



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: ON LIBERATION

By Mark Sameth

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This month we celebrate the holiday of Passover. Jews all over the world will sit down at their tables and recount once again the great story of our people's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Important to our history is the way we contextualized our experience. We're not to oppress the stranger because we ourselves were slaves in Egypt. Nor are we to harbor hatred of the Egyptians who, although they enslaved us, had earlier welcomed us and saved us from famine. I'm proud of that. It's the sign of an evolved, nuanced, and humane consciousness.

Just last month in this column I wrote about all of the articles I was reading downplaying the threat of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt – "Not an Islamist in Sight," "No Support for Islamist State," "5 Reasons the Muslim Brotherhood Won't Turn On Israel" - and urged us to educate ourselves about this group. One hates to be right about these things, but here's the new headline: "Islamist Group Is Rising Force in a New Egypt." (New York Times, 3/25/11) "The young, educated secular activists who initially propelled the non-ideological revolution are no longer the driving political force."

Over these same past few weeks an Israeli family was stabbed to death in their home; phosphorous bombs (internationally outlawed) have been fired into Israel from Gaza; Jerusalem suffered its first bus bombing in years; and a Facebook campaign seeking to initiate what would be the third intifada against Israel has begun. The Jeffrey Goldberg piece I recommended last month was entitled "Sheikh Qaradawi Seeks Total War." God forbid, but that is what Israel faces from its most implacable enemies.

Mob rule is not democracy; indiscriminate murder of civilians is not the same as war of self-defense; attempting to destroy a sovereign nation-state is not the same as protesting against autocratic rule of leaders who refuse to acknowledge basic human rights. Incitement to violence violates Facebook's terms of service. But it remains to be seen whether the page will be taken down, and even if it is, whether this movement can be persuaded to follow a more peaceful path.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the several interesting and enjoyable events in our first annual Palooza week was an evening discussion with Meryl Hyman, author of the book "Who Is a Jew?" Hyman is the daughter of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother who has been seeking recognition of herself as a Jew for many years and whose efforts are chronicled in her book. The subtitle, "Conversations, Not Conclusions" tells what the book is about, but obscures the pain and hopelessness she feels as she interviews rabbis and Jewish scholars in Israel, Britain and the U.S. about their definition of Jewishness and her inability to get a definitive answer to her personal dilemma: can she be considered a Jew, without a formal conversion, through her patrilineal heritage? In a larger sense she is asking for a broader definition than a strictly halakhic interpretation that the Orthodox, especially in Israel, insist on, a definition that denies the Jewishness of millions of us around the world.

So what is a Jew? Are we a religion, a race, a nation or a cultural subset of individuals who exist within a variety of countries who are simply different from the

majority culture? I don't have an answer to the question I raise, though I would like to begin a discussion within the synagogue. Certainly within PCS we are a religion; it is the essence of all our services and celebrations, but we also accept any adult who wishes to join regardless of his/her Jewish education or commitment to attend services. If someone says they are Jewish, then they are Jewish; and this is how I believe it should be. It raises the question, however, about how we carry on our traditions, how we fulfill our mission to Torah, avodah and gemilut chassidim. For this I suggest two approaches. The first has to do with critical mass, the number of us in our community, or in any community, necessary to carry the tradition forward. When there are significant numbers of people who are passionate about an idea, a practice or a product they will "tip" the balance in a way that causes others to join in.

Malcolm Gladwell, in his best-selling book "The Tipping Point", gives many illustrations of how this process works different areas of our lives. This is what happened 13 years ago with the founding of PCS: the energy and

commitment of the founders attracted many more families, so that 30 became 170. Even after many of those original founders left, there remained a critical mass, a mass that has kept growing, to carry on and refine our tradition.

The second approach has to do with the zeitgeist, the spirit of our times, or in my view the spirit of all times, from the ancient past to the present. In Hebrew we use the words like ruach, nefesh and neshama signifying Jewish spirit and soul. But these words are more than what we physically embody; they exist in the plenum. They are kept alive not only by members of our synagogue, but by Jews in and out of synagogues around the world. What it takes is a sensitivity, or tuning in, to access them. And by accessing them, we have the resource to carry on the traditions that have grown up from them. As long as someone is doing this, the Jewish spirit lives on for all of us.

