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THE RABBI'S COLUMN: PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD:  
 JUDAISM FOR NON-JEWS

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As I wrote last month, we are beginning something really special at PCS this fall. Starting on Sunday, October 26 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, I'll be teaching a class called "Judaism for Non-Jews." It's open to members, non-members, non-Jews... and yes, Jews too. We're calling it "Judaism for Non-Jews" specifically because we want a class where intermarried couples can come together and learn about Judaism historically – as you would in a comparative religion course in college – spiritually – after all, the course is being taught by a rabbi – and also through the lens of interpersonal and family relations.

Let me say it up front: This is not a conversion class. Judaism is very theologically relaxed. We believe if there's a heaven, all good people are going there. For any number of different reasons, people have come to me privately over the years to talk about converting to Judaism, but you're not going to be hearing about that from me. The only goal here is that everyone feel comfortable, get their questions answered, and have a place to talk with other intermarried folks about how they've made their intermarriages work. We'll be looking to set up some discussion

times separate and apart from the classes for that.

We are extremely grateful to UJA-Federation ("Good Together") for awarding us the grant that has made this program possible. Again, as I said last month, the goal is simple: to make sure folks know that Pleasantville Community Synagogue welcomes the inter-married; to create spaces in the community for the inter-married to come together and talk about common interests and concerns; and to provide educational and experiential opportunities for folks who are not Jewish themselves but are partnered with Jews and/or helping to raise Jewish children, in which to learn about Judaism, to gain the knowledge and skills they need to better personally support their family's choice, and in the process, we hope, to draw strength and inspiration for themselves from this 4,000-year-old tradition.

If you know anyone you think might appreciate this opportunity – they don't have to be members of our community – please pass the word. We'll be kicking off a series of late Sunday morning (11:30 am to 1:00 pm) get-togethers - "Judaism for Non-Jews" - on October 26. There's no charge, but RSVPs are appreciated.



# HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

By Galit Sperling, Principal

We are off to a wonderful start to the year at PCS Hebrew School!

Students began the year learning about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the High Holy Days; Blowing the shofar, eating apples and honey, and learning the prayers and rituals associated with this special time.

We have an incredible teaching staff this year at PCS, made up of returning teachers Jaime Chervin, Tamar Drucker, Karen Stamatis, Jennifer Chervin, and Jamie Cotel. We welcome Ann Farago to our family, as well as welcoming back 7th grade teacher Isaac Brooks! In addition, we are thrilled to have Madrichim (teen leaders) Katie Ross, Liana Sameth, Tova Teitel-Greene, Isaac Gordin and Michelle Siegel assisting with Hebrew School classes and programming.

An exciting year of programming and curriculum is planned, and we look forward to continuing to grow and learn with our students!

Coming Up in October:

- Sunday, October 5: Decorating and Experiencing the PCS Sukkah
- Thursday, October 9 - Thursday, October 16: No School (Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret)
- Friday evening, October 24: 1st/2nd Grade (Kitah Alef/Bet) Shabbaton!



Lucy, Josh and Ava having fun with their apples and honey!



Alef/Bet students creating special plates for Rosh Hashanah



Gimel student Gabby holding the shofar



Daled students preparing the ingredients for an apple cake

# “SNAP” AT PCS

On September 19, PCS hosted its first ever SNAP Service (Special Needs At Pleasantville). The 30-minute, Friday night service was designed especially for our special needs congregants and their families. 14 kids and 9 families welcomed Shabbat together. We shared Kiddush in small groups and then moved to the sanctuary, where each child had the chance to introduce a tradition to our Shabbat Storyboard. We sang, played instruments, and danced and marched to Leha Dodi with colorful scarves and tambourines.

For one 13-year-old boy, coming to the SNAP service at PCS marked the first time he went to synagogue with his family. For the parents of another child, it was the opportunity to attend a service together and feel safe, to not worry as much about their child’s behavior. For me, I was touched to see my children at SNAP among friends, participating in learning and music-making led by Rabbi Mark, and to know that PCS truly welcomes and embraces everyone.

Our next SNAP services take place right before Simchat Torah and Hanukkah. Please spread the word! Members and non-members are welcome! You may also RSVP (not required but preferred) and join our mailing list for SNAP announcements with Vivian Chang-Freiheit at: [vivianpiano@yahoo.com](mailto:vivianpiano@yahoo.com).

