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We are living in a wonderful time. Besides being both witnesses to and participants in the ever changing global landscape with respect to technological and communication advances, we likewise are a part of other advances that make the world a more cohesive, better connected and stronger one.

The world is becoming a far more homogenous one. Travel and migration motivated by reasons of education, new opportunities or desired freedoms have us moving in increasing numbers. From an international perspective we are breaking down barriers never before approached, creating a far better understanding of each other's cultures, religions, politics, fears, concerns and aspirations.

This phenomenon will continue for decades to come, and the world's people in general, and all religions in particular, will be the ultimate beneficiaries, becoming far more knowledgeable, understanding and contributing to each other's beliefs and everyday lives.

Judaism likewise can only be strengthened by being embraced by new people, re-embraced by others, and still others rediscovering Jewish roots, connections and genealogy (happening every day in the U.S., Latin America, Europe, Asia Pacific and Africa). Recent articles in the New York Times (12/5/13) as well as The Wall Street Journal (12/5/13, 1/17/14), provided a quintessential example of the Jewish people being strengthened by new participants, who a generation ago may not have either become Jewish or been encouraged to seek a leadership position.

Central Synagogue, on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, is one of America's oldest, largest and best known synagogues. It has a membership of over 2,100 families (with a waiting list of more than 300 additional families), has 100 full time employees, an endowment of more than \$30 million and had over 20,000 people in over 20 countries viewing their 2013 High Holiday services streamed on line.

Their Senior Rabbi for the past 23 years, Peter Rubinstein, 71, has announced his retirement for later this year. Central Synagogue has named as his replacement, effective July 1, Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl (she has been Senior Cantor at Central Synagogue since 2006).

Rabbi Buchdahl was born in Seoul, South Korea to a Korean Buddhist mother and an American Jewish father. She was raised Jewish in Tacoma, Washington, and studied Religion at Yale prior to enrolling in Rabbinical School. She became a Cantor in 1999 and a Rabbi in 2001.

She is considered to be the only Asian-American Rabbi leading a major US Synagogue as well as one of only a few women to do so. As importantly, Rabbi Buchdahl is a prime example of the opening and widening of Judaism's parameters and opportunities for new talent and dedicated leadership as we continue to evolve as a people and move forward into the future.

- Jerry Neuburger



HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Galit Sperling, Hebrew School Principal

On Thursday, January 16th, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees! Tu B'Shevat is, translated literally, the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat, representing a "new year" for trees: the time when the earliest blooming trees in Israel begin to produce fruit. The students of the Hebrew school enjoyed a Tu B'Shevat seder modeled after the traditional Passover seder. There were four cups, representing the changing seasons. There were also four questions, including "What does Tu B'Shevat mean?" and "Why do we celebrate in January, with snow on the ground?" Students sang songs celebrating nature, and had the opportunity to try a new fruit in celebration of Tu B'Shevat. Special snacks included dates, figs, olives, grapes, pomegranate juice, (representing five of the "Seven Species," the seven types of fruits and grains named in the Torah as the main produce of the land of Israel), apricots, and sunflower seeds. Finally, students brought in tzedakah (charity) to be used to plant trees in Israel.

On Saturday evening, January 25th, Kitah Hey (5th grade) had a special Havdalah ceremony. Havdalah is the symbolic time at the end of Shabbat, separating the Sabbath day from the rest of the week. Continuing this month's theme of "Bal Tashchit" (the Jewish value of do not waste or do not destroy), each fifth-grade student showed off an artistic creation they'd made out of recyclable materials. The class led the prayers and sang songs for Havdalah together with family and friends.

Upcoming Events:

Passover Candy & Gifts are now on sale! As part of the annual fundraiser, PCS Hebrew School students will be selling candy in February to raise money for their school and to prepare families and friends for the Passover holiday.

Saturday morning, February 1st: Kitah Vav (6th grade) Shabbaton. We look forward to seeing you at this special Family Education Shabbat at which our sixth grade students will be helping to lead the service, in anticipation of their B'nei Mitzvah.

Sunday, February 2nd: Ask the Rabbi with Kitah Alef/Bet (1st/2nd grades)

Sunday, February 16th - Sunday February 23rd: No Classes

Sunday, March 2nd: Kitah Daled (4th Grade) Heritage Day Program

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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.



