



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: COULDN'T BE BETTER!

**By Mark Sameth**

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Sheila Peltz Weinberg, who teaches meditation for the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, has a wonderful response whenever anyone asks how she's doing. "Couldn't be better!" Sheila says. No matter how badly things are going, that's her response. She insists she's telling the truth.

What she means is: Whatever conditions led us to this moment they have now unfolded, they can't be changed, and they could only have given rise to precisely what is. It couldn't be better; it couldn't be worse; it could only be this.

I've been thinking a lot about Sheila's teaching lately, ever since the defeat of the gun-control bill requiring background checks which was supported by 90% of Americans. Shameful, heartbreaking, dispiriting. And right now it couldn't be better. Which is not to say that in the future it won't be. We very much hope that it will.

Meditation is usually thought of as being about the cultivation of what in Hebrew is sometimes called *menuchat hanefesh*, equanimity, a restful soul;

the capacity to be with whatever is pleasant or unpleasant - unruffled, calm, still, utterly in the moment. But there is also a place for something which is very much about what we would wish for the future; something called *kavanah*, or intention.

Think of the simple act of walking. At one point the full weight of our body needs to be centered and balanced, resting on one foot. But then we need to intend where the other foot will place itself. Resting, intending, lifting, placing; resting, intending, lifting, placing. I rest in the present; I intend the future. What is is; what will be is yet not.

And so we remain committed to a future in which our country is a safer, less violent place. To that end please continue to support the work of Demand A Plan, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, and Americans for Responsible Solutions.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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One of Webster's four definitions for the word, "Perspective" is, "A mental picture of the relative importance of things." We, not only in our community, but in the broader sense as well, have had yet another recent example of perspective.

Beyond the catastrophic results of Hurricane Sandy last October and the sheer horror of events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT last December, we now have the tragedy of events at the Boston Marathon.

As a former resident of Boston, I have an appreciation of what a truly special and unique holiday that the third Monday of April, Patriot's Day, is throughout the Commonwealth. Starting the previous Friday night throughout the weekend and into Monday, Patriot's Day is a wonderful and traditional source of pride. A Red Sox home game at Fenway Park and the Boston Marathon are the centerpieces of the holiday. An 8-year-old boy, waiting with his sister and mom at the finish line for his dad

to complete the marathon, lost his life in the explosion, while his sister lost a leg and, along with their mother, is in critical condition. Such events were never an anticipated part of such a traditionally festive and exhilarating day.

Seeing the pictures of the catastrophic destruction and damage would also cause us to reflect on thoughts and feelings that we all too often simply take for granted, such as everyday security and well being. As trite as it sounds, lives can be lost or changed forever in the blink of an eye without warning.

May the victims and their loved ones be comforted by Hashem's presence, love, guidance and peace, and may G-d grant all of those injured a complete and swift Refuah Shlemah for a full recovery.

As we approach the holiday of Shavuous, it is important at this troubling time for so many, that we keep in mind those small everyday

blessings that we often overlook (while looking past them to bigger goals and more lofty aspirations). Let's attempt to find appreciation in those aspects of life that all of us so often simply take for granted. This year in particular, with all that we've recently witnessed, let us try and be more mindful of expressing our love, affection and appreciation for family and friends, for our health, as well as for our home and community.

May Shavuous be filled with only good health, joy, peace, contentment and happiness.

Be safe and enjoy all of Hashem's blessings in these days ahead.

— 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 April brought with it many events here at PCS Hebrew School. We returned to school after Pesach, and the Vav and Zayin students led a Yom Hashoah program for the rest of the class. A solemn memorial service was observed in remembrance of those lost during the Holocaust.

The following Sunday the students enjoyed a fun-filled Yom HaAtzmaut celebration. In honor of Israeli Independence day, they learned about the Israeli close combat art of self defense, called "Krav M'gah" and practiced a few avoidance techniques. They also enjoyed the fruits of Israel. Literally! They learned about the fruits mentioned in the Bible and the crops that are now grown and exported from Israel—and of course they loved trying them all out. (Ask your child what fruit is mentioned the most in the Bible—see if they remember!) The students sang Israeli songs with Groovy Greg, and enjoyed delicious birthday cake in honor of Israel's 65th birthday. Thank you to Seth Rutman and Ofri Felder for planning such a wonderful day.