- Vivian Chang-Freiheit

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Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, October 16, 2014

SNAP Kiddush & Simchat Torah

5:30 – 6 PM (followed by Simchat Torah celebration with House Band at 6PM)

Friday, December 12, 2014

SNAP Kiddush & Hanukkah

6:45 – 7:15 PM (followed by Service/Children’s Service with House Band at 7:15)



# *Simchat Torah Honorees*

Every year at the holiday of “Simchat Torah” (“Rejoicing in the Torah”) two members of the PCS community have the honors of reading the very last lines of the Torah for the year past, and the very first lines of the Torah for the New Year. This year, the community will be honoring Past President, Peter Schaffer, and long-time member, Henry Hoffman.

Peter is the longest-serving president in PCS’s history, and with his deep interest in all things spiritual, also served as the chair of our Spiritual Life Committee. No one has given more to our community, in passion, in commitment, and in sheer hours of work. Moreover, Peter’s Jewish connections are both broad and deep. On any given Shabbat morning, you might see Peter leading the morning meditation; chanting from the Torah; engaging the children in discussion at Family Education Shabbat; kibitzing over the Kiddush lunch; and then deep in conversation with the adult Torah study. We are glad to be able to honor him this year.

Henry, we are blessed to say, is one of our community’s longest-lived members, now in his 90th year (his 90th birthday being a few months away). Henry has been chanting both Torah and Haftarah at PCS for many years, and it is always a special honor for us when he does. The trope (musical figures) Henry chants with have a distinctive sound; he learned them as he was preparing for his Bar Mitzvah in Germany, just before World War II. Henry escaped to America in the nick of time, and went back to Europe as an American citizen only a few years later to fight the Nazis. He deflects attention on his heroic deeds, but it is no overstatement to say that he is one of the greatest of the “greatest generation” and we are honored to be in his presence.

Two extraordinary individuals; we are blessed to honor them both. We hope you’ll join us at both the 6 pm evening service, Thursday evening October 16; and then again at the 8 am morning service October 17. Peter and Henry will be chanting at the morning service, which concludes by 10:30 am.

- Rabbi Mark

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## **Pleasantville Community Synagogue Mission Statement**

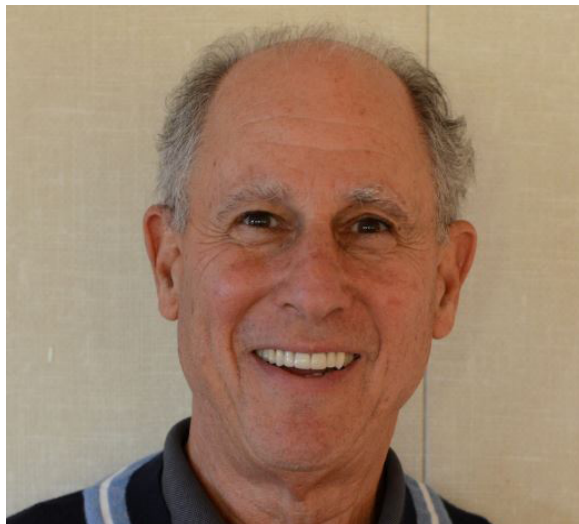
Pleasantville Community Synagogue is a transdenominational, inclusive community, a spiritual home deeply rooted in Torah (study), Avodah (prayer), and Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of loving-kindness). We seek to facilitate lifelong spiritual growth by engaging each member wherever that member may be on life’s 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.

# Peter Schaffer

I was born in Brooklyn and spent my first 12 years in an Orthodox enclave, Sea Gate, living in a 3-family house with a set of grandparents, an aunt and uncle and 2 cousins. Other relatives also lived in Sea Gate and the rest of my family was either in Brooklyn or Queens. We were all Orthodox, though I remember my parents discomfort about the separation of men and women in synagogue, so that when we moved to Scarsdale, we joined a conservative synagogue where I became a Bar Mitzvah. I then attended 2 years of further study at Temple Israel Center. My experiences were not pleasant, and by the time I left for college I was moving away from any involvement with synagogue life other than to attend services on High Holidays or special occasions. From then until my mid 30's I remained a largely secular Jew, though I was deeply interested in the world of spirit and became involved in new age spirituality. Eventually I turned to Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism in general. I studied for 5 years and count this as the source of my deepest feelings about my Jewishness and the motivation to rejoin a synagogue and to involve myself in the practices and rituals of Jewish life. In 2002, after having been a member of 4 other synagogues, I found PCS and have been here ever since - experiencing a profound sense of coming home.