Fifth graders Jake and Ben pose for a picture during their art project



Kitah Gimmel (3rd grader) Olivia and her father say the blessing over challah



Kitah Alef/Bet (1st/2nd grade) students Theo, Lilly, Ava and Lila plant parsley for Tu B'Shevat



Fifth graders make Havdalah plates out of clay in preparation for their ceremony on January 25th



Israel Documentary Film Series at PCS*

The PCS Israel Action and Adult Education committees invite you to learn about Israel's history, culture, and politics through an informal viewing of five fascinating and thought-provoking documentary films:

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 pm: *Amos Oz, The Nature of Dreams* (2009)

Thursday, March 20, 7:45 pm: *Life in Stills* (2011)

Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 pm: *Orchestra of Exiles* (2012)

Thursday, May 1, 7:45 pm: *Inventing our Lives, the Kibbutz Experiment* (2011)

Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 pm: *The Gatekeepers* (2012)

****For more details of each film, please see page 13.***

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For more information, please e-mail Israel Action Committee co-chair Ofri Felder at ofelder@optonline.net or call the PCS office at 769-2672.

All are welcome to this free series and refreshments will be served.

Advanced registration is recommended.

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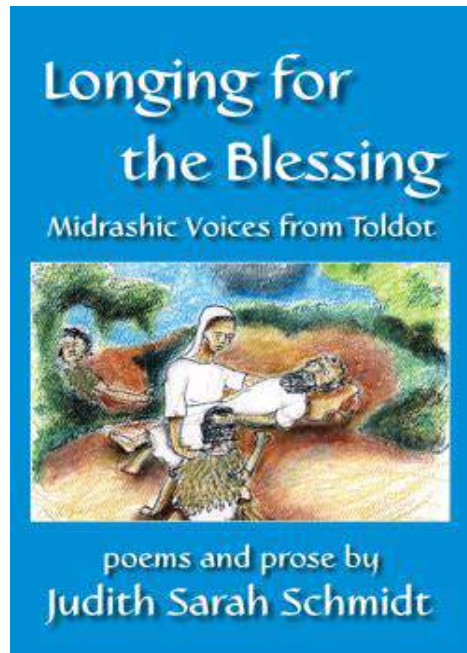
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“Longing for the Blessing ...”

PCS is proud to announce the recent publication of “Longing for the Blessing: Midrashic Voices from Toldot” by PCS member, author, poet and speaker, **Judith Schmidt**.

In honor of Ed Sperling, Judith has made the **book available for purchase at PCS for \$18.00**, with all proceeds going to the **Ed Sperling Fund**. If interested, please contact Marcy Gray at PCS, mgray@shalompcs.com, 769-2672, or fill out and send in the form below.



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— Rabbi Rachel Cowan, co-founder of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality

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ASK THE RABBI:

Neanderthals and Rabbis; New Synagogues and Old Torahs...

On January 23 Rabbi Mark returned from his sabbatical for the afternoon to hold a session of "Ask the Rabbi" with our Fourth Grade, "Kitah Dalet," Class. (Rabbi Mark returns full time the Shabbat of March 1). Here's an excerpt from that conversation:

DAVID TERZOULI: What was the first religion?

RABBI MARK: That's a great question. No one knows for sure, but there are some scholars who believe the Neanderthals practiced a kind of religion. Have you ever heard of the Neanderthals?

(A few voices in the classroom): You mean the cavemen?

RABBI MARK: Yes, some scholars believe that early cave people practiced a kind of religion. Archeologists have found special, red-painted objects in caves they think may have been used for worship. Wow! But the first religion to believe that there is only one God? Judaism. That's a very important part of our belief. It means that everyone on earth is part of the same family, and we should all get along.

JAKE TETENMAN: How long does it take to write a Torah? How long would it take to read the whole Torah non-stop? How old is the oldest Torah?

RABBI MARK: It can take an entire year to write a Torah by hand, but you could read it from beginning to end in one day. In fact there's a story in the Hebrew Bible [the Tanach, which includes the Torah, the Writings, and the Prophets] that tells how the Jews gathered in Jerusalem about 2,500 years ago for an all-day celebration where they heard the whole Torah read, beginning to end. The oldest Torah? Well, the oldest one we know of for sure was written by Ezra the Scribe in Babylonia around 2,500 years ago. There may have been even older Torahs, but we don't know that for sure.

MOLLY GALIN: What happens if a scribe messes up a letter in the Torah?

RABBI MARK: The scribe is allowed to make certain corrections. A Torah is made up of sheets of parchment which are sewn together. If an entire sheet ("daf") gets messed up, that sheet can be removed, and a new one can be sewn in.

JORDAN GALIN: How many Torahs are there in the world? In the USA?

RABBI MARK: I don't know, Jordan. I would say there are thousands. There are a hundred, maybe as many as two hundred, just here in Westchester.

NADIA BERKOWITZ: How many Torahs should be in a synagogue?