The Gimel class enjoyed their Ask the Rabbi session, and the Bet Class had their Shabbaton, where they lead the congregation in several songs, including Am Israel Chai in honor of Yom HaAtzmaut.

The students had a blast celebrating Lag B'omer on the beautiful last Sunday in April. Lisa Lipkin led us in song, we played Bible Baseball outside, and Holiday Squares inside. We pretended that we were sitting around a bonfire and enjoyed s'mores!

We are looking forward the Gimel Shabbaton at the beginning of May and Zayin graduation at the end of May!





# B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECTS

## Joseph Zucker

For my B'nei Mitzvah project I decided to look into volunteering and raising funds for an organization tied to 9/11. Ever since the horrific events that occurred on September 11, 2001, I have been obsessed with learning and discovering everything that relates to 9/11. Well, almost since the events occurred. I was a little bit more than one year old, but certainly for as long as I can remember.

My father and I identified the National September 11 Memorial & Museum as a great organization to support. The Memorial's mission is:

- Remember and honor the thousands of innocent men, women, and children murdered by terrorists in the horrific attacks of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001.
- Respect this place made sacred through tragic loss.
- Recognize the endurance of those who survived, the courage of those who risked their lives to save others, and the compassion of all who supported us in our darkest hours.
- May the lives remembered, the deeds recognized, and the spirit reawakened be eternal beacons, which reaffirms respect for life, strengthen our resolve to persevere freedom, inspire an end to hatred, ignorance and intolerance.

To support the Memorial & Museum, my father and I signed up for a 5K run/walk to raise awareness about the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. We established our own team, called Team Pleasantville, and set a goal to raise \$500. The run is on April 21st, so we are still raising funds. But we are pleased to report that we have raised more than \$725, or 145% of our goal!

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## Hana Rossi

After school I go to a program at the Rosenthal JCC. I have been going there since kindergarten. When you are in 7th grade you get to volunteer and be a helper for all sorts of things. I love to help anywhere so, I decided that for my mitzvah project, I would volunteer with the kindergarteners and 1st graders because I love taking care of children. It makes me feel very good. The best part of helping out is that I not only get to watch the kids, but I get to play with them. If we go outside on the playground we get to run around and play Batman or tag. It is so much fun. If we stay inside, the kids play with the Wii, color, play dollhouse or play with board games.

I spend most of my time coloring because the kids love what I draw and ask if I could make one for them too. There is a very sweet and cute little girl and she loves to play with me and loves what I make for her. All the children are adorable. I am learning all about how to take care of them and that is very important to know as you get older. I look forward to being a babysitter. Maybe I will be a teacher or counselor after college.

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## Max Coleman

My name is Max Coleman and my mitzvah project is the Grandparent Connection. The Grandparent Connection is a project created by Emily Simon, a PCS congregant, that matches students with an elderly person living at Atria Senior Living Center in Briarcliff Manor. I did this project with my assigned grandparent Arthur Silverman. I chose this project because I do not have any living grandparents and I wanted to know someone who could be like a grandparent to me. I felt that this project was very kind for someone to do because it gives them a chance to meet new people that are not your age and can tell you about what their life was like when they were young. I enjoy visiting Arthur and we talk about lots of different things. Both of us really like baseball and Arthur gave me a Yankees baseball hat, which I wore to baseball try-outs. With the hat on, I felt like Arthur was with me, and that was a great feeling. I will continue to meet with Arthur after my Bar Mitzvah because there is now a bond between us and it makes me happy when I see him.





# **ASK THE RABBI:**

## **Jews All Over the World, The Torah, and Old Age**

*On April 14, 2013 Rabbi Mark met with our third-grade class for a session of Ask the Rabbi. Here are some excerpts from that conversation.*

Max Cohen: What do you know about Jewish people in Russia?