- Peter Schaffer



THE RABBI'S COLUMN, CONTINUED

No one is completely blameless for the situation that exists. But cheering pro-democracy movements in the Arab world, and then not standing up for the only existent democracy in the region when it comes under violent attack, evidences a lack of more than intellectual consistency. Israel needs our support – now.



PCS Women's Group Rosh Chodesh
****Thursday, April 7th - 7:30pm****

Iyar is the month for journeys when we will travel to the home of Yoga Teacher, Osi Mizrahi in CHAPPAQUA.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a restorative Yoga class at Osi's private Yurt.

Bring only yourself in comfortable clothes. Refreshments will be served.

Location: 76 Marcourt Drive, Chappaqua - 7:30 p.m.
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PCS PALOOZA WEEK HAS LEFT THE HOUSE UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

It was a great week of author talks and book presentations, yoga and meditation, Intro to Judaism and Shabbat dinners, visiting the Hebrew School, chanting Haftarah and listening to beautiful music, and it could not have happened without the help, support and energy of so many volunteers who prepared it and the many members of the PCS community who attended.

So thank you, everybody, for a wonderful week of Joyful Judaism!

- The Membership and Communication Committees

Thanks to Emma Reisman for these Palooza photos!

MINDFUL PARENTING SEMINAR SUNDAY, MARCH 6



Dr. Mark Bertin gave a lecture on Mindful Parenting and meditation techniques.

IS YOGA JEWISH? MONDAY, MARCH 7

Palooza Week brought us to PCS to learn some postures and explore the link between Judaism and Yoga. Classes were taught by Susan Safranek.



Susan Safranek and Estelle
Kersh

WHO IS A JEW? TUESDAY, MARCH 8



Meryl Hyman, author of "Who Is a Jew? Conversations, Not Conclusions," explored with us the challenging subject of Jewish identity.

LISA LIPKIN, IN CONCERT! SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Lisa Lipkin wrapped up Palooza week with a concert accompanied by Peter Calo.



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MARCH 12: Shabbat dinner! Attended by 40 people (some of whom had never been to PCS), there was plenty of Israel-style food, wine, good conversation and singing. A very joyous event!

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The PCS Newsletter is published monthly, online, from September through June. Articles and photos should be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be e-mailed to Judith Chinitz, Editor, at judyhope@optonline.net or dropped off at the newsletter box in the Synagogue office.

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Dog Days at Hebrew School

By Marcy Gray

Kim Specht is a lovely and lively young woman, full of unbounded energy and infectious laughter that inevitably draws people to her. She also has a constant companion in Toby, her Golden Retriever service dog who, with his own energy and “smiling” face, completes the draw. Last month, Kim and Toby visited two classes of the PCS Hebrew School in an event that could only be called successful, fun, educational and, ultimately, inspirational.

Kim is a returning war veteran who has what she describes as an “invisible disability.” She received Toby almost two years ago from ECAD – Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities – and began working for the organization last year. ECAD is based in Dobbs Ferry and is an incredible organization that helps to train service dogs for people with a wide range of disabilities: a child with autism, a war veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury, a paraplegic, or a child or adult with cerebral palsy.

Kim and Toby came to visit the first, second and seventh graders, and the experience was very different for the different classes. The younger children could barely contain their excitement of having a dog come to visit. Kim first spoke to them about what ECAD does and what the dogs are trained to do, and then proceeded to show them. Toby was greeted with a round of applause when he turned on and off the light switch, with shrieks of glee when he retrieved Rabbi Mark’s keys from the floor and returned them to him (“Do you mind dog slobber?” one giggling child asked, to which Kim quickly replied, “I hope not!”). And their joy knew no bounds when Kim instructed Toby to tug off their socks, one of the numerous tasks every service dog is trained by ECAD to do.

The seventh graders were more restrained but their level of interest and engagement was just as high. Kim spoke quietly and at length to them, told them of her war service and “hidden disability” and the students asked insightful and respectful questions. The students learned the difference between a service and a guide dog, the fact that it takes two years to train a service dog at ECAD, and that it costs up to \$60,000 to do so. They learned about ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act – which protects against discrimination, and that Kim has the legal right to go anywhere and everywhere with Toby.