At PCS I became a board member in 2003 and the President in 2009, serving 2 terms before retiring in 2012. During that time and since, I became a regular attendee of the Shabbat services on Saturday mornings and a part of the Torah reading circle. The study of Torah, love of the Shabbat service and the community has been my practice and commitment during these years. I am infused with a connection to the divine through the practice of the rituals and prayer, particularly in community. In recent years I have established a regular early morning meditation practice, which helps me to connect to God and my higher self and which guides my life in almost every way.

Peter Schaffer



# *Wine-Tasting Event*

The Adult Education Committee event at Best Wine Purveyors on September 9 was a total success.

We gathered at the very elegant wine shop at 210 Marble Avenue and were taken on a “tour” of various Israeli wines. Not only did we learn a lot about winemaking, we also heard about the rapidly growing industry of winemaking in Israel, the soil there, and how kosher wines are made.

The evening had the double benefit of raising funds for Israel’s Magen David Amon. Also, Mark Mazur, Operations Manager, made every possible effort to have Israeli wines at hand in anticipation of the High Holidays.

We are thankful for his professionalism and good cheer, and we also thank Barbara Doctor and Marcy Gray for organizing.



# **ASK THE RABBI: The Evolution of the Hebrew Alphabet; Jewish Belief; and other topics on the minds of our fourth graders.**

*On September 18, Rabbi Mark met with our Fourth Grade (Kitah Dalet) Class for a session of "Ask the Rabbi." Here's a very brief selection from the wide-ranging discussion that afternoon:*

Eli Brown: Why are there two upside-down nuns in the Torah?

Rabbi Mark: That's so funny. My sister-in-law in Orgeon just e-mailed me the other day with almost the same question! (There's a missing letter nun in the "Ashrei" prayer.) No one knows for sure. Some people say that the upside down nuns in the Torah are there to set off the lines between the nuns as a separate book of the Torah. Why? No one knows! There's lots of plain, good advice in the Torah, and also some secrets. If you figure this one out, Eli, will you let me know?!

Joseph Hock: Why is there the "ch" sound in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: Today is the day Scotland votes to decide whether they will remain part of Britain. I'm thinking of them because they have the sound too. Languages evolve in different places, using many of the same sounds, but different ones too. In Africa, one language uses pops and whistles. Whatever language(s) you grow up speaking, the sounds are familiar and usually easy to make. As you get older, it's harder to make sounds you didn't make when you were younger.

Emma Leis: How do you say "Gangham Style" in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: That would be "Signon Gangham."

Jaden Lieb: My father's name is Jonathan. What is that in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: Actually, the name Jonathan comes from the Hebrew: Yonatan. There are lots of names in English that come from Hebrew: Abraham comes from Avraham. There are many more.

Ethan Taboh: What is Ethan in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: There's another great example! The name Ethan also comes from the Hebrew. In Hebrew the name is Eitan.

Ben Stahl: How do you say "now" in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: That would be "achshav."

Olivia Solomon: How were Jewish letters made?

Rabbi Mark: Well, they began as pictographs, little drawings. (Draws on board.) Here's the original letter alef, which was drawn as an ox-head. Turn it upside down and what do you have? (Class calls out: "The letter A!") Here's the original letter mem, which was drawn as a jagged line to look like a river; because it stood for the word "mayim" (water). If I erase all but the middle section, what letter is that? (Class calls out: M!)

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Ian Rhodes: Why is the letter mem special?

Rabbi Mark: All the Hebrew letters are considered special. But there are three ways the letter mem is special: 1) it's the pictograph for water, as I just explained; 2) it's the middle letter in the word "emet" which means true (which teaches us we need to see both sides when we look for the truth); and 3) it makes the sound of quieting down, so when we chant the Shema we can focus on God's oneness and the way we're all connected to each other..

Lucy Solomon: If history had been different, would there be an Israel?

