



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: "WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION"

By Mark Sameth

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The PCS community was very gracious in extending me a six-month sabbatical after 16 years of service. I was, and I am, deeply appreciative. But given how active our community is, try as I might (and believe me I tried!) I just couldn't find a solid six-month window where I could imagine being away. So I want you all to know that what I'll be doing instead is taking a few chunks of extended time away over this next year. I want you to know what that will look like; what I hope to be doing when I'm not here; who'll be covering for me; how, and when.

So first of all, I want you to know that my plan is to be here for virtually all of our PCS benchmark events: the Spring Open House, the Fall Open House, the High Holidays; indeed all of our fall holidays; all of our Bar and Bat Mitzvahs (including another adult Bat Mitzvah this fall); our PCS Palooza Week; all of our Hebrew School Shabbatons; and, as I have done every year of late, I'll be in each of the classrooms this coming year for a session of "Ask the Rabbi." I'll also be teaching in the WAJE "Introduction to Judaism" class at the Rosenthal JCC; and teaching a three-part class of my own, "Do Jews Believe in Heaven?" (also at the JCC).

On the weeks I'm away Cantor Isabel Kopstein has agreed to lead Shabbat services, and to be on call for pastoral emergencies as she has been now over these many years whenever I've been

away. Cantor Isabel will cover for me from June 23 through Selichot (the evening of August 31); and then again from October 27 through the Shabbat of Thanksgiving Weekend; and then again from December 1 through January 19; and then again from February 2 through the Shabbat of February 28/29. Please come out for services to support Cantor Isabel, and your PCS community!

So what will I be doing? Well, I hope to be spending most of my time writing. As some of you know, I was approached some years ago to write a book based on my 2008 CCAR Journal article on the Tetragrammaton. It's a project I dearly hope to complete. There are a few other writing projects as well.

What else? I may play a little more music, take a few more naps, and read a few more books than I might otherwise have gotten to read. All in hopes of returning to you as a somewhat more learned, somewhat more accomplished, somewhat more refreshed rabbi. We never know, of course, what the future holds. But these are my hopes and my intentions.

I want to thank the community again so much for allowing me this time. I look forward to sharing with you this fall "what I did on my summer vacation." If you're not too busy, please do come by the synagogue to say hello this month. Otherwise, b"h, I will see you all in September.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The greatest asset, bar none, that any organization or community can have is its people. As is the case most years at this time, we lose two Board of Trustees members through attrition. Congregations of any faith, of any generation or geographic locale have always aspired to have the good fortune to have an Oren Cohen or an Evan Kingsley as part of their community.

Evan, on behalf of the PCS community, thank you so much for your wonderful service. It has truly been our privilege and aliyah to work side-by-side with you. Your wisdom, perspective, dedication and devotion to our community has been invaluable and we thank you for all of your extraordinary efforts in so many ways. You've brought so much to our synagogue with your diverse talents, remarkable work ethic, insight,

contributions and instincts. Thank you again, Evan.

We have truly been blessed to have Oren Cohen as our Treasurer. Oren is a longstanding member of PCS, has served his community for a decade as Treasurer, as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. He has worked all of that time selflessly and tirelessly, with great dedication to and love for our synagogue, devotion to Jewish life and tradition, as well as always with the values that make Oren who he is – his sense of ethics and integrity, his huge heart and sensitivity, as well as his great expertise, wisdom and vision. I know that I speak on behalf of everyone in thanking him for all of his years of dedicated and caring service to the PCS community. Thank you so much, Oren.

With Rabbi Mark and all of us working together, we look forward to the strategic opportunities, growth and maturation that lay ahead, and are an inherent part of any organization – religious or otherwise.

Enjoy a healthy, safe and good summer.

— Jerry Neuburger

THANK YOU!

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.