Rabbi Mark: Thanks for asking that, Max. Well, for one I had a grandmother who was born in Russia, in Pscov, and she came to the United States when she was a very young child. There were many Jews in Russia, many famous rabbis there, but life was not easy for them. Many Russian Jews have moved to Israel, and others to Brooklyn. A couple of Russian-born kids live next door to us.

Molly Galin: Where were you born?

Rabbi Mark: I was born in one of the great Jewish centers: Brooklyn.

Benny Rakower (the question was read by Morah Jennifer): Who made up the first Hebrew letter?

Rabbi Mark: We don't know for sure, but a good guess might be that the first letter invented was the alef, since it is the first Hebrew letter today. In the old days, the letters looked different than they do today. The letter alef looked like this [draws on board]. It was supposed to look like the head of an ox. But look – it's also an upside down "A"! And that's in fact where the English letter "A" comes from – from the ancient Hebrew letter alef. And the letter "B" comes from the Hebrew letter "bet" which stands for "bayit" or "house."

Molly Galin: I thought the "B" would be for Brooklyn.

Rabbi Mark: I like that! Guys, did you know that the word alphabet comes from the Hebrew Alef Bet? It's true! Hebrew is a very old language, much older than English.

Jake Tetenman: How old is Judaism? And how long is the Torah?

Rabbi Mark: The first Jews were Abraham and Sarah, and they lived almost 4000 years ago. How long is the Torah? Well, if we unrolled it, it would stretch all the way around the sanctuary.

Miranda Miller: When was the Torah invented?

Morah Jennifer: That was also Jack Klinger's question: How old is the Torah?

Rabbi Mark: We don't know exactly how old it is, but the first one we know about for sure was read in Jerusalem 2,500 years ago. It was written by Ezra the Scribe using the same Hebrew letters we use today – the alef looked like this [points to chart on wall], not like the older "ox head" letter. Ezra stood and read the Torah to the people in Jerusalem, and they had a big celebration.

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Morah Jennifer: Nadia Berkowitz also had a question about the Torah: "What story in the Torah is the most special?"

Rabbi Mark: Oh, there are so many special stories in the Torah! I don't know which one I would say is the most special. Every Shabbat morning we read another story from the Torah in the synagogue, and every week I think "This one is the most special!"

Jordan Galin: Is Israel older than us?

Rabbi Mark: Yes, Israel is much older than the United States of America. The United States of America was founded in 1776 – that's 337 years ago. Israel is more than 3,000 years old!

Jordan Galin: What is your favorite part about being a rabbi?

Rabbi Mark: Well, one of my favorite parts of being a rabbi is getting to do "Ask the Rabbi" with you guys! I love to teach – kids and grownups – and I love the services, and I love to be able to help people. Those are some of the things that rabbis in a congregation do.

Naomi Gordin: When did you want to be a rabbi?

Rabbi Mark: I was 39 years old when I started to go to "Rabbi School."

Miranda Miller: How old do you have to be to become a rabbi? When did you start to be a rabbi?

Rabbi Mark: One of my grandfathers was 13 years old when he was made a rabbi. But today, most rabbis have to go through high school, college, and then they get something called a master's degree, and then they study more to become ordained. I studied for five more years after college to become a rabbi. That's why most rabbis today are at least in their twenties. I became a rabbi when I was 44.

Max Cohen: Why do rabbis cover their heads?

Rabbi Mark: There's a tradition that we cover our heads out of respect, not just rabbis. In Yiddish the small head covering is called a yarmulke; in Hebrew it's a kippah. But there are other head coverings, too. For a while I've been wearing a beret. The point is that covering the head is an ancient way of showing respect.

Jake Tetenman: Did you always like Hebrew School?

