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From Our Rabbi: In the Image by Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

Shalom! August 1 marked the completion of my first year here in Pleasantville. Last year, I arrived with barely time to unpack before leading the High Holy Days services. This year, the holidays are "late" on the solar calendar (Erev Rosh Hashanah is October 2), giving us all some more breathing room to prepare.

This year, my holiday theme will be "In the Image." From my Erev Rosh Hashanah story (that I heard at the ALEPH Kallah this summer) through my sermons on the holidays, you are invited to explore what life can be like when we see the divine image in everyone we meet. How can this awareness of the divine spark in every person (and in the natural world) influence the way we approach our congregational future, the way we interact in society and our *tikkun olam* commitments over the next year?

Elul, the Hebrew month prior to Rosh Hashanah, basically coincides with September this year, and that gives us all some time to get ready. In Jewish tradition, preparation is integral to every holiday, and there are several ways to prepare ourselves emotionally and spiritually for a New Year. *If we all do at least one thing to prepare for the New Year, our prayers together will be all the more meaningful this fall.*

I have heard Rosh Hashanah preparation described as "reaching in, reaching up and reaching out."

Inner Work - Reaching In

Heshbon Hanefesh means "an account of the soul." Take some time during Elul to evaluate where you are going with your life, the qualities you want to improve in your character and your "mitzvah" goals for the year ahead. Maybe come up with one spiritual practice and one interpersonal/service goal that you want to do in the coming year. And sign up now at [Do You 10Q](#), a site which gets you to answer your most important questions between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, then locks away your answers until next year.

Remember loved ones who have passed on by visiting the cemetery this month. Rosh Hashanah is known as the "Day of Remembrance." If you can't visit in



*Rabbi Julie (right)
at her installation on Shavuot with
PCS Member Eileen Jagoda
(Photo: Cristina Altieri Martinez)*

person, take some time for recollections. Decide on a mitzvah to do and *tzedakah* to give in their honor. We will also do this in the form of the "Memory Fest," as part of our Selichot Service on September 24. Remember to purchase *yahrtzeit* candles (available at most supermarkets) to light in honor of Yizkor on Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret (at the end of Sukkot).

Prayer - Reaching Up

Selichot Services. *Selichot* means "forgiveness" and is the name given to special late-night services prior to Rosh Hashanah, which we will hold on Saturday, September 24, at 9:00 pm. Bring a photo or memento of a loved one whom you are remembering at this time of year for our "Memory Fest." We will conclude with a short and sweet Selichot service to reintroduce us to the melodies and themes of Rosh Hashanah.

Psalm 27. It is traditional to read Psalm 27, a psalm of faith, each day from the beginning of Elul through the end of Sukkot. You can find a beautiful, pray-able translation by Reb Zalman [here](#).

Blow the shofar. The call of the shofar awakens our souls. If you have a shofar at home, it's traditional to blow it each morning, except on Shabbat. If you don't own a shofar, you can experience a Virtual Shofar [here](#).

Interpersonal - Reaching Out

Making Amends. Yep, now is the time to let go of grudges, and also to ask forgiveness or make amends with anyone you may have hurt or just had a misunderstanding with this year. It happens to all of us, but it can be hard to bring up the subject. Rosh Hashanah can provide a great excuse to make up!

Tzedakah. This season is considered the ideal time to give additional *tzedakah*, charitable donations, to groups and organizations that you value and support. *Tzedakah* literally means "justice" and so it is considered not just a nice option but the very essence of Jewish practice.

Greetings. It's traditional to send out Rosh Hashanah cards at this time of year, and to include the greeting, *L'Shanah Tovah Tikvteyvu* ("May you be inscribed for a good year."). It's a wonderful way to reconnect with people and to get in the mood of holidays. In today's world, taking the time to send an actual paper card has become very special and thoughtful. I save the old ones to decorate our sukkah.

Celebration. The Jewish New Year is also a time of celebration. It is traditional to buy new clothing and special foods for Rosh Hashanah. Stock up on sweet natural foods like apples (picking your own at an orchard is a great Northeastern tradition), honey for cakes and dipping, and dates and pomegranates for a sweet New Year. Round/spiral challahs are traditional to

symbolize the cycle of the year or the royal crown motif of the season.