RABBI MARK: A synagogue needs at least one, but it's a blessing to have more than one. On some holidays we read sections from two or more different sections of the Torah during the service, and with more than one Torah we can move quickly to each reading without having to "roll" one Torah back or ahead. A Torah is not like a Kindle!

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ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

NADIA BERKOWITZ: If a Torah is kept in a house, where is it kept?

RABBI MARK: If someone is fortunate enough to have their own Torah – few do – it would be kept in a special place. I know a rabbi who has her own Torah, and she set up a special room for it, where she keeps it in a portable ark.

BENNY RAKOWER: Has anyone ever said anything mean while you were reading the Torah? And did you want to be a rabbi when you were little?

RABBI MARK: No one has ever said anything mean while I was reading from the Torah. And though it's not respectful to talk at all while the Torah is being read, people sometimes do - kids and adults alike. So we just quietly and gently remind them, and it's always OK. Now, did I want to be a rabbi when I was little? No. That came as a surprise later in my life!

JOSH SPIEGEL: Is Pleasantville Community Synagogue your first temple as a rabbi?

RABBI MARK: I taught and led services at other synagogues and here at PCS before I became a rabbi. But yes, Josh, Pleasantville Community Synagogue is my first temple as a rabbi.

JOSH SHEA: What inspired you to become a rabbi?

RABBI MARK: Well, one day I looked at the side of my bed, and it was piled from the floor all the way up to the top of the bed with books on Judaism. That's when I realized what I really wanted to do. The person who inspired me the most was my own teacher, Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer of blessed memory, of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York City.

MIRANDA MILLER: How old do you have to be to become a rabbi?

RABBI MARK: These days most rabbis have to go to high school and college first, and then study for five more years to become a rabbi. So most rabbis these days are at least 26 years old. But my grandfather was born in Europe, and he became a rabbi there at the age of fourteen.

MOLLY GALIN: How long does it take to open a synagogue?

RABBI MARK: It takes at least many months. Pleasantville Community Synagogue started as an informal group called the Pleasantville Jewish Association. When they found out that the building we're in today had been put up for sale, the Association had to decide quickly if they wanted to buy it, and to become a synagogue. Thank God they did! They had to raise the money, and then they had to do a lot of work to clean it, paint it, and build an ark... a lot of work!

[NOTE: A documentary about Pleasantville Community Synagogue's beginnings - which has been viewed over 1,000 times - is online at <http://pctv76.org/show.php?sepid=34>]

NADIA BERKOWITZ: What is the first prayer one says when a synagogue opens?

RABBI MARK: There's a prayer called "Channukat ha-Bayit" which means "Dedication of the House." It's the same prayer we say when we put a mezuzah on a door of our home for the first time.

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ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

MAX COHEN: What's the new thing in the back of the synagogue with all of the words? What's it for?

RABBI MARK: That's a Memorial Board, or in Yiddish a "Yartzeit" Board. It's there to honor and remember people who have passed away. It has the person's name, if they were Jewish it also has their Hebrew name, and the date they were born and died. Who else has a question about the synagogue?

MOLLY GALIN: Who invented the yarmulke?

RABBI MARK: Great question. We're not sure. "Yarmulke" comes from the Hebrew expression "Awe of God." It was – and is – a custom in the East to cover one's head out of respect. "Yarmulke" (like "yartzeit") is a Yiddish word. Jews in different lands created different Jewish languages. Jews in Spain created a Spanish-Jewish language called Ladino. Jews in India had their own Jewish dialects, as did the Jews in China. Jews in Germany created a language that mixed German and Hebrew, and that's how they came up with Yiddish.

DAVID TERZOULI: Is it OK for non-Jews to eat challah?

RABBI MARK: Challah is a special Jewish bread. A little bit of dough is removed before the baker bakes it, as a reminder that we are not to take everything we possibly can, but that we need to remember the poor, and to remember God. Challah is also delicious! Now is it OK for non-Jews to eat challah? It's a mitzvah to share! So yes, share your challah with everyone!



