



HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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by Galit Sperling, Principal



After the long winter break in December and the beginning of January, we were reinvigorated to be back in class at PCS. Hebrew School classes this month focused on learning about mitzvot (commandments/good deeds), Israeli current events, conversational and written Hebrew, and the upcoming holiday of Tu B'Shevat. On Tu B'Shevat, we celebrate the "birthday" of the trees, the time of year when fruit first begins to form on the trees in Israel. Students potted plants and gathered tzedakah to plant our own trees in Israel!

Our sixth grade class (Kitah Vav) had a special field trip to the Food Bank of Westchester in January, where they labeled tomato sauce cans and packed more than 100 boxes to help feed those in need. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to do a mitzvah together for those less fortunate than ourselves, and learn in an experiential way. Thank you to Vivian Chang Freiheit for organizing and leading the trip, and the sixth grade teachers and families for participating!

Important Upcoming Hebrew School Events:

Sunday, February 1: Tu B'Shevat celebrated during Hebrew School! Maayan Leshem will be leading a fun, interactive workshop on the seven species.

Saturday evening, February 7 at 6 pm: Fifth Grade (Kitah Hey) Havadallah ceremony

Sunday, February 15 - Sunday, February 22: No Hebrew School Classes

Friday evening, February 27: Fourth Grade (Kitah Daled) Shabbaton

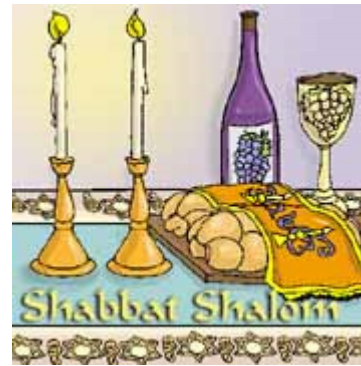
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Kitah Hey students making clay plates for Havdallah ceremony



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Kitah Aleph, Bet and Gimel families celebrating Shabbat with us at Hebrew School



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Sixth graders
volunteering at the
Food Bank for
Westchester



COME to PCS to CELEBRATE

TU B'SHVAT!

With Maayan Leshem



Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 pm
at Pleasantville Community Synagogue

Join us for a free and fascinating workshop that will explore the seven species of the Land of Israel through story, music, study, and of course – the traditional Tu B'Shvat fare of dried fruits, nuts, and wine.



Maayan Leshem is a Jewish educator and licensed tour guide who lives in Jerusalem with his wife and two children. His tours, classes, and workshops focus on Jewish identity, Zionism, ecology, and the deep connection between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel.

Sponsored by PCS Israel Action Committee. Refreshments will be served.

E-mail ofelder@optonline.net or call PCS at 914-769-2672.

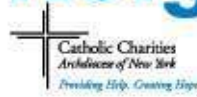
Pleasantville Community Synagogue
Joyful Judaism

Come to PCS
to **CELEBRATE SHABBAT**
Saturday, February 7
with a very special musical performance
during the Shabbat morning service
of Peter Volgyes'
"Jacob's Ladder"
with the participation of
Gary Mayer and Michael Safranek.



Feeding Our Neighbors

An Interfaith Response



Let all who are hungry come and eat!

Let all who are hungry come and eat! In our Jewish community, we share the same values as our Catholic and Protestant friends in the belief that "No hungry neighbor should be turned away." Our respective faith traditions inspire us with the mighty task of bringing dignity, healing, and hope to all New Yorkers. And so, for the third year, UJA-Federation's Families Feeding Families is joining in an interfaith initiative to tackle hunger across New York City and Westchester — **Feeding Our Neighbors: An Interfaith Response.**

Together, Westchester Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant congregations and organizations are collecting food for our *10th Annual Food Drive*. The impact we can make will significantly help the dire needs at soup kitchens and pantries in Westchester and the Bronx.

Monday, January 5, 2015 – Thursday, February 5, 2015

**Deliver Your Food Donations to
UJA-Federation of New York**

701 Westchester Ave, White Plains or 27 Radio Circle Drive, Mt. Kisco (Tuesday-Thursday)

OR DROP OFF AT PCS!