I wish you well in your preparations for the New Year. *L'Shanah Tovah Tikavteyvu*; may we all be inscribed for a good and sweet New Year!

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HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

by Galit Sperling, Principal

We are looking forward to the **first day of Hebrew School at PCS this year on Sunday, September 18!**

We have some new and exciting changes at our Hebrew School this year, beginning with the schedule. Sunday mornings are going to be a wonderful and busy time at PCS, as our first through sixth grade students will all be in the building together for this period of time every week!

Here is the general Hebrew School schedule for this year:

- Kitah Aleph/Bet (First/Second Grade) will meet on Sundays from 9 - 10:45 am
- Kitah Gimme! (Third Grade) will meet on Sundays from 9 - 10:45 am*
- Kitah Daled (Fourth Grade) will meet Sundays from 10 am - Noon*
- Kitah Hey (Fifth Grade) will meet on Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm and on Sundays from 10 am - Noon
- Kitah Vav (Sixth Grade) will meet on Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm and on Sundays from 10 am - Noon
- B'nei Mitzvah (Seventh Grade) will meet on Thursdays from 6:15 - 7:30 pm, plus one required parent-child program per month

**In addition to meeting in class on Sundays, our third and fourth grade students will have an online component to their learning during the week.*

We are thrilled to be integrating technology into the Hebrew learning curriculum for our elementary school students. Through the online platform and individualized practice, our children can work at their own level and pace, and be challenged with innovative new programming and games. The goal of this new model is to engage our students even more deeply in their learning, and help make the Hebrew language accessible and fun!

Hope to see you all at [Back to Shul Night](#) on Friday, September 9, as we kick off what is bound to be a wonderful year at PCS!

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Ben Rosen's Mitzvah Project

For my mitzvah project, I helped prepare brunches for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Valhalla. The Ronald McDonald House provides a temporary home-away-from-home for families with critically ill or traumatically injured children at Westchester Medical Center. By having volunteers like me preparing and serving meals at the House, it is hoped that families will have one less thing to worry about during their stay.



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Ethan Spanierman's Mitzvah Project

For my Mitzvah project I volunteered at the Westchester Food Bank. They believe that access to healthy food is a basic human right. The reason this is so important is that 200,000 people in Westchester alone are at risk for extreme hunger; 22% of those are seniors and 33% of those are children. Donating food is one of the basic mitzvot of the Torah because it is a kind of tzedakah. In my volunteering, I helped to repack food donated by big box stores for distribution to food-insecure individuals. I also am donating 5% of my Bar Mitzvah cash gifts to the Westchester Food Bank to put money where other people's mouths are.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a summer it's been! As I speak to my PCS friends, I hear about how our congregants have been spending their summers. We've welcomed children and grandchildren, celebrated marriages and mourned the loss of loved ones. We have been traveling, visiting family, hiking, kayaking, camping, reading, learning new skills, finding new hobbies and recharging our batteries!

Here at PCS, we have also been very busy. We started the summer with a very well-attended congregational meeting. We said farewell to our outgoing board members and welcomed the incoming board members. Our outgoing treasurer, Mark Freiheit, presented the 2016-17 PCS budget for approval by the membership. This budget was quite conservative and, I believe, very realistic and responsible, and it received the support of our community. I am happy to report that we will be starting the year in a strong financial position due to timely dues payments as well as generous additional donations. I appreciate the community's trust and its support of our future.



As of June 30, the Rosenthal JCC closed its doors, necessitating our search for a new home for our High Holiday services. We are thrilled to report that this year we will be holding all of our High Holiday services at the First Congregational Church (FCC) in Chappaqua, at 210 Orchard Ridge Road. The church leadership has been very warm, welcoming and accommodating to our community. Finding a new home for these services was a long process, and many people were involved in making it happen. Thank you to the High Holiday Committee, including Chair Richard Solomon, and to Jonathan Goodman, both of whom tirelessly researched and made calls about potential spaces. Thank you to John Ehrlich for suggesting the FCC as a potential location, and finally, thank you to Sue Furst for reaching out to some key members and leaders at the FCC and paving the way for a positive and productive approval process.

