day Sermons

Rosh Hashana Eve Story:

"The Rebbe's Face" (from Rabbi Naomi Steinberg)

Erev Rosh Hashana: "To Be a Jew Is to Be a Dreamer" - Let's dream and envision our PCS community's future.

Rosh Hashana (first day): "Stamped with the Image" -What is the deep power of "creation in the image of God" at this crucial moment of our nation's history?

Rosh Hashana (second day): "The Other Side of the Coin: A Dialogue with Professor Sarah Tauber and Rabbi Julie" - Human beings are made in the "image of God." That's great when we think of a loving, forgiving God. But how do we make sense of that when the Bible also shows us violent or vengeful images of the divine?

Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei: "Keeping the Faith" - In our religion of action, what does faith really mean? And how can we practice it in the age of doubt? In addition, PCS President, Amy Gutenplan, will address us on the state of the congregation.

Yom Kippur Morning: "For You Were Strangers" - Why the refugee issue is a premier Jewish and a human issue.

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HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The children will be divided into two groups, kindergarten through third grade, and fourth, fifth and sixth grade. Each group will participate in a program from **11:30 am -12:30 pm on the first day of Rosh HaShanah and on Yom Kippur.**

A Shofar Service will take place at 11:15 am on both days of Rosh HaShanah. We encourage families to hear the blowing of the shofar and Ashrei in the sanctuary before the sermon, which begins at approximately 11:30 am. The shofar will also be blown in the children's service.

BABYSITTING

Babysitting will be provided during all the High Holiday services, **but will be limited to pre-K through second grade.** All children must be signed in and out. Children will not be allowed to leave the babysitting room without being signed out by a parent. Thus, it is important that you check on them periodically.

If you have any questions, please contact Hebrew School Principal Galit Sperling at (914) 773-0043 or principal@shalompcs.com, or Marcy Gray at the synagogue office at (914) 769-2672 or mgray@shalompcs.com.

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TASHLICH ...

THE CASTING OF SINS



On the first day of Rosh HaShanah,
following services and a Kiddush luncheon.

MONDAY, October 3, 2016

At approximately 2 pm

NANNAHAGEN POND AND SANCTUARY

Pleasantville, New York

Join our community in one of our most beautiful, joyous, sacred and old traditions as we hear the call of the shofar, cast bread and sins into the running waters, and sing both Hebrew and English songs on themes of remembrance, redemption and sanctification.

This is a wonderful event for every age.

Help create deep memories for your children.

Celebrate the season with new friends
as we get to know each other better.

Bring something sweet to share.

*CAST AWAY FROM YOURSELVES ALL YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS,
AND CREATE WITHIN YOURSELVES A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT.*

—Ezekiel 18:31

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PLEASANTVILLE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE'S

YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE

Donations collected at THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH in CHAPPAQUA



TUESDAY EVENING, October 11
WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 12

**NO GLASS OR
PERISHABLES**

Please see below for items most needed.
There are over 200,000 hungry people in Westchester County,
and the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway serves
individuals in need throughout the county.

Please bring your bags of food to the FCC.
There will be a truck waiting for your donations.

**If you need to
arrange an
alternative pick up
time, please e-mail
[Michael Gold](#)
or call him at 914-
238-9219.**

Cereals: Hot or Cold, Corn Flakes, Frosted Flakes, Froot Loops,
Instant Oat Meal, Grits

Meats & High Protein Groups:

Canned Meats: Spam, Ham, Meat Spread, Beef Stew, Chicken,
Corned Beef

Canned Fish: Tuna, Salmon, Sardines, Mackerel

Canned/Dry Beans: Kidney, Lentils, Butter Beans, Great Northern,
Lima

Canned Soups: With Beans, Chicken, Ham or Beef

**Peanut Butter, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Ravioli, Canned
Spaghetti & Meat Balls** (Chef Boyardee products)

Drink Mixes: Ice Tea, Kool Aide, Tang, 100% Juice in Plastic
Bottles or Cans; Canned or Powdered Milk, Coffee, Tea, or Hot
Chocolate

Canned Products: Fruits, Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce

Dried Fruits: Raisins, Apricots, Prunes

Pasta, Grains & Rice: Plain Rice and Rice Mixes, Plain Pasta,
Crackers, Nuts

Health & Beauty Aides

Please. Give generously.

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New Tots and Teens Programs Kick Off on Sukkot!

Breaking news...check your email for details to follow!

Our newest programs are coming together in time for Sukkot! Please check your email for information on an October 16 farm outing for young families thanks to our "Growing Jewish Naturally" grant from UJA-Federation. We will also have a Tot Shabbat on the Shabbat of Sukkot.

Plus our new teen program will kick off with a pizza dinner in the sukkah for all PCS teens in grades 8-12, to learn about our new youth programs, both educational and social.

At each event you will meet Julia McCarthy, our new youth specialist who will work with both teen youth group and young families. Galit Sperling will administer the educational component of the teen program.



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HELP PUT UP THE PCS SUKKAH!
Sunday, October 16, 9 am

Come do a mitzvah and have fun!
All are welcome.