Rabbi Mark: I always liked to learn about the holidays – we had a wonderful sukkah every fall in the courtyard of the temple where I grew up – and I liked the songs and to learn about Jewish history. But I didn't always pay attention; it's true! I'm glad I went, though, and now whenever I travel I look for a synagogue to go to. There are always Jews there to meet me and make me feel at home! Have any of you ever travelled outside the United States?

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Molly Galin: We're going to the Dominican Republic.

Rabbi Mark: When you go, you'll have to visit the old synagogue there! Jewish services all over the world are in Hebrew, but also often use the language of the country: Italian, Chinese, French. In the Dominican Republic the service is in Hebrew and Spanish. And here's a song they sing there in an old Jewish Spanish language called Ladino. [Sings a bit of "Eyn Kelohenu" in Ladino.]

Max Cohen: How did Jewish people celebrate the Jewish holidays during WWII?

Rabbi Mark: It wasn't easy. Sometimes they would go hungry one day so they could have a little something more on Shabbat. It was very difficult.

Jordan Galin: What did the first Jews live up to?

Rabbi Mark: The first Jews were Abraham and Sarah. The Torah says that Sarah lived to be 127. I remember that very well, because there's a famous story in the Torah that begins: "And Sarah lived 100 years, and 20 years, and 7 years." Abraham lived to be... you know, I'll have to look that up. I'll make sure the answer is in the newsletter! [Abraham lived to 175].



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# YOM HASHOAH AT PCS

On Sunday, April 7, PCS adults and children gathered to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. The service was led, as it has been since the synagogue's inception, by PCS founding president Malcolm Netburn. Peter Volgyes, who was born in pre-war Hungary, played the violin, performing an original composition he wrote based on the musical motif of Kol Nidre. Isaiah Schrader, son of Howard Schrader and Nancy Gutman, a young violinist already celebrated for his great skill and enormous promise, performed as well.

Alongside the six candles on the ceremonial table this year, Malcolm spoke about the continuation of Jewish life as it is playing out here "in this little synagogue on a small hill in Pleasantville, in the face of unspeakable tragedy." Malcolm then called up one child after another to read a poem or other selection from the service.

Rabbi Mark closed the afternoon by remembering an aunt whose first husband and children had been murdered in the Holocaust, and who had herself been hidden by nuns in a Dutch convent. Rabbi Mark then chanted El Male Rachamim, the traditional lament for the dead.



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# May 2013 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:30pm BBYO meeting at PCS, Lag B'Omer ★</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>NO YOGA CLASS</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><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><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>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Kita Zayin, 11 am</p> <p>Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 6 pm, ametz@jccan y.org</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Yom Yerushalayim ★</p> <p>Jerusalem Day</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:30pm Calendar meeting at PCS</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:15pm Children's Service Rosh Chodesh Sivan</p> <p>7:43pm-8:01pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah - Hana Rossi Parashat Bamidbar</p> <p>9:14pm-9:15pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Last day of Hebrew School for Kita Zayin, 11 am</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Erev Shavuot ★</p> <p>7:47pm-8:05pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Shavuot I</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Shavuot II No Hebrew School</p> <p>9:19pm-9:20pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:15pm Children's Service PCS House Band</p> <p>7:50pm-8:08pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah - Kathryn Ross</p> <p>Parashat Nasso 9:21pm-9:22pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30pm BBYO meeting for teens</p> <p>Last day of Hebrew School for Alef-Bet</p> <p>Executive Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Last day of Hebrew School for Kitz Zayin</p> <p>Board meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:56pm-8:14pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bar Mitzvah - Maxwell Coleman Parashat Beha'alotcha</p> <p>9:27pm-9:28pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>No Hebrew School</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>High Holiday Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>2nd Annual PCS Mitzvah Day</p> <p>Last day of Hebrew School</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Kita Zayin Graduation</p> <p>8:02pm-8:20pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah - Ariana McGrath</p> <p>Parashat Sh'lach 9:33pm-9:34pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>

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**Wednesday, May 15: Shavuot Service, 8 am**

**Thursday, May 16: Shavuot Service including Yizkor (Memorial) Service, 8 am**