We are proud to report that we received a grant from UJA-Federation to fund a new program entitled Growing Jewish Naturally. This will consist of three distinct outdoor learning events for our youngest members and their friends. Look for the first event to occur this fall and please contact me if you are interested in joining the planning team.

Teen engagement has been a priority of the community and was one of the priorities

set out by the PCS Vision Committee. Through the Jewish Education Project, we have been partnered with area synagogues to be part of a teen cohort; sharing resources and ideas and joining together for events. We are thrilled to have engaged the charming and energetic Julia McCarthy to coordinate teen activities and participate in the cohort. As our first teen event, we have been invited to participate in an event sponsored by UJA-Federation: *9/11 National Day of Service - Saluting our Two- and Four-Legged Heroes*. Please click [here](#) for more information. In addition to the teen cohort activities, our eighth, ninth and tenth graders will be invited to join Rabbi Julie on a journey of learning based around the traditional idea of "Four Worlds": physical, emotional/creative, mental and spiritual.

Barbara Doctor and the Adult Ed committee have designed an engaging and entertaining series of programs, including Israeli films, a scholar-in-residence program and numerous guest lecturers.

In the immediate future, through some very special connections at the State Department, we have invited State Department Special Envoy Ira Forman to speak on "Confronting Global Anti-Semitism." This program is co-sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and will be held at Congregation Sons of Israel in Briarcliff Manor on Wednesday, September 7; click here for more information.

On September 9, we host our second [Back to Shul Night](#), with music and an ice cream oneg. It will be a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with PCS friends and neighbors. I look forward to seeing everyone in the PCS family there!

- Amy Gutenplan

תודה רבה *Thank You*

Amy would also like to thank and acknowledge the outgoing members of the PCS Board of Trustees:

Mark Freiheit - Thank you for your incredibly hard work as our treasurer on the executive committee, and for keeping me honest when I try my best to break the budget. Thanks also for your commitment to and participation in our Shabbat music.

Gary Greenwald - Thank you for your level-headed comments; you always seemed to bring us back to the core issue at hand, and your knowledge of all things technical has proved to be invaluable.

Eric Klein - A huge thank you for your sense of humor and for the tremendous job you did chairing our rabbi search committee; you found us a good one!

April Lasher Sanders has completed her *ninth* year on the board. I can barely enumerate all you have contributed to the board and to PCS - as an executive committee member, as VP and most recently as the treasurer prior to Mark.

Kiersten Zweibaum - As our education chair and VP on the executive committee, you have worked closely with Galit over these past years and have helped develop a wonderful Hebrew School.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new board members (please click on each name for a current bio):

[David Benattar](#), [Greg Cohen](#), [Robert Marshak](#), [Lisa Nicotra](#) and [Ben Serebin](#).

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Intimacy

by Peter Schaffer

A subject seldom spoken of, but often dear to us, is the question of intimacy. We seek it in our personal relationships with a partner when we are young and often let it slide as we age or as the relationship matures, which to my mind accounts for many of the divorces that occur in our culture. We continue to want it, but we don't understand what it requires of us; it takes work and a commitment to explore our feelings and motivations and to activate them in our daily interactions. I am equally interested in intimacy in other areas of my life as well, my relationship to friends, to strangers, to nature and to God, so I'm proposing to write a series where I examine what this might look like. It will be a journey of discovery of the unspoken desire to connect more fully to our world.

The first requirement to experiencing intimacy with others is to be intimate with ourselves, to really know what we feel and what impedes the expression of that feeling. The word I use in this regard is *shadow*, the dark place we all carry but fear or are ashamed to acknowledge. It arises very early in our lives, usually as an intelligent response to a situation that we cannot tolerate, and then becomes part of our response to events outside ourselves when that response is no longer appropriate. In psychology and in other disciplines we are often

advised to battle these tendencies to resolve the issues. In my view, this becomes counterproductive; the battle serves instead as a vehicle of non-acceptance of who we fully are, of our wholeness, and becomes an instrument turned against ourselves. How then can we be intimate with ourselves? How can we be honest about our feelings? How, then, can we accept the faults we see in others when we refuse to see them in ourselves? We create a vicious circle of denying reality. The solution, I believe, must include our shadow as we move forward, even as we strive to transcend the fear or shame that underlies its existence. We need to stay grounded in what truly is.