And then come back...
Sunday, October 30 at noon
(right after Hebrew School)
to help take it down!

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After Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur...



the fun really begins!

There is something for everyone at PCS:

Sunday, October 16

9 am: Come help put up the *BRAND-NEW* Sukkah at PCS.

Great fun AND a mitzvah!

Monday, October 17

10 am to noon: Yom Tov of Sukkot service.

Check website calendar to make sure service will be taking place.

Kiddush in the Sukkah.*

Friday evening, October 21

5:30 pm TOT SHABBAT in the SUKKAH*

Saturday, October 22

9:30 am: Meditation in the Sukkah*

**10 am: Family Education SHABBAT OF SUKKOT
with Kiddush in the Sukkah***

Monday, October 24

**10 am to noon: Yom Tov service, Shemini Atzeret,
including Yizkor, the memorial service.**
Check website calendar to make sure service will be taking place.

And then...

**Monday night, 6:30 pm to 8 pm:
Simchat Torah Extravaganza!**

Sunday, October 30

**12 noon (right after Hebrew School):
Come help take down the Sukkah!**

**In case of rain, our Sukkot kiddushes and celebrations will move inside.*



*Pleasantville Community Synagogue is a welcoming Jewish community
with people of diverse traditions and backgrounds
who want to share a joyous spiritual and cultural home.*

~ ~ ~

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SIMCHAT TORAH EXTRAVAGANZA!*



***Monday, October 24,
6:30 pm - 8 pm***

- ~ We finish the Torah readings for the year and begin again*
- ~ Flags and goodies for the kids*
- ~ Music and dancing with the Torah*
- ~ Refreshments will, of course, be served*

Come experience the joy of Torah!

****DON'T FORGET!***

***This is Rabbi Julie's favorite holiday so she hopes
EVERYONE will come to celebrate!***

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Enriching Our Jewish Community Through LGBTQ Inclusion

Teen Engagement Initiative

Helping Jewish LGBTQ teens foster a deeper connection to Jewish life and strengthen both their Jewish and LGBTQ identities

For LGBTQ Jewish Teens & Straight Allies:

Monthly Sunday Safe Space Gatherings in 2016: Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 20, Dec 11
at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, 2125 Westchester Avenue, East Rye

5:00-5:45pm: *Teen Advisory Council (must apply)*

5:45-6:30pm: *Support Group (open to all)*

6:30-7:30pm: *Kosher Dinner + Activity (open to all)*

+ More Social & Educational Events Coming Soon!

For Family of LGBTQ Jewish Teens: one-on-one support & informal gatherings

For Jewish Youth & Teen Programs: consultations, collaborations, trainings

RSVP/More Info: 914.262-6555, binaraskin@mosiacofwestchester.org

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Please join us at PCS for a very special
**Shabbat of Learning
and Israel Experience**
with
Rabbi Jonathan Porath
November 4-5, 2016



Click [here](#) for Rabbi Porath's bio

November 4

Friday night, EARLY 6:30 pm service:

An evening about Israel with our scholar from Israel

"Leaving Home and Coming Home: 32 Years on Aliya to Israel"

Friday Prime-time catered dinner, 7:30 pm:

"Israel Update: Current Issues and How to Talk About, Educate and Advocate"

November 5

Saturday morning: 10 am, Devar Torah:

"In Honor of the Story of Noah: What Do You Do When Your Whole World Collapses? Coping With Life's Transitions"

Saturday noon: Kiddush lunch

Saturday Torah Study, 12:30 pm: "The Life and Death of Rabbi Akiva: A Hero for Our Time"

Saturday night, 7 pm, Havdalah program, location TBD:

"Nurturing Jewish Hearts and Jewish Souls."

Rabbi Porath will explore people and events that have influenced his Jewish life, including his 45-year-old friendship with Elie Wiesel, of blessed memory. Participants will have the opportunity to share their own stories and experiences.

***All are welcome to this very special program.
*RSVPs are a must for the dinner. To help offset the cost of the dinner,
suggested donations are \$18/adult. RSVP and pay by clicking [here](#).
Any donations gladly accepted. Click [here](#) to donate on-line.
For more information, please contact the PCS office, below.***

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# Introduction to Judaism:

## A Survey of Jewish History and Practice for Beginners and Deepeners

Join with clergy from throughout Northern Westchester to learn about the breadth and wonder of Jewish tradition. This class offers a pathway for the adult learner who wishes to discover or deepen Jewish knowledge or the non-Jew who is considering living a Jewish life or possibly conversion to Judaism. Each session is based upon a chapter in Stephen M. Wylen's Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism. It is recommended but not required that the chapters be read in advance of each session.

Select Tuesdays Evenings, 7:30–9:00 pm, November–April  
Please register with Jaclyn Dubray: [JDubray@bethelnw.org](mailto:JDubray@bethelnw.org)  
There is no charge for these classes.