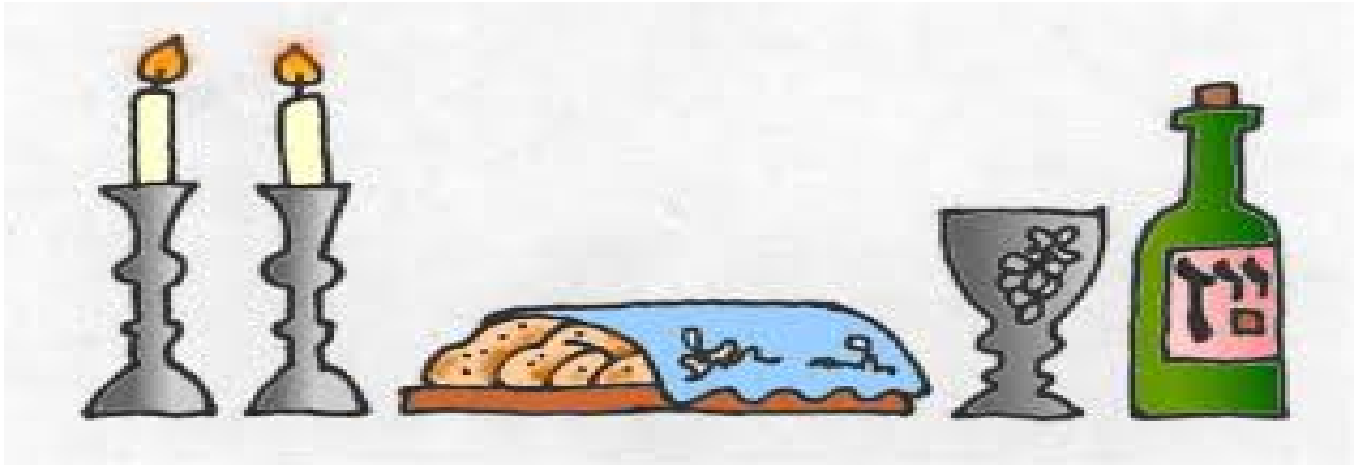


B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECTS

Jodi Zizmor

For my Bat Mitzvah project I will be collecting new nail products to be donated to the Pinwheel Project. The Pinwheel Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to make children smile when they are hospitalized. These nail products will be delivered directly to their bedside to take their mind off of their illness and make them feel like a child again. There will be a box for your donations by the main entrance. Thank you for your help and donations!





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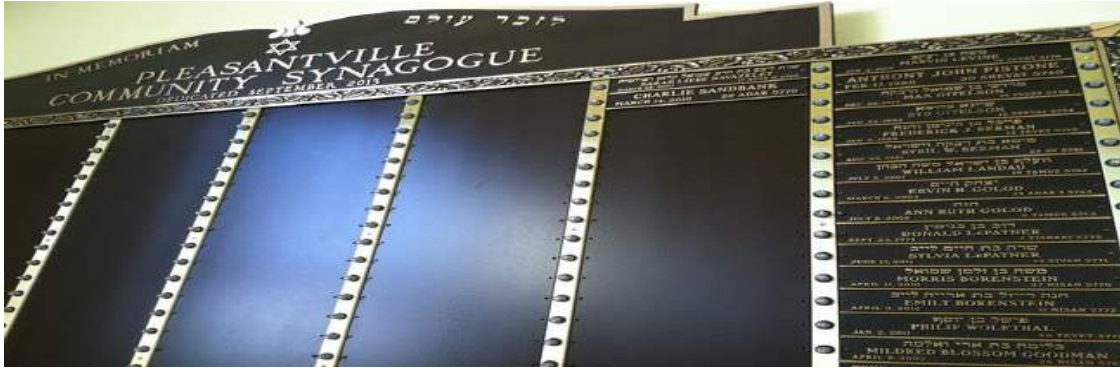
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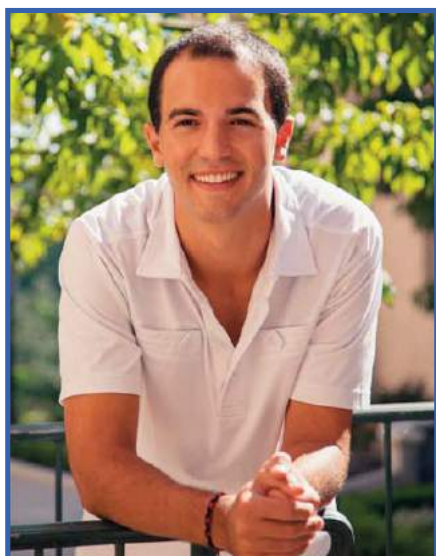
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Israel Documentary Film Series at PCS

The PCS Israel Action Committee invites you to join us for an informal viewing of five documentary films exploring Israel's history, culture, and politics:

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 pm: Amos Oz, *The Nature of Dreams* (2009) The birth and coming of age of Amos Oz, one of Israel's greatest writers, parallels those of his country. "This is a journey in the footsteps of Amos Oz, his literary writing and political doctrine. The journey takes us through his memoir, "A Tale of Love and Darkness," through his meetings with readers in Israel and all over the world; his notions about the long and complex relationship between Europe and Jews; and follows him over a period of two years in his efforts to promote the two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict." Discussion following the film moderated by PCS member David Felder.