So I'm proposing a *tikkun*, a deep healing that is the gateway to what we consciously or unconsciously long for. As we approach Elul and the High Holiday season, we can begin the process of revealing what has been hidden and starting anew. The results, as I have discovered for myself, can be a joyous renewal that changes my relationship with everyone and everything that I encounter in my life. I cannot say this better than W.B. Yeats, who wrote:

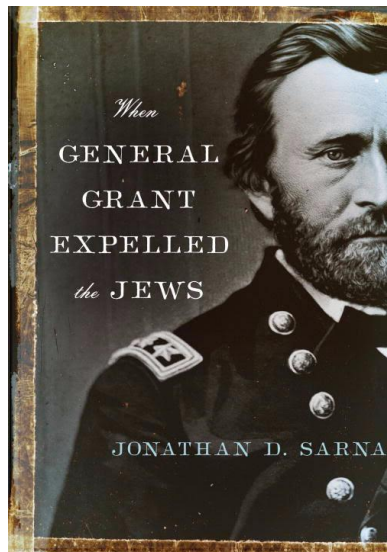
"Now that my ladder's done
I must lie down where all the ladders start
In the foul rag and bone shop of the heart."

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From the PCS Bookworm... Eileen Jagoda

When General Grant Expelled the Jews

by Jonathan Sarna



In a little-known chapter in American Jewish history, on December 17, 1862, General Ulysses Grant, later a U.S. president, issued what remains "the most notorious anti-Jewish order by a government official in American history." His attempt to eliminate black marketeers in the military district he oversaw by targeting all Jews "as a class" unleashed a firestorm of controversy.

At the time of the Civil War, there were approximately 150,000 Jews living in the United States. Immigrants at the time of Grant's General Order No. 11 were to be expelled "as a class" from the war zone under General Grant's authority, which included parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky. Jews at the time wondered whether their new homeland was coming to resemble anti-Semitic Europe at its worst. Many prominent Jews of the period helped bring the order to the President's attention.

Among those the Jews had to thank was Cesar Kaskel, an immigrant from Rawitsch (then part of Prussia), who took chief responsibility for alerting the President about this troubling order. Kaskel lived in Paducah, Kentucky, whose population at the time included about 30 Jews. Kaskel supported the Union cause even as Grant captured and occupied the city. Jews had become the focus for much animosity that came to be unleashed in Paducah. Confederates doubted Jewish loyalty to the Confederate

cause because nationwide Jews were known to be on both sides of the struggle. When General Order No. 11 came down from Grant's headquarters, Kaskel and Paducah's other Jews were required to leave the city within 24 hours. Kaskel decided to fight the order by sending an urgent telegram to Lincoln at the White House, which was also signed by Kaskel's brother and other prominent Jewish leaders. Yet, even with the advent of the telegraph system, messages got lost or delayed. Thus, the President did not receive the news immediately.

However, then as now, the power of the press was enormous. The news of General Order No. 11 hit the newspapers and spread over the U.S. like wildfire. A key supporter of Kaskel's mission was Isaac Mayer Wise, Cincinnati's most prominent rabbi. Rabbi Wise had only been in America for 16 years but had already made a name for himself. He was very tough and pragmatic, and when it came to the rights of Jews, he was uncompromising. Some Jews who had been expelled from the war zone walked 40 miles on foot to seek him out in Memphis. With Rabbi Wise's encouragement, Jews from all walks of life descended on Washington to plead for the rights of the Jews...and this in the middle of a war! The Jewish fraternal organization B'nai B'rith likewise geared up to lobby against Grant's order. In addition, by late 1862 there were hundreds if not thousands of Jews serving in the army under Grant. Understandably, many soldiers were very upset by Grant's order, and some went so far as to resign.