But the seventh graders didn’t miss out on Toby’s bag of tricks. When told that he could turn on and off the light switch, one student said, “I don’t believe it! If he does that, I’ll squawk like a chicken!” Toby did, and, the student, a good sport and true to his word, did a fine imitation of a chicken.



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After each class, the children gathered on the floor around Toby and surrounded him with love and gentle hands. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the visit more: Toby or Kim, the students or the teachers, or Hebrew School principal Michal Solomon who declared Toby and Kim "magic!"



If you are interested in finding out more about ECAD or how you can volunteer or help out, visit their web site at ECAD1.org, or be in touch with Marcy Gray in the PCS office.

Neither Memory Nor Magic

A Very Special Presentation at PCS

As part of our Yom Ha'Shoah commemoration, the Adult Education Committee of PCS is proud to host award-winning filmmaker Hugo Perez and present his documentary **Neither Memory Nor Magic** on April 28 at 7:30 pm.

Neither Memory Nor Magic tells the story of Hungarian poet, Miklos Radnoti, who was found in 1946 in a mass grave with 22 others killed by Hungarian fascists. A small notebook containing Radnoti's carefully written last poems was found in the front pocket of his coat. The so-called Bor Notebook told the story of the poet's final six months, spent in slave labor in a Nazi labor camp in Serbia, and on a three-month forced march to the small village of Abda where he was killed.

**...And So I wonder...
(1937)**

I have lived, but lived not knowing how, uncertain, unskilled.
But I always knew they'd bury me here in the end,
that year settles on year, clod upon clod, stone upon stone,
that in the ground the body spreads and the naked bones
shiver in the worm-infested dark. I always knew
that sauntering time would slowly grope over my works as
I would surely sink ever deeper into the ground.
All this I knew. But say, will the work, - the work prevail?



FRIEND A SOLDIER!

FOR OUR PCS STUDENTS AND YOUTH GROUP

Friend-a-Soldier is an interactive website which allows anyone to meet, talk to and befriend an Israeli combat soldier. Your job is simple: pick a soldier, think of a question - any question - and ask away! You will receive a transparent, personal response in your e-mail inbox from the soldier you've chosen.

<http://www.friendasoldier.org/>



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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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The mitzvah for Kitah Bet (second grade) is Tza'ar Ba'alei Chaim, which means "compassion to animals." The children learn the Bible stories connected to kindness to animals and their tzedakeh money goes to this cause.

This whole unit culminated with the visit of Kim Specht and her service dog, Toby, from an organization called ECAD. Our new synagogue administrator, Marcy Gray, is very involved with ECAD, which trains service dogs, and she helped to organize and coordinate Kim's visit. And our own Emma Reisman came and took wonderful photographs of the event, many of which you can see here on pages 7 and 8.

It was a wonderful experience and you can find Marcy's essay describing the event in this month's newsletter on page 7.

Shalom,

Michal Solomon

Todah Rabba from Michal

- Helen Harrison for coordinating the Bet class Shabbaton and for all the mothers who helped with the clean-up.
- Kim Specht from ECAD for coming to the Hebrew school with her wonderful dog, Toby, and sharing the enriching experience with all of us.
- Emma Reisman for taking wonderful photos of the children and our visitors from ECAD – Kim and Toby – and for sharing them with all of us.
- Marcy Gray for organizing and coordinating the ECAD visit to the Hebrew school

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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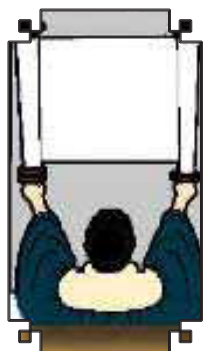
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To All PCS Members:

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL
B'NEI MITZVAH



April 9. Congratulations to Benjamin Yampolsky, son of Jennifer and Robert, brother of Joshua.

April 16. Congratulations to Sophie Epstein, daughter of Kelly and Peter, sister of Rowan.

April 30. Congratulations to Ilana Cohen, daughter of Claire and Oren, sister of Rebecca and David.

