



## THE RABBI'S COLUMN: LIVING IN A BUBBLE

By Mark Sameth

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We take it for granted. Women and men are equal. Gender should not play a role in who should lead a company or nation. Gays and lesbians are in every respect our fellow citizens. We like the fact that our country is multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and multi-lingual. Our cities teem with people from every nation on earth, and we love the fact that we have so many people from whom we can learn (not to mention so many restaurants with different foods to sample!) We're over-achievers, and we excel at innovations in technology. We have a thriving, hip, cultural scene boasting movies, books, and theater dealing with sophisticated themes deeply embedded in our culture; a shared vocabulary that cosmopolitans the world over speak, each in their own language. Sometimes people who don't like us - in these days of the ongoing culture wars! - call us "socialists," but it would be an understatement to say we have contributed to building a thriving capitalism. And we may be a little bookish, it's true. But we also love, and care for, and enjoy being out in nature, and we do our best to protect our precious natural resources. We'd like to think that everyone thinks like us, but truth be told, we're living in a bubble.

And by "we" I'm not talking about the Pleasantville/Chappaqua/Briarcliff axis or the Park Slope/Upper West Side axis. By "we" I'm talking about Israel. Not the

propagandist's Israel, pro- or anti-Zionist. But the real Israel; the Israel which has little if anything in common with the romantic images of its pioneer society; little if anything in common with the romantic images of deeply pious or mystically attuned God-seekers on every street corner; and nothing in common with the aggressively unromantic images painted by Israel's most dedicated and most tenacious enemies.

Yes, Israel is a bubble; a bubble in the midst of a roiling cauldron; a sliver of democracy wedged between failing nation-states with staggeringly high unemployment, staggering low literacy rates, absence of basic human rights, and tens of thousands of people being slaughtered, or living in fear of being slaughtered.

This is not to say that Israel should not be doing more to ease the plight of the Palestinian people. This is not to say that Israel does not have its own religious fundamentalists and right-wing lunatics. But when we think about the values we progressives hold dear - women's rights; GLBT rights; multi-culturalism; health care; the environment - it's worth remembering that it's Israel - and only Israel - which is holding our banner today in the Middle East. Yom Ha'Atzmaut Sameach - Happy Israel Independence Day!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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At this special time of the year as we celebrate Passover, I always enjoy reviewing the significance of this wonderful holiday and its particularly unique nuances. Since childhood, I always thought that the best, most direct and meaningful explanation of Pesach came from the legendary Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, of blessed memory (1902-1994).

Some key excerpts of what Pesach's special meaning was to the Rebbe are as follows:

"As we celebrate Passover each year, we recall again that great event at the dawn of our history. Our people were liberated from Egyptian bondage in order to receive the Torah as free men and women. Commenting on the verse, 'And these days shall be remembered and done,' our sages teach us that as those days are remembered, they are spiritually reenacted. The divine benevolence that brought miracles in the past is reawakened by our act of recollection.

"Passover is the 'Festival of our Liberation.' It celebrates a historic event: the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. However, our sages teach us that in every generation, and on each and every day, we must see ourselves as though we have just been liberated from Egypt. Freedom requires constant guarding. Each day and every environment carries its own equivalent of Egypt.

"We celebrate our physical liberation together with our spiritual freedom. Indeed, there cannot be one without the other; there can be no real freedom without accepting the precepts of Torah guiding daily life. The story of Pesach is the story of the special divine providence which alone determines the fate of our people. The story of our enslavement and liberation of which Passover tells us, give ample illustration of this.

"This lesson is emphasized by the three principal symbols of the Seder, concerning which our sages said that unless we explain their significance, we have not observed the Seder fittingly.

Using these symbols in their chronological order and in accordance with the Haggadah explanation, we may say: we avoid Moror (bitterness of life) only through Pesach (G-d's special care 'passing over' and saving the Jewish homes even in the midst of the greatest plague), and Matzoh – then the very catastrophe and the enemies of the Jewish people will work for the benefit of the Jews, driving them in great haste out of Egypt, the place of darkness, and placing them under the beam of light and holiness.

"One other important thing we must remember. The celebration of the festival of freedom must be connected with the commandment, 'You shall relate it to your children.' The formation and existence of the Jewish home, as of the Jewish people

as a whole, is dependent upon the upbringing of the young generation. Just as we cannot shirk our responsibility toward our children by the excuse that, 'my child is wise and they will find their own way in life, therefore no education is necessary,' so we must not despair by thinking, 'the child is a wicked one so no education will help.' For all children, boys and girls, are 'G-d's children,' and it is our sacred duty to see to it that they all live up to their full potential, and this we can achieve only through a good Jewish education. Then we all will merit the realization of our ardent hopes: in the next year may we be free; in the next year may we be in Jerusalem."