Rabbi Mark: Well, there has been an Israel three times in history. Once more than three thousand years ago. Then an army came and deported us to Babylonia, and then we came back and established Israel a second time. Then another army came in the year 70, and that time it took almost 2,000 years before we established Israel again. So I can't prove it, but I feel that, even if history had been different, we would have had an Israel somehow.

Maren Kenna: Jesus Christ was Jewish. So why did Christianity become a thing? Why did it become its own religion?

Rabbi Mark: I'm so glad you asked me that question. You're absolutely right. Jesus was Jewish. He went to synagogue. He wore a tallit. All of those things. He lived in northern Israel in an area called the Galilee – it's beautiful; I hope you all get a chance to go there one day! And that's why Israel is holy to Christians as well as to Jews. Jesus was a great teacher, and he taught a lot of great lessons from the Torah, like "love your neighbor as yourself." He had a wonderful reputation, and some of the Jews at that time thought he might even be the Messiah. The Messiah is someone who some Jews believe will one day bring world peace. But then Jesus died, and there were still wars, and the Jews realized that he was not their Messiah. But other people in other countries heard about him, and a new religion formed called Christianity. Christians believe that Jesus will come back, and next time will bring world peace.

Eli Brown: So Jesus split the Israelites in two? And were the Christians Jews before they were Christians?

Rabbi Mark: No, Jesus did not split the Israelites. The Israelites were Jews, and they almost all stayed Jewish. The people who became Christian were mostly from other countries, and had not been Jewish. The people who became Christian came from different backgrounds. Some were polytheists (people who believe in many gods). Some were pagans (people who worship nature). That's where you get the word "Sunday" from. There were people in ancient times who prayed to the sun, and that was their special day for prayers.

Lucy Solomon: How did you decide to be a rabbi?

Maren Kenna: That was my question!

Rabbi Mark: OK, well I'm glad you both asked. I wasn't always a rabbi.

Lucy Solomon: What were you before?

Rabbi Mark: Well, most of the time I was a songwriter.

Ava Klein: He wrote a song called "Pregnant Again."

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Rabbi Mark: How did you know that?! Yes, for a singer named Loretta Lynn. That was a long time ago. Anyway, one day I looked at the side of my bed and there was stack of books all about Judaism and the Torah stacked up to the mattress, and I realized that what I really wanted to do was to study to be a rabbi. And I did.

Ian Rhodes: How do you say “antidisestablishmentarianism” in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: OK, that would be “antidisestablishmentarianism b’ivrit.” “B’ivrit” means “in Hebrew.”

Ava Klein: How do you say orange juice in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: That would be “mitz tapuzim.”

Jaden Lieb: What’s your favorite sports team?

Rabbi Mark: Jaden, if I answer that I’ll make some people happy and others upset.

Jaden: Tell us!

Rabbi Mark: I’ll tell you this: I married into a family of huge Yankee fans. (Some cheers; some sighs.) But my grandfather was a huge Mets fan. (Other cheers; other sighs.) But the first game he ever took me to was actually to see the Brooklyn Dodgers play at Ebbets Field. I was a little boy, but I still remember it!

Joseph Hock: Why in an Orthodox synagogue do they have most of the important stuff on the men’s side?

Rabbi Mark: In Orthodox Judaism, men are obligated to daily prayer, while for women it’s optional. I think there are other reasons, too., but that’s the big factor.

Michelle Siegel: Why do we have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah?

Rabbi Mark: In Judaism, Bar or Bat Mitzvah means that you have become an “entry level” Jewish adult. That means, there are lots of adult things you can’t do yet – drive, vote, all of that. Still, we are serious about the fact that you are at an adult level now. You can make up one of the ten people we need for a prayer service (minyan). Beyond that, you are considered morally responsible now for your own actions. We say, we trust that you’ve learned and are a responsible person now. And Michelle, you are.

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*The Jews of the Arab Countries: What Happened to Them?* was the subject and question of a presentation given at PCS by Egyptian-born lecturer, Joseph Levy. The well-attended event saw many in the audience challenge a number of Mr. Levy's premises in the stimulating Q & A that followed. Thanks and kudos to Adult Education committee chair Barbara Doctor for putting together another successful program!



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***No editorial or graphic design experience necessary.***

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# Pajama Shabbat!