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B'NAI MITZVAH PROJECTS

Sophie Epstein

For the last several years, my family and I have worked with the Bronx JCC, in conjunction with the UJA, in delivering food to the elderly citizens in Co-op City for Purim, Passover and Hanukkah. Since our first time, we have been in contact with Niti Minkove to keep informed about any future functions. This project was slightly difficult for me at first. It was hard for me to get used how different it was to the suburbs of Westchester. Other than that, It was a great experience to be able to help people who don't have the energy to help themselves. We will be delivering food again on April 10th for Purim. Because of our connection to Niti, in January my mother and I spent an afternoon with the UJA in the Families Feeding Families Super Sunday Food sorting event. We worked very hard stuffing boxes, taping, and labeling the many pounds of food donated for the JCC Bronx Food Bank. My whole family loves helping the community, and we plan to continue for a very long time.

Ben Yampolsky

For my mitzvah project, I have been volunteering at the Briarcliff SPCA doing clicker training with the dogs. Clicker training is a technique used by dog trainers to use both sound and food motivators to encourage good behaviors in dogs. This helps the dogs become more adoptable by encouraging proper behaviors like not barking or jumping and obeying commands such as "sit" or "stay." This experience has been both rewarding and enjoyable for me. It is rewarding when I go back to the shelter and find out that one of the dogs I have been working with has been adopted. And I really enjoy spending time with the animals at this wonderful shelter that takes such great care of all of them. I plan to continue working there, and really hope that all of these dogs get adopted to the good homes they deserve. This particular SPCA gets no federal, state, or county funds. They rely solely on the financial support of people who care about the welfare of animals. If you care about animals, I strongly encourage you to donate or volunteer your time. And if you are considering a new pet, please consider a shelter animal!

SPCA of Westchester, Inc.
590 North State Road,
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
info@spca914.com



PCS Women's group, Rosh Chodesh Nisan, joined together to celebrate liberation and renewal, as we all sang The Miriam Song ("and the women danced"), and played percussion instruments (drums, maracas, tambourines,) as led by our lovely and talented Maya Benattar. The evening fulfilled its promise to relieve stress and provide relaxation for body and mind, and we happily shared tea & cookies and enjoyed friendly conversation.

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PURIM AT PCS!



Rabbi Mark and Irene Herz



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Leyla Mayers, Michael Safraneck and Isabel Kopstein

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PCS PURIM, CONTINUED



Sara and Franklin Velazquez



Irene Herz



Michael and Samuel Safraneck, and Irene Herz

Thanks to Cris Martinez for the wonderful photos of PCS's Purim event!



PCS PURIM SHPIEL!

Purim Shpiel 5771, the third annual iteration, lived up to its tagline: "Building community, one joke at a time." This year's event brought a record number of guests and raised record support for PCS. Stand-up comics Gilad Foss and Peter D. Michael were followed by this year's hilarious Shpiel, "Community Service," written by the inimitable Jeffrey Turkel, a long-time PCS member. Held for the first time at VINTAGE, a club in White Plains, the event also featured two raffles, one for a weekend on the East End of Long Island and one for numerous prizes, including four tickets to the Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Special thanks to the following who supported the event generously:

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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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To see examples of current ads, see pages 12 and 13.