Finally, it is a pleasure to wish mazel tov and yasher koach to our very own Rabbi Mark for being named, "One of America's 36 Most Inspiring Rabbis" by the Jewish Daily Forward. We always knew it. It's nice that everyone now knows it. A wonderful Passover and Chag Sameach to all!

— 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

**Ronni Metzger, Principal**

The month of March was quite eventful. The Hey class enjoyed an Ask the Rabbi session. The Dalet class participated in Heritage Day by sharing a family heirloom with the class. Students presented interesting and meaningful items (and the stories behind them), including kiddush cups, wooden sculptures, photographs, a marriage ketubah dating back to the 1800's, and even a wedding chuppah! It was a wonderful morning creating connections to our Jewish history and heritage! The Vav class participated in leading the Shabbat morning service at their Shabbaton, including the honors of opening and closing the ark. At the kiddush, the quilt that the students made was raffled off. The Vav class had collected more than \$300 in raffle sales, which was donated to Hurricane Sandy relief. Yasher Koach for a job well done! As Pesach arrived at the end of the month, the Bet class enjoyed watching the Animated Hagaddah film and the Gimel class tried their hand at making matzah. A gallant effort was made to complete the process in the requisite 18 minutes, from the mixing of the flour and water to the baking in the oven! The Zayin students also got into the Passover spirit and made matzah balls! We tried for the light and fluffy variety, but somehow ended up with cannonballs. Either way, they were delicious. The month ended with fun-filled model sederim, complete with 4 questions, 4 cups of grape juice, 10 plagues, songs, blessings, matzah ball soup, afikoman hunting, macaroons, and a final activity of frog and Magen David origami creations.

Next month we are all looking forward to the schoolwide Yom HaAtzmaut festivities!



## B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECT

By Kyra Schulz

This year for my mitzvah project I wanted to incorporate things I love into it. So when I found out that *Pets Alive Westchester*, a no-kill animal shelter in Elmsford, needed volunteers I could not wait to start helping. I love animals; I have two cats and I have wanted a dog for as long as I can remember. *Pets Alive Westchester* is a non-profit organization that takes care of rescued or unwanted dogs, cats and even bunnies that just need a home. Many of them get adopted but some are too old or not ready to be. Too many of the animals have been at the shelter their entire lives. They house almost 200 dogs and 300 cats who need to be walked, fed, cleaned and of course, played with daily. Therefore they need all the help they can get.

While volunteering at the shelter I do things like take the dogs on walks and play with them. I play with the cats and feed them and give them treats. Another thing that Pets Alive needs is supplies. That gave me the idea to make a donation box at my school where people can drop off things like old blankets and towels, dog and cat food and treats and toys. I donate all of it to the shelter. I also baked homemade dog treats and sold them at my school play. All of the money made went to the animal shelter. I ended up raising over 100 dollars! This will all be a big help to the shelter. This is how I chose to incorporate my love for animals into my mitzvah project.

*Yom HaShoah*  
**Holocaust Remembrance  
Day Service**  
**Sunday, April 7, 4 p.m.**  
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Words found on the walls of a cellar in Germany where Jews hid from Nazis:

*I believe.  
I believe in the sun  
even when it is not shining.  
I believe in love  
even when I do not feel it.  
I believe in God  
even when God is silent.  
Our God and God of our ancestors –  
We lament in fields of loneliness*



5th, 6th and 7th Grade B'nei Mitzvah students will receive  
credit for service attendance.

# PURIM SHPIEL 2013!!!

PCS' s Purim Shpiel 5773, the fifth annual, raised more than \$10,000 for the synagogue. Themed to celebrate PCS' s Sweet Sixteen, the event featured an original shpiel by Jeff Turkel, performed by the PCS players, live and silent auctions, dancing and comedy by emcee, Lee Rosenbaum.



Hands up!



Committee co-chairs Dara Meyers Kingsley and Evan Kingsley



Committee co-chairs Michael Mayers and Evan Kingsley

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Silent auction



Committee co-chair and MC Lee Rosenbaum



Rabbi Mark "PSY" Sameth

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Left to right, Michael Safranek, Dara Meyers Kingsley, and David Rakower



Amy Gutenplan, Lee Rosenbaum, Michael Gold, Dara Meyers Kingsley, Rabbi Mark



Left to right Michael Safranek, David Rakower, and Rabbi Mark



Dara Meyers Kingsley and Rabbi Mark

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Playwright and actor Jeff Turkel



Michael Safranek and David Rakower



The cast takes a bow

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# **ASK THE RABBI:**

## **On Torah, Israel, and Differences Between Judaism and Christianity**

*On March 3, our fifth grade class (Kita Hey) had a session of "Ask the Rabbi" with Rabbi Mark. Here's an excerpt from the conversation:*

Jacob Coleman: Was the Torah meant to be read in one year?