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6:15 pm Dinner\* (all ages) ~ 7:15 pm Family Service featuring our  
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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.**

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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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Ads should be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be emailed to Judy Chinitz at judyhope@optonline.net or cristina@lightbodymusic.com.

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September 8 and 15

WJCS Senior Programs in Mt. Vernon will host Current Events: The Lead Stories with Edward Pressman, instructor from Westchester Community College. The discussion group, which meets from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Sinai Free Synagogue, 550 N. Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon, is presented by the College's Mainstream Institute for mature adults. It is funded by a grant from the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services. Contact Rabbi Andy Bossov, 914-668-4350 or abossov@wjcs.com.

September 18

Post-War Art in America with Collector Marc Zeitschik is a short introduction to that period of the main schools of modern and contemporary art, highlighting the contributions of Jewish artists. Zeitschik owns the Jose-Marc Gallery and is a docent at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art. RSVP is required if lunch at a cost of \$4.00 and free, local, round-trip transportation are requested.

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WJCS Havorah and Temple Shaaray Tefila invite individuals with developmental disabilities to join in a special High Holy Day experience on Thursday, September 18, at 7:00 PM at Temple Shaaray Tefila, 89 Baldwin Road in Bedford Corners. The event will feature music, singing and dancing. Participants are welcome to bring songs and poems about the High Holy Days. RSVP to Sylvia Davi, havorah@wjcs.com or 914-761-0600 x124, with your name, email address, phone number and any special dietary needs.

October 14

WJCS Havorah and Congregation Sons of Israel will host a Sukkot celebration for people with developmental disabilities on Tuesday, October 14 at Congregation Sons of Israel 1666 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY. The event features music, singing, dancing and shaking the Lulav & Etrog as well as arts and crafts. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP is required. Please send your name, email address, phone number and special dietary needs to havorah@wjcs.com or call 914-761-0600 x124.

October 23

Three for the Show with Lu Gmoser, award-winning musical theatre scholar and producer, features the glories of Zeigfeld in a piano-vocal performance with commentary at WJCS Senior Programs in Mt. Vernon, Sinai Free Synagogue, 550 N. Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon. RSVP is required if lunch at a cost of \$4.00 and free, local, round-trip transportation are requested. Contact Rabbi Andy Bossov, 914-668-4350 or abossov@wjcs.com.

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# October 2014 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Tzom Gedaliah</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7:15pm Yoga class</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>★ Erev Yom Kippur</p> <p>Candle lighting - 6:17 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>★ Yom Kippur</p> <p>7:45 pm - Havdalah</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00am Put up Sukkah!</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:15pm Yoga class</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>★ Erev Sukkot</p> <p>6:09 pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Sukkot I ★</p> <p>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:15pm Services</p> <p>Sukkot II ★</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Sukkot III (CH"M)</p> <p>7:34 pm - Havdalah</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>★ Sukkot IV (CH"M)</p> <p>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:15pm Yoga class</p> <p>Sukkot V (CH"M) ★</p> <p>Columbus Day</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>★ Sukkot VI (CH"M)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>★ Sukkot VII</p> <p>Candle lighting - 5:58 pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:00pm Simchat Torah services</p> <p>★ Shmini Atzeret</p> <p>PCS House Band</p> <p>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5:30pm "SNAP" service at PCS</p> <p>★ Simchat Torah</p> <p>PCS House Band</p> <p>Children's Service</p> <p>5:55pm-6:13pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation; Family Education</p> <p>Shabbat service, 10 am</p> <p>Parashat Bereshit</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00am Take down the Sukkah</p> <p>4:00pm Film screening of "Amazing Grace" with Director's Q &amp; A</p> <p>Executive Board meeting, 7 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:15pm Yoga class</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Board of Trustees meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>PJ Shabbat Dinner</p> <p>Alef/Bet Shabbaton</p> <p>Hosting Israeli soldiers</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</p> <p>5:44 pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Noach</p> <p>7:13 pm - Havdalah</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>11:30am Rabbi Mark's class</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:15pm Yoga class</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:30pm 7th Grade Parents' Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:15pm Services</p> <p>5:35 pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service including Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Siegel, 9:30 am</p> <p>Parashat Lech-Lecha</p>

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