Upon learning of Grant's action, Lincoln rescinded the order on January 4, 1863.

Jonathan Sarna is a professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University and has written, edited or co-edited more than 20 books, including Lincoln and the Jews, which the

[PCS Bookworm](#) reviewed in this newsletter in October 2015.

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In our October issue, [the PCS Bookworm](#), Eileen Jagoda, will review *The Girl from Human Street* by NY Times columnist Roger Cohen.

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A Puppy Grows at PCS

This summer, some of you may have noticed a newcomer to the synagogue. She's hard to ignore: an adorable yellow Labrador retriever puppy named Jules. Jules is being raised by PCS Administrator, Marcy Gray, to be a Guide Dog for Guiding Eyes for the Blind (www.guidingeyes.org). Marcy got her at the age of two months and will have her for about a year and a half, at which point Jules will be tested and trained to see if she can be a Guide Dog. Alternately, she could be placed as a service dog with an autistic child or as a therapy dog at a children's hospital. If, for whatever reason, Jules is not able to do any of those jobs, she will be placed for adoption as a family pet, a pool that has about a two-year waiting list because these are awesome, incredibly well-trained and loving dogs.



*Marcy Gray and Jules.
Not quite ready to go up on the bimah!*

On occasion, Marcy will bring Jules in to PCS (and try to get work done at the same time!) because part of a Guide Dog's training is to become acclimated to every type of environment and to learn to deal with all different types of people and situations. About three months old now, Jules is already house- (and shul-) broken, well behaved (well, most of the time...) and always sweet and loving.



Yes, of course Jules loves Galit Sperling but, no, she will not be having a Bark Mitzvah.

If anyone would like to meet Jules, find out more about Guiding Eyes, explore community service options (*ahem*, B'nei Mitzvah students...), please don't hesitate to contact Marcy at mgray@shalompcs.com, 914-769-2672 or stop by her office ... where you just might find a cold nose and a warm heart (from Jules, that is...)



Pups at PCS: Jules and Bailey Freiheit enjoy a little summer downtime.

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AJC WESTCHESTER/FAIRFIELD, CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL AND PLEASANTVILLE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT

Confronting Global Anti-Semitism

Join us for a special presentation by President Obama's Special Envoy on Anti-Semitism for an important discussion on the present state of anti-Semitism both here and abroad, what is being done to combat this and what more can be done.



Ira Forman

Wednesday, September 7
7:30 p.m.

Congregation Sons of Israel
Briarcliff Manor

RSVP to

www.ajc.org/westfair/iraforman

or by calling 914.948.5585



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Ready or not, here it comes...

Second Annual PCS Back to Shul Night!

Friday, September 9, 7:30 pm

**Come for joyful Friday night services at 7:30 pm
followed by a special ICE CREAM oneg celebration.
Greet old friends, make some new ones and get ready for a sweet new
year of *Joyful Judaism* at PCS!**

***Bring your neighbors, bring your friends...
As always, all are welcome.***

*Pleasantville Community Synagogue is a welcoming Jewish community
of people from diverse traditions and backgrounds who want to share
a joyous spiritual and cultural home.*

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WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES

## 9/11 National Day of Service: Saluting our Two- and Four-Legged Heroes

Westchester Community and Volunteer Services and the Harold & Elaine Shames JCC on the Hudson invite you to join us for a day of volunteering with your family

### 9/11 National Day of Service: Saluting our Two- and Four-Legged Heroes

Meet therapy dog Fozzie and his handler Stefani Cohen, a social worker at Westchester Jewish Community Services, a UJA-Federation partner, who will teach us how service dogs and other animals help heal. We will also learn how social workers and animals at a therapy petting zoo in Israel bring comfort to victims of trauma.

In honor of September 11th, we will write letters and draw pictures for the dedicated staff at the UJA-Federation-founded Israel Trauma Coalition, where more than 40 organizations help individuals and communities coping with unrelenting violence. We'll also make crafts to express our commitment to caring for our furry friends and enjoy other activities.