Please call ahead before you make your delivery.

For further information call or email Donna Divon at 914.761.5100, ext. 130 or divond@ujafedny.org

Community and Volunteer Services: Amy Gutenplan, Chair
Committee: Amy Hughson, Elese Silverman, Vivian Sklar, Elissa Strauss
Event Chair: Vivienne Braun

Food Needed

baby food • boxed milk and coffee creamer • canned fruits and vegetables
canned meat and fish • cereal, cookies, and crackers
coffee, teas, and hot chocolate • pasta, rice, and instant potatoes
ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise • soup and tomato sauce
vinegar, oil, and salad dressings • raisins, prunes, dried fruit and nuts

No glass containers or expired items please

Kosher food is appreciated



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A Birth in the PCS Community!



Mazal tov to parents Ariel Simon and Naava Katz, and big sister Talya, on the New Year's Day birth of **Shira Yael Shayndel Tova!**

CONTRIBUTIONS

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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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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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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FEBRUARY 2015 YAHRZEITS

Leslie Ogrin, father of Mara Cohen	February 1
Marion Gaines, mother of Jonathan Church	February 1
Syd Gitelson, mother of Rhea Wolfthal	February 1
Manya Shapiro, mother of Tammy Neustein	February 2
Irving Steinhauer, grandfather of Peter Grekin	February 4
Patricia Fineman, sister of Roberta Berman	February 8
Rose Schwartz, mother of Nancy Mayers	February 8
Eleanor Blackman, mother of Jonathan Blackman	February 11
Annette Sheft, mother of Janice Gambino	February 13
Charles Fisher, grandfather of Dorian Goldman	February 13
Ruth Dollinger, mother of Jeffrey Dollinger	February 15
Sara Grekin, grandmother of Peter Grekin	February 17
Belle Karmen, grandmother of Abbe Karmen	February 19
Lillian Cutler, grandmother of Gaby Golod Greenwald	February 20
Doris Klein, mother of Eric Klein	February 21
Milton Perlmutter, father of David Perlmutter	February 25
Benjamin Jablow, son of Andrea and Robert Jablow; brother of Terry Jablow	February 25
Ida Cohen, mother of Hirsh Cohen	February 28

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 (914) 769-2672, and Michael Gold at (914) 238-9219.





Pleasantville Community Synagogue

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Building Fund

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

General Fund/Fair Share

Helps to finance any need of the synagogue considered necessary by the Board of Trustees. All unspecified gifts are credited to the General Fund.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Supports various individuals, organizations and/or programs at the discretion of the rabbi.

Hebrew School Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarships to children who would like to attend our Hebrew School and may not currently have the financial resources to do so.

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

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

*** Deadlines:**

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*** Ad Specifications:**

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SHEVAT - ADAR 5775

February 2015 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00am Rabbi Mark's class	2 7:15pm Yoga class	3 7:30pm Tu B'Shvat workshop	4 Tu B'Shvat New Year for Trees	5	6 7:15pm Services 4:59 pm - Candle lighting	7 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 includes special musical presentation Kita Hey Havdalah Parashat Yitro 6:31 pm - Havdalah
8	9 7:15pm Yoga class	10	11	12	13 7:15pm Services 5:08 pm - Candle lighting	14 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am Shabbat Shekalim Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh Adar Parashat Mishpatim 6:39 pm - Havdalah
15 No Hebrew School	16 7:15pm Yoga class	17	18	19 Rosh Chodesh Adar No Hebrew School	20 7:15pm Services 5:17 pm - Candle lighting	21 9:00am Morning Meditation; Family Education Shabbat Service, 10 am Parashat Terumah 6:48 pm - Havdalah
22 11:30am Rabbi Mark's class Executive Board meeting No Hebrew School	23 7:15pm Yoga class	24 Board of Trustees meeting, 7:30 pm	25	26	27 PJ Shabbat Dinner Kita Dalet Shabbaton 5:25 pm - Candle lighting	28 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat service including Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Rothfarb, 9:30 am Parashat Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor Shabbat 6:56 pm - Havdalah

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. Calendars for future months are also on the website.