Thursday, March 20, 7:45 pm: *Life in Stills* (2011) The work of photographer Rudi Weissenstein, the "official" photographer for the Declaration of the State of Israel in 1948, forms the backdrop for this tender "love story" between Rudi's 96 year old widow and her grandson, Ben. When the photo shop she had managed for decades in Tel-Aviv is destined for demolition, Miriam Weissenstein joins her grandson and together they embark on a journey to save the shop and Rudi's life work. Touching and humorous, this is an uplifting story that is bound to please.

Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 pm: *Orchestra of Exiles* (2012) In honor of Yom HaShoah on April 27, we will be viewing this gripping documentary about the formation of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. When Hitler began firing Jewish musicians in the early 1930s, violinist Bronislaw Huberman moved these great musicians to Palestine. "With courage, resourcefulness, and an entourage of allies including Arturo Toscanini and Albert Einstein, Huberman saved nearly 1,000 Jews – and guaranteed the survival of Europe's musical heritage... a timeless tale of a brilliant young man coming of age, and the suspenseful story of how his efforts impacted cultural history."

Thursday, May 1, 7:45 pm: *Inventing our Lives, the Kibbutz Experiment* (2011) The Kibbutz Movement was a central force in the formation of the state of Israel, and May 1 - "International Worker's Day" – was for many years celebrated with great pomp in Israel's Kibbutzim. "With their desire to create a Jewish homeland and build a more just society, the first settlers helped place kibbutzim in the vanguard of Israeli history. In doing so, they became a magnet for all those who shared one thing in common – a powerful urge to invent their own lives." Will the kibbutz movement and its socialist idealism survive a new capitalist reality? You are invited to wear red to this viewing for International Workers' Day or blue-and-white in honor of Israel Independence Day, May 6).

Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 pm: *The Gatekeepers* (2012) Nominated for the Academy Awards in the Best Documentary category and winner of numerous international awards, this film is a must-see for anyone interested in the future of the state of Israel both as an independent Jewish state and as a viable democracy. It includes amazingly candid interviews with six of Israel's heads of the Shin-Bet, Israel's secret service, as they grapple with their successes and failures and reconsider their positions regarding the Palestinian conflict. At once disturbing and affirming, the film raises questions about current Israeli politics. If you missed it in theatres, this is your opportunity to view a must-see film. Discussion following the film moderated by PCS member David Felder.

For more information, please e-mail Israel Action Committee co-chair Ofri Felder at ofelder@optonline.net or call the PCS office at 769-2672.

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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:

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February 2014 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 7:15pm Yoga class	28 Palooza Committee meeting	29	30	31 Israeli-style Shabbat Dinner Rosh Chodesh Adar I Candle lighting 4:52 pm	1 9:00am Morning Meditation led by Rabbi Mark; Family Education Shabbat Service 10 am Progressive Dinner Kita Vav Shabbaton Parashat Terumah
2 Ask the Rabbi with Kita Alef-Bet	3 7:15pm Yoga class	4	5	6	7 7:15pm Children's Service Candle lighting 5:01 pm	8 9:00am Morning Meditation with Rabbi Mark; Shabbat Service including Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Freiheit, 9:30 am Parashat Tetzaveh 6:32 pm Havdalah
9 Pre- and post-adoption group, 6 pm, at PCS. schwarzruffm@jccany.org.	10 7:15pm Yoga class	11	12	13	14 Candle lighting 5:09 pm	15 9:00am Lay-led Morning Meditation with Mindy Stoller; Shabbat Service 9:30 am Parashat Ki Tisa 6:41 pm Havdalah
16 No Hebrew School Executive Committee meeting	17 7:15pm Yoga class	18	19 7:30pm Israel Documentary Film Night: "Amos Oz, The Nature of Dreams"	20 No Hebrew School PCS Board meeting	21 Candle lighting 5:18 pm	22 9:00am Lay-led Morning Meditation with Mindy Stoller; Shabbat Service 9:30 am Parashat Vayakhel 6:49 pm Havdalah
23 No Hebrew School	24 7:15pm Yoga class	25	26	27	28 Candle lighting 5:26 pm	1 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service 9:30 am Shabbat Shekalim Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Adar Parashat Pekudei 6:57 pm Havdalah

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SAVE THE DATES:



Friday night, January 31: Israeli-style Shabbat dinner

Saturday morning, February 1: Family Education Shabbat and Kita Vav Shabbaton

Saturday night, February 1: Progressive Dinner

Wednesday night, February 19: "Amos Oz, The Nature of Dreams," the first in a 5-part series of Israel Documentary Films at PCS