April 2011 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Yoga class at 7:15pm	29 Jewish Meditation, 7:30am	30 Learn to chant Haftarah, 7:30pm	31 Jew Tube 4:45pm-6pm	1 Friday Night Service 7:15pm 7:01pm-7:19pm - Candle lighting	2 Shabbat Service 9am Torah Study 12:15pm Shabbat HaChodesh Parashat Tazria 8:33pm-8:34pm - Havdalah (72 min)
3 Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 7pm-8:30pm [Share the joys and challenges of parenting through adoption. For more information or to register call Marci Schwartz-Ruff at 914-273-2304 or clinic	4 Yoga class at 7:15pm	5 Jewish Meditation, 7:30am Rosh Chodesh Nisan	6 Learn to chant Haftarah, 7:30pm	7 Hebrew High School 4:45pm-6pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30pm	8 Friday Night Service 7:15pm 7:09pm-7:27pm - Candle lighting	9 Shabbat Service 9am Torah Study 12:15pm Parashat Metzora Bar Mitzvah - Benjamin Yampolsky 8:40pm-8:41pm - Havdalah (72 min)
10 Ask the Rabbi 11:15am 3rd Grade	11 STORAHTELLING event for American and Israeli teens, 6-8:30 pm at Rosenthal JCC.	12 Jewish Meditation, 7:30am Hebrew School Model Seder PCS Annual Calendaring Meeting 7:30pm	13 Learn to chant Haftarah, 7:30pm Hebrew School Model Seder Social Action Committee Meeting 7:30pm	14 Hebrew School Model Seder Jew Tube 4:45pm-6pm Rosh Chodesh Iyar Yoga Program in Chappaqua 7pm	15 Friday Night Service 7:15pm with Children's Service and PCS House Band 7:16pm-7:34pm - Candle lighting	16 Shabbat Service 9am Torah Study 12:15pm Parashat Achrei Mot Shabbat HaGadol Bat Mitzvah - Sophie Epstein 8:47pm-8:48pm - Havdalah (72 min)
17 NO HEBREW SCHOOL	18 Erev Pesach 7:20pm-7:38pm - Candle lighting	19 Pesach I NO HEBREW SCHOOL Passover Service 8am Office Closed	20 Learn to chant Haftarah, 7:30pm Pesach II 1st day of the Omer 8:52pm-8:53pm - Havdalah (72 min) NO HEBREW SCHOOL Passover Service 8am Office Closed	21 Pesach III (CH"M) 2nd day of the Omer NO HEBREW SCHOOL	22 Friday Night Service 7:15pm Pesach IV (CH"M) 3rd day of the Omer 7:24pm-7:42pm - Candle lighting	23 Shabbat Service 9am Torah Study 12:15pm Morning Meditation 9 am Family Education 10 am 4th day of the Omer Pesach V (CH"M) 8:55pm-8:56pm - Havdalah (72 min)
24 5th day of the Omer Pesach VI (CH"M) 7:28pm-7:44pm - Candle lighting NO HEBREW SCHOOL	25 Pesach VII 6th day of the Omer Office Closed	26 Pesach VIII 7th day of the Omer 8:58pm-8:59pm - Havdalah (72 min) Passover Service 8am Office Closed	27 Learn to chant Haftarah, 7:30pm 8th day of the Omer	28 9th day of the Omer Adult Education Committee Yom Ha'Shoa event, 7:30 pm. [Screening of documentary film, <i>Neither Memory Nor Magic</i> followed by discussion with the filmmaker Hurr	29 Friday Night Service 7:15pm with Children's Service and PCS House Band 10th day of the Omer 7:31pm-7:49pm - Candle lighting	30 Shabbat Service 9am Torah Study 12:15pm 11th day of the Omer Parashat Kedoshim Bat Mitzvah - Ilana Cohen 9:02pm-9:03pm - Havdalah (72 min)

Note: Times and dates of events may change after the newsletter has come out. To get the latest information on any possible changes, please check the calendar on our website: www.ShalomPCS.com. Future months are also on the website.

TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

TORAH READINGS Between Jan.1 and Oct.1, 2011								
Note	Date	Parsha	Book	Verses	TOPIC	QUOTES	HAFTORAH	
	Jan.	1	Vaera	Ex.	6:2-7:7	The Call of Moses	I have made you Master over Pharaoh. (7:1)	Ez. 28:25 - 29:21
		8	Bo	Ex.	10:1-11:3	Locust, Darkness	I shall never see your face again. (10:29)	Jer. 46:13 - 46:28
		15	Beshalach	Ex.	13:17-15:26	The Departure, The Song	Better to serve Egypt than to die in the Wilderness. (14:12) Who is like You, Adonay? (Mi kamocho?) (15:11)	Judges 4:4 - 5:31
		22	Yitro	Ex.	18:1-18:27	The Appointment of Judges	...teach them the statutes...show them the way...(18:20)	Is. 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 9:6
		29	Mishpatim	Ex.	21:1-22:3	Laws concerning slaves, homicide, wounds, blows	An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth... (21:24)	Jer. 34:8 - 34:22;
a.	Feb.	5	Teruma	Ex.	25:1-25:40	The Sanctuary, The Ark	Build Me a Sanctuary and I shall dwell among them. (25:8)	Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24
		12	Tetzaveh	Ex.	27:20-28:30	The oil and the vestments	Kindle the lamp continually. (27:20)	Ezekiel 43:10 - 43:27
		19	Ki Tisa	Ex.	30:11-31:17	The census, The Sabbath	Observe the Sabbath through all generations. (31:16)	I Kings 18:1 - 18:39
		26	Vayakhel	Ex.	35:1-37:16	Construction of the Tabernacle	Bezalel made the Ark of acacia wood. (37:1)	I Kings 7:40 - 7:50
	Mar.	5	Pekudei	Ex.	38:21-39:21	The accounts of the Tabernacle	A bekah a head, a half a shekel. (38:26)	II Kings 12:1 - 12:17
		12	Vayikra	Lev.	1:1-2:16	Offerings	A sweet savour unto Hashem. (1:9)	Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23
b.		19	Tzav	Lev.	6:1-7:10	Offerings of the Kohens	-----	I Samuel 15:2 - 15:34
c		26	Shmini	Lev.	9:1-10:11	The death of Aron's two sons	Take no wine or strong drink. (10:9)	Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38
	Apr.	2	Tazria	Lev.	12:1-13:39	Laws of Human Contamination	-----	Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18
d		9	Metzora	Lev.	14:1-14:32	Purification	-----	II Kings 7:3 - 7:20
e		16	Achrei Mot	Lev.	16:1-17:7	Yom Kippur	And the goat shall be set free in the wilderness. (16:22)	Malachi 3:4 - 3:24
P		23	Ki Tisa	Ex.	33:12-34:26	The Encounter on Mt. Sinai	I shall show favor when I choose to show favor and mercy when I choose to show mercy. (33:19)	Ezekiel 37:1-37:14

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f	30	Kedoshim	Lev.	19:1-19:37	The human road to holiness	Do not favor the poor or honor the great. (19:15)	Amos 9:7 - 9:15
	May 7	Emor	Lev.	21:1-22:16	Contamination of the Kohens	-----	Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31
	14	Behar	Lev.	25:1-25:38	The Sabbatical / Jubilee Year	Proclaim freedom throughout the land. (25:10)	Jeremiah 32:6 - 32:27
	21	Bechukotai	Lev.	26:3-27:15	Rewards and Punishments	I have broken your yoke and led you erect. (26:13)	Jer. 16:19 - 17:14
	28	Bamidbar	Num.	1:1-1:54	Census	Take a census...by number of the names. (1:2)	Hosea 2:1 - 2:22
	June 4	Nasso	Num.	4:21-5:10	Duties of the Levites. Restitution	Pay full value...and add to it its fifth. (5:7)	Judges 13:2 - 13:25
	11	Beha'alotcha	Num.	8:1-9:14	The Levites. The Passover	There shall be one law for stranger and native alike. (9:14)	Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7
	18	Sh'lach	Num.	13:1-14:7	The spies	It flows with milk and honey.(13:27) ...we felt like grasshoppers. (13:33)	Joshua 2:1 - 2:24
	25	Korach	Num.	16:1-17:15	Rebellion in the desert	...the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them. (16:32)	I Sam. 11:14 - 12:22
	July 2	Chukat	Num.	19:1-20:13	The red cow The striking of the rock	...you will not bring this people to the Land... (20:12)	Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24
	9	Balak	Num.	22:2-22:38	The parable of the she-donkey	Am I not your ass you have ridden all your life? (22:30)	Micah 5:6 - 6:8
	16	Pinchas	Num.	25:10-26:51	Census	-----	I Kings 18:46 - 19:21
	23	Matot	Num.	30:2-31:54	Vows. The taking of Midian	A thousand from a tribe, a thousand from a tribe. (31:4)	Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3
	30	Masei	Num.	33:1-33:49	Summary of the Wanderings	-----	Jeremiah 2:4 - 28; 3:4
	Aug. 6	Devarim	Deu.	1:1-2:1	Moses begins his memoir	I cannot carry you alone. (1:9)	Isaiah 1:1 - 1:27
	13	Vaetchanan	Deu.	3:23-5:18	The Ten Commandments	Add nothing and take nothing away. (4:2)	Isaiah 40:1 - 40:26
	20	Eikev	Deu.	7:12-9:3	Hashem is the Provider	...man does not live by bread alone... (8:3)	Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