Rabbi Mark: The original custom was to read the Torah once every seven years. (See Deuteronomy 31: 10-13). That custom changed, and then the Jews in Israel would read the entire Torah in three years, while the Jews in Babylonia would read the entire Torah in one year. Today all communities read from the beginning to the end of the Torah in one year, but some communities read every word, and other communities read just an excerpt from each weekly Torah portion.

Jeremy Tenteman: In the Torah God creates the earth and calls it Eretz. Does God name the water? And is the Greek alphabet based on Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: At first the waters ("mayim") are just part of the earth. But then God names the gathering of the waters "Yamim" or "Seas" (Genesis 1:10). And yes, the Greek alphabet was taken from the Hebrew: alef becomes alpha, bet becomes beta, etc.

Sophia Rutman: Is today's alef-bet the same one we've always had?

Rabbi Mark: No. The original alef-bet looked a lot different. For example (draws on board) here's the ancient letter "alef." It's supposed to look like the head of an ox. Now if we draw it upside down... Look! It's the English letter "A"! Here's another one. The original letter "mem" was a jagged line that was supposed to look like a river, because "mayim" is the Hebrew word for water, and mayim begins with the letter "mem." Now look: If we cut off the ends what do we have? The English letter "M".

Aaron Foote: The Tower of Babel story tells us that at first the whole world spoke one language. What language was that?

Rabbi Mark: Ready for a big word? The Tower of Babel is trying to give us an etiology. It's trying to give us a reason or cause for something we see. What we see is that people speak different languages. How did that come to be? No one knows for sure. Early spoken language probably started with the first so-called modern human beings, but may have begun even earlier, in either case in sub-Saharan Africa; and then, as human beings spread across the planet, languages evolved in different places and in different ways.

Morah Anne: Speaking of language, Dylan, who's out today, wanted to know why in Hebrew we say "llama big" and not "big llama"?

Rabbi Mark: All languages have certain parts of speech in common: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs. But the order of those words in a sentence will be different in different languages. As long as all the parts of speech are there and you know what's being said then the order doesn't matter. For instance if I say "Sit down in the green chair" or "Sit down in the chair green" either way you know what I mean. Some people think the parts of speech are hard-wired in our brains, but obviously the order of speech has evolved in different places in different ways.

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Morah Anne: Jonah had a question about the Torah. He wanted to know why there are 613 commandments (mitzvot)?

Rabbi Mark: Everyone knows about the Ten Commandments. But the rabbis noticed that there are many more than ten in the Torah. Different rabbis came up with different lists to get to the number 613. But what they were saying is that there are more than ten things we need to pay attention to: big mitzvahs, small mitzvahs, they're all important. You never know which good thing you do – even something you think is small - is going to make a big difference in someone else's life.

Owen Stone: Is Israel in Asia or Africa? And why do we have challah?

Rabbi Mark: Israel is in Asia; it's the last country in western Asia; right across the Red Sea Egypt is in the first country in eastern Africa. Why do we have challah? Most of us think of challah as bread made with eggs; or as bread that is braided, but it doesn't have to be either. What makes challah challah is that a small bit of dough is taken out before the challah is baked, as a reminder that we're not to take everything that comes our way. That little bit of dough is burned as a symbolic gift back to God, and as a remembrance to feed the hungry, and take care of those who don't have as much as we do.

Zennor Angove Cohen: Who are Israel's three worst enemies?

Rabbi Mark: Number one I think everyone would agree would be Iran. I would say the next two are not even countries: Hezbollah and Hamas are terrorist groups that operate inside of Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. I would count them as numbers two and three.

Yakira Sameth: Why is the state of Israel called the State of Israel?

Rabbi Mark: The modern state of Israel, which was founded in 1947, is named Israel because that was the original name of the nation when it began 3,000 years ago. It was named Israel for the Children of Israel – he was the third Patriarch after Abraham and Isaac. Israel's name when he was born was Jacob.

Nathan Foote: Why was Jacob's name changed to Israel, and how did that new name spread?

Mora Anne: She's out today, but that was Bella's question, too.

Rabbi Mark: In the Torah we read that Jacob wrestled with an angel all night, and then the angel changed his name to Israel – which means to wrestle with God – and blessed him. His new name symbolizes that he takes his spiritual life seriously. He wrestles with questions about how to be a good person, and what God wants of him. How did the name spread? He introduced himself by that name and people got to know it. And then the stories about him were written down, and those stories were read, and were eventually passed around the world.

Olivia Hahn: Why are there six points on the Jewish star?

Rabbi Mark: You're not going to believe it! OK (drawing on board), so here's a picture of a triangle with the point facing down. That was an ancient symbol for woman. And here's a picture of a triangle with the point facing up. That was an ancient symbol for man. We put them together and we have the Magen David, or Star of David. It's a way of saying that God is everything: man and woman, boy and girl, male and female – everything.