Please bring new and gently used towels and linens, dog and cat food, metallic food bowls, and cat litter to the event to be donated to local animal shelters.

Advance registration is required. Space is limited.  
Couvert \$40\* per family

**Event Chairs:** Laurie Davidowitz, Laura Maya, and Elissa Strauss

**Westchester Women's Community and Volunteer Services**  
**Chair:** Amy Gutenplan



Fozzie

**Sunday**  
**September 11, 2016**  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

**Harold & Elaine Shames  
JCC on the Hudson**  
371 South Broadway  
Tarrytown, New York

**Contact Information**  
Veronica Landin  
914.385.2115  
[landinv@ujafedny.org](mailto:landinv@ujafedny.org)

REGISTER NOW



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*invites all interested singers to our*

# OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, September 15, 2016  
7:15 p.m.**

*at the  
JCC on the Hudson  
371 S Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591*

*For more information, please visit our website:  
[www.kolrinahchorale.org](http://www.kolrinahchorale.org)*



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# ***SELICHOT and Memory Fest***

*Spiritual Preparation  
for the Days of Awe*

**Saturday, September 24, 9 pm**  
Pleasantville Community Synagogue  
219 Bedford Road

**Join Rabbi Julie for Havdalah at 9 pm at PCS. Bring a photo and/or a memento of someone you are remembering this holiday season.**

**Rabbi Julie will teach about the importance of memory at this season, and you will have the opportunity to share your memory with others.**

**A short Selichot service featuring key prayers and melodies from the High Holidays will follow.**

*RSVPs are not necessary but your response to [rabbi@shalompcs.com](mailto:rabbi@shalompcs.com) would be greatly appreciated to help Rabbi Julie plan the program.*



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Enriching Our Jewish Community Through LGBTQ Inclusion

## Teen Engagement Initiative

*Helping Jewish LGBTQ teens foster a deeper connection to Jewish life and strengthen both their Jewish and LGBTQ identities*

### For LGBTQ Jewish Teens & Straight Allies:

Monthly Sunday Safe Space Gatherings in 2016: Sept 25, Oct 30, Nov 20, Dec 11  
at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, 2125 Westchester Avenue, East Rye

5:00-5:45pm: Teen Advisory Council (must apply)

5:45-6:30pm: Support Group (open to all)

6:30-7:30pm: Kosher Dinner + Activity (open to all)

+ More Social & Educational Events Coming Soon!

**For Family of LGBTQ Jewish Teens:** one-on-one support & informal gatherings

**For Jewish Youth & Teen Programs:** consultations, collaborations, trainings

RSVP/More Info: 914.262-6555, [binaraskin@mosiacofwestchester.org](mailto:binaraskin@mosiacofwestchester.org)

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# HIGH HOLY DAYS HONORS

— **NEW VENUE: Please note that the venue for all PCS High Holiday services has changed. This year all PCS High Holiday services will be held at the First Congregational Church, 210 Orchard Ridge Road in Chappaqua.**

Dear PCS Family:

In our continuing effort to honor the many member families who participate in our vibrant community, we endeavor to call to the bimah representatives of as many families as possible to participate in our High Holiday services.

Please see the form [here](#) and mail/email/fax (914-769-1795) it to the synagogue office as soon as possible so that we may begin scheduling the honors that require it.

**Individual Honors:**

English reading and Torah honors (holding, lifting or dressing the scrolls) are scheduled in advance of services. Please enter the name of each adult in your family with appropriate preferences. In consideration of your family's own High Holiday practices, you are also invited to enter a preferred day and time.

**Teen Participation:**

We invite all of our teens - including those who celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvah this past year and those who will be celebrating in the coming year - to lead the community in the chanting of Ashrei during the Torah service on the first day of Rosh HaShanah. It would be appreciated if those of you whose children will be participating in Ashrei would confirm this honor on the form as well.

**Celebratory Group Aliyot:**

We will be calling to the bimah lay leaders and volunteers for celebratory group aliyot on the first day of Rosh HaShanah, including all those students who recently became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. All current members - men and women - who would customarily be eligible for an aliyah are welcome to participate. These are not scheduled in advance.