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	27	Re'eh	Deu.	11:26-12:28	Laws for after the crossing	...you shall obliterate their names... (12:3)	Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5
	Sept. 3	Shovtim	Deu.	16:18-18:5	Judges. The king of Israel	He shall not have too many horses (17:16), ...wives...silver and gold (17:17)	Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12
	10	Ki Teitzei	Deu.	21:10-23:7	Of marriages, sons, property.	You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. (22:10)	Isaiah 54:1 - 54:10
	17	Ki Tavo	Deu.	26:1-27:10	The new commitment	Of whole stones shall you build the altar. (27:6)	Isaiah 60:1 - 60:22
	24	Nitzavim	Deu.	29:9-30:14	The renewal of the Covenant	What is secret is Hashem's, what is known is ours.(29:28)	Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9
	Oct. 1	Hazinu	Deu.	32:1-32:52	The Song of Moses	I shall render vengeance upon My enemies and upon those who hate Me I shall bring retribution (32:41)	Hosea 14:2-10 Micah 7:18-20 Joel 2:15-27
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WJCS Jewish Spiritual Healing Center **Spring Programs**

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

The Empty Place: For those Mourning the Death of a Spouse

It takes time to fully absorb the impact of a major loss. Share your loss with the support of others, discussing how to find strength and rebuild one's identity as a single person, how to navigate family and social complications, and how to embrace life again.

Co-facilitated by Lisa Leffell, LCSW, and Rabbi Pamela Wax

6 Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 27, May 4, May 18, June 1 – 12-1:30 PM (\$72 suggested donation)

The Empty Seat at the Seder Table: A Conversation for All Who are Bereaved

A pre-Passover teaching and conversation about using Passover as a healing modality. Everyone welcome.

Co-facilitated by Jane Slevin, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Rabbi Pamela Wax

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-8:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS HAVE ALREADY STARTED BUT YOU CAN STILL JOIN!!!

Meditation and Middot

This workshop will introduce mussar practice through tikkun middot ("refinement of soul-traits"), with the goal of learning how to act wisely with compassion and justice. We will include study of texts related to particular middot, qualities of heart and of behavior, and various techniques for cultivating these soul-traits. Between sessions participants will be offered texts to study (in paired hevruta) to sustain their practice and deepen their sense of observing change in themselves.

Facilitated by Rabbi Pamela Wax

4 Mondays, Feb. 28, March 21, May 2, June 6 – 6:30-8:30 PM (\$72 suggested donation)

A Chants Encounter

Chanting is a meditative and soul-expanding process. Join us for these evenings of harmony, melody, and surrender through the chanting of sacred phrases of Jewish liturgy and text.

Co-facilitated by Ruth Rosenblum, LCSW, and Rabbi Pamela Wax

4 Mondays, February 14, March 7, April 4, May 9 – 6:30-8:00 PM (\$54 suggested donation)

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ISRAEL FILM NIGHT

Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 pm
As part of the Westchester Jewish Film Festival

Amos Oz: The Nature of Dreams will be shown based on
the world of Amos Oz, Israeli author and peace activist
Language in Hebrew with English sub-titles

Photo Exhibition featuring Israeli and local artists and Reception to follow
Tickets: \$ 10 for Burns Center and AJC members and \$ 15 for non-members
Order tickets on-line at www.burnsfilmcenter.org
Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Road, Pleasantville, NY

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SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, April 10: Open House, 10 am

Thursday, April 7: Rosh Chodesh, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 19: Passover Service, 10 am

Wednesday, April 20: Passover Service, 10 am

Saturday, April 23: Meditation, 9:00 am

Saturday, April 23: Family Education Shabbat, 10:00 am

Tuesday, April 26: Passover Service (including Yizkor), 8:00 am

Thursday, April 28: Film, "Neither Memory Nor Magic," 7:30 pm