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Jacob Taboh: Why is Christianity more popular than Judaism?

Rabbi Mark: Well, we live in America where the majority of people are Christians. There are lots of other religions in America, but the majority religion here is Christianity. If we lived in Israel the majority religion would be Judaism. If we lived in India the majority religion there would be Hinduism. In Saudi Arabia it's Islam. But you're right that there are many more Christians in the world than there are Jews. There are over a billion Roman Catholics, and over a billion Protestants. Part of that has to do with the Christian belief that everybody should become Christian. Muslims also believe that everybody should become Muslim. So those religions try to get people to convert to their religion. It's called "proselytizing." In the old days they even fought wars to get people to convert to their religion, although thankfully they don't do that anymore. Jews, on the other hand, don't think that everybody has to be Jewish. We're happy if everybody follows their own religion. Yes, we're happy when someone wants to become Jewish, and converts if they want to, but we don't feel that they have to. Those are some of the reasons that there are fewer Jews than other religions in America and in the world.

Deborah Johnston: When we were in Texas we saw lots of signs everywhere we went about Christianity. Are some states more Christian than others?

Rabbi Mark: Christianity is the majority religion in each of the 50 states, but there are some states where Christians seem more interested in getting people to convert to their religion than in other states.

Morah Anne: It's called the "Bible Belt." The states in the mid-west, the southern states, they make up the Bible Belt.

Sophia Rutman: Does Judaism believe that God has children?

Rabbi Mark: Yes! In Hebrew we say "B'nei Elohim" which means "Children of God." Do you want to know some of the names of these children of God? Sophia, and Yakira, and Owen, and Jacob...! In Judaism we believe that everyone on earth is a child of God. We don't believe that God would have a son and not a daughter; don't believe that God would have a blond child or a brunette child and not a redheaded child. We believe that God is invisible because if God were visible God would have to look like every single one of us.

Ben Lerman: Why do some people say that "regular" Jews have brown hair and brown eyes?

Rabbi Mark: Well, that's probably because there are a lot of Jews in Westchester whose ancestors came from Central Europe, where Jews are often brown-eyed and have brown hair. But in Northern Europe, in the Scandinavian countries, Jews have blond hair and blue eyes. When my wife and I visited Ireland the rabbi there had bright red-hair. In India the Jews have almost black hair; and Jews from Africa have brown eyes and brown skin. They're all Jews; we're all Jews.

# SARAH TAUBER LECTURE SERIES



PCS members enjoying the lecture

Professor Sarah Tauber gave her final 2013 lecture on March 14. As usual the crowd participated in a lively and thought-provoking discussion. Those who weren't there will be able to listen to a podcast of this lecture and previous others on the PCS web site.



Sarah Tauber with board member Evan Kingsley



Attendees enjoying refreshments

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Ofri Felder, Israel Action Committee Chair with past PCS President Peter Schaffer and Paul Kleinman



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## April 2013 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p>Pesach VI (CH" M) No Hebrew School</p> <p>7:00pm-7:18pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p>Pesach VII</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>Pesach VIII</p> <p>8:33pm-8:34pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>7:00pm Tot Shabbat Children's Service PCS House Band</p> <p>7:06pm-7:24pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah - Kyra Schulz Parashat Shmini</p> <p>8:37pm-8:38pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p>Yom HaShoa program</p> <p>Yom HaShoah </p> <p>Holocaust Memorial Day Kita Zayin, 11 am Executive Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>7:30pm 5th grade parents' meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Iyyar</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>7:13pm-7:31pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah - Estelle Kersh Parashat Tazria-Metzora</p> <p>8:44pm-8:45pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p>Ask the Rabbi, 3rd grade, 9 am Kita Zayin, 11 am</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>Yom HaZikaron </p> <p>Israeli Memorial Day</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>Yom HaAtzma'ut </p> <p>Israeli Independence Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p>Spiritual Life Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>Board meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>Open House Weekend Kita Bet Shabbaton PCS House Band 7:21pm-7:39pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, Family Education Shabbat</p> <p>Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim</p> <p>8:52pm-8:53pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p>Open House Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 6 pm, ametz@jccan y.org</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p>Pesach Sheni Second Passover</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>7:15pm Children's Service</p> <p>7:28pm-7:46pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah - Sarah Spanierman Parashat Emor</p> <p>8:59pm-9:00pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p>PCS Lag B'Omer Picnic</p> <p>Lag B'Omer </p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>NO YOGA CLASS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00pm Tot Shabbat Kita Gimel Shabbaton</p> <p>PCS House Band 7:35pm-7:53pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bar Mitzvah - Joseph Zucker Parashat Behar-Bechukotai</p> <p>9:07pm-9:08pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>

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**April 28: Lag b'Omer Picnic**