**Torah Reading Honors:**

Reading from the Torah will be scheduled separately.

*Thank you for your help during this important time in the spiritual life of our community.*

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## **NEED HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS FOR YOUR GUESTS?**

You will find the order form [here](#). Please complete the form and fax (914-769-1795), email ([mgray@shalompcs.com](mailto:mgray@shalompcs.com)) or mail (P.O. Box 148, Pleasantville, NY 10570) it in at your earliest convenience.

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# **HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Help set up, serve and clean up**

**When: Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Oct. 2,  
approx. 8:30-9:30 pm**

**First day of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, Oct. 3,  
approx. 11 am-2 pm**

Yom Kippur Break Fast, Wednesday, Oct. 12,  
approx. 4:30-7:30 pm

Where: First Congregational Church in Chappaqua,  
210 Orchard Ridge Road

***This is a GREAT way to meet other congregants, do  
a vital mitzvah and have fun! It's also a great way for  
PCS teens to get community service hours!***

***Can you help?***

Please contact Robin Berman at [awake.rob@gmail.com](mailto:awake.rob@gmail.com)

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**MONDAY, October 3, 2016**

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## A Survey of Jewish History and Practice for Beginners and Deepeners

Join with clergy from throughout Northern Westchester to learn about the breadth and wonder of Jewish tradition. This class offers a pathway for the adult learner who wishes to discover or deepen Jewish knowledge or the non-Jew who is considering living a Jewish life or possibly conversion to Judaism. Each session is based upon a chapter in Stephen M. Wylen's Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism. It is recommended but not required that the chapters be read in advance of each session.

Select Tuesdays Evenings, 7:30–9:00 pm, November–April

Please register with Jaclyn Dubray: [JDubray@bethelnw.org](mailto:JDubray@bethelnw.org)

There is no charge for these classes.

November 1, 2016

### **The Many Names of God**

(Settings of Silver pages 35-52)

with Rabbi Julie Danan

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November 15, 2016

### **My Heart Turns to the East: Israel and Jerusalem**

(Settings of Silver pages 53-78, 380-406)

with Rabbi Stacy Bergman

at Temple Shaaray Tefila, Bedford



November 22, 2016

### **The Tanach and Rabbinic Literature**

(Settings of Silver pages 15-36)

with Rabbi David Greenberg

at Temple Shaaray Tefila, Bedford



December 6, 2016

### **The Jewish Lifecycle: Bris/Marriage/Divorce/Birth/Conversion**

(Settings of Silver pages 79-98)

with Rabbi Maura Linzer

at Temple Beth El, Chappaqua



January 10, 2017

### **The Siddur and Public and Private Prayer**

(Settings of Silver pages 99-109)

with Rabbi Joshua Strom

at Congregation B'nai Yisrael, Armonk



January 24, 2017

### **Heaven, Hell, the Afterlife, Divine Judgment**

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**The Centrality of Shabbat**  
(Settings of Silver pages 124-136)  
with Rabbi Julie Danan  
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February 21, 2017  
**Jewish Calendar and Holidays**  
(Settings of Silver pages 137-184)  
with Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe  
at Temple Beth El, Chappaqua



March 7, 2017  
**An Overview of Jewish History**  
(Settings of Silver pages 185-312)  
with Rabbi Aaron Brusso  
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March 21, 2017  
**Jewish Denominations**  
(Settings of Silver pages 336-357, 428-440)  
with Rabbi Lori Koffman  
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April 4, 2017  
**Anti-Semitism, The Holocaust and Its Implications**  
(Settings of Silver pages 358-379)  
with Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe  
at Temple Beth El, Chappaqua



April 25, 2017  
**The American Jewish Community**  
(Settings of Silver pages 407-427)  
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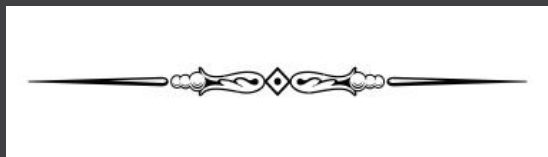
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