November 1, 2016

**The Many Names of God**  
(Settings of Silver pages 35-52)  
with Rabbi Julie Danan  
at Pleasantville Community Synagogue



November 15, 2016

**My Heart Turns to the East: Israel and Jerusalem**  
(Settings of Silver pages 53-78, 380-406)  
with Rabbi Stacy Bergman  
at Temple Shaaray Tefila, Bedford



November 22, 2016

**The Tanach and Rabbinic Literature**  
(Settings of Silver pages 15-36)  
with Rabbi David Greenberg  
at Temple Shaaray Tefila, Bedford



December 6, 2016

**The Jewish Lifecycle: Bris/Marriage/Divorce/Birth/Conversion**  
(Settings of Silver pages 79-98)  
with Rabbi Maura Linzer  
at Temple Beth El, Chappaqua



January 10, 2017

**The Siddur and Public and Private Prayer**  
(Settings of Silver pages 99-109)  
with Rabbi Joshua Strom  
at Congregation B'nai Yisrael, Armonk



January 24, 2017

**Heaven, Hell, the Afterlife, Divine Judgment**  
(Settings of Silver pages 110-123)  
with Rabbi Jason Nevarez  
at Temple Shaaray Tefila, Bedford



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בית אל



Temple Shaaray Tefila  
Celebrate • Learn • Pray • Connect

February 7, 2017

**The Centrality of Shabbat**

(Settings of Silver pages 124-136)

with Rabbi Julie Danan

at Pleasantville Community Synagogue



February 21, 2017

**Jewish Calendar and Holidays**

(Settings of Silver pages 137-184)

with Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe

at Temple Beth El, Chappaqua



March 7, 2017

**An Overview of Jewish History**

(Settings of Silver pages 185-312)

with Rabbi Aaron Brusso

at Bet Torah, Mt. Kisco



March 21, 2017

**Jewish Denominations**

(Settings of Silver pages 336-357, 428-440)

with Rabbi Lori Koffman

at Bet Torah, Mt. Kisco



April 4, 2017

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# Rekindling Shabbat at PCS

## IN OCTOBER...

Please join us at **10 am** on **Saturday, October 1**, for a Shabbat morning service including a **baby naming!**\*

On **Friday, October 7**, please join us for a Kabbalat Shabbat service at **7:30 pm** with **Joshua Zweibaum** and his family participating in honor of his Bar Mitzvah. The evening will conclude with an Oneg Shabbat.

At Saturday morning services on **October 8, at 9:30 am**, **Joshua Zweibaum** will become a Bar Mitzvah.\*

On **Friday, October 14**, we are planning a **SNAP** (Special Needs at Pleasantville) service. Watch your email for more information!

On **Saturday, October 15**, please join us for Shabbat morning services at **10 am**.\*

On **Friday, October 21**, PCS will host a **Tot Shabbat at 5:30 pm**, followed by dessert in the sukkah!

On **Saturday, October 22**, please join us for a **Family Education Shabbat** morning services at **10 am**.\*

On **Friday, October 28**, is our **Seventh Grade Shabbaton** with a **family Shabbat dinner**. Watch your email for all the details!

On **Saturday, October 29**, our Shabbat morning service at **10 am** will include *another* **baby naming!**

**\* Shabbat Treats: Services Optional!**



Shabbat at PCS is a time to nourish your soul. *Whether or not you come for the "main course" (Shabbat services from 10 am-noon), you are invited to join us weekly for spiritual "appetizers" and "dessert."*

**Appetizers: Jewish Meditation and Spiritual Teaching & Torah Study**

Want a sweet and simple way to add some contemplation to your life? Join our Jewish meditation group every Shabbat (Saturday) morning at PCS at 9:15 am. We begin with a *niggun* (melody) or chant, then a short spiritual teaching and silent meditation, followed by sharing. You can stay for services or go on your way, refreshed! (When there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, meditation starts at 9 am and concludes at 9:25 am). This is our best-kept secret and a highlight of Rabbi Julie's week.

**Dessert: Torah Study with Rabbi Julie**

After services (whether you attended or not), join us at noon for a yummy Kiddush lunch and socializing, followed from about 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm by group Torah study featuring a lively interactive discussion and led by Rabbi Julie, who always has a thought-provoking question or text to get us started. Shmooze, debate, discover the meaning of Torah for your life.

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*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.*

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## OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

|                                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Elizabeth Greene, mother of Sue Furst         | October 4  |
| Sondra Itkin Korus, mother of Roberta Korus   | October 5  |
| Raoul Kloogman, father of Helen Kloogman      | October 6  |
| Elaine Schwartz, sister of Janice Sandbank    | October 7  |
| Donald LePatner, father of Gilda Borenstein   | October 9  |
| Robert Greene, father of George Teitel-Greene | October 10 |
| Anne Silverman, mother of Janet Silverman     | October 11 |
| Irving Schaffer, father of Peter Schaffer     | October 13 |
| Melvin Lessner, father of Jan Gordon          | October 18 |
| Alan Klein, brother of Eric Klein             | October 21 |
| Morris Berenbaum, uncle of Helen Harrison     | October 21 |
| Dyna Gordon, mother of Bernard Gordon         | October 25 |
| Sandy Karmen, mother of Abbe Karmen           | October 25 |
| Mitch Rosenberg, father of Joan Krasne        | October 26 |

*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](mailto:Rabbi@ShalomPCS.com).*



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