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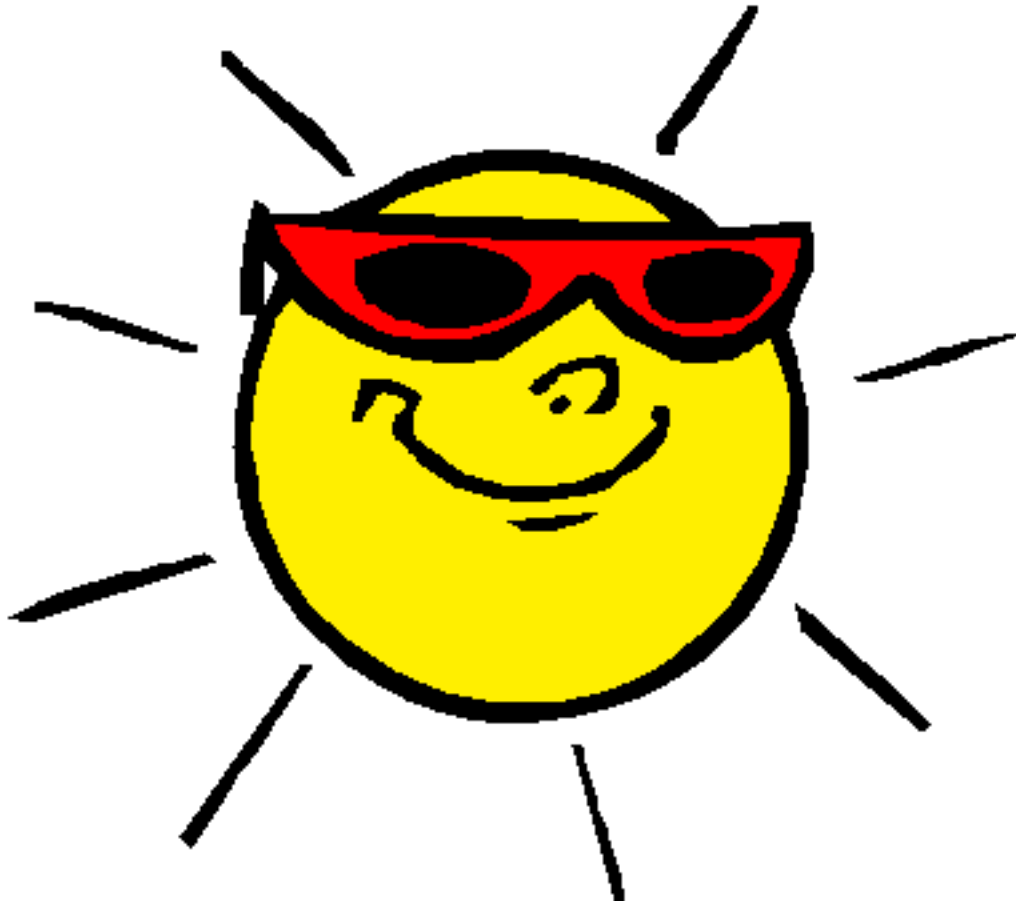
Ronni Metzger, Principal

May began with the beautiful Gimel class shabbaton. Under the direction of Lisa Lipkin, the students led many of the prayers of the Friday night service. Thank you to their teachers, Jennifer Chervin and Tamar Drucker, for preparing them so well. The evening culminated with the children receiving their own siddurim, commemorating the completion of the Aleph Bet. We are all very proud of the work that the students have done all year.

We all enjoyed the last day of school, which included a fun-filled day, starting with our songfest, or zimriah. Each class performed two songs that they have been working on over the year. At the end, all the students and families joined in the reciting of the Hatikvah. The students made art projects that they will enjoy at home, and the day ended with the traditional ice cream sundae party! A good time was had by all.

Thank you to all the parents that volunteered their time to coordinate, plan and provide for the delicious end of the year celebration. On May 31st, the month and school year closed with the Zayin graduation. It was a lovely ceremony, acknowledging the hard work and accomplishments of the students.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my exceptional faculty, Marcy Gray, and all the devoted parents for their support over the past two years. It has been a pleasure.





B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECTS

Katie Ng Ross

Throughout the school year, Katie has been assisting Karen Stamatis and the other instructors at the Hebrew school in teaching the students. As a teacher's aide, Katie helped the younger children with vowels, letters, grammar, and pronunciation. Katie has also tutored a few students at her school in social studies. It has been recognized that the students she tutored have improved in quiz and test scores. Overall, Katie has learned many things from her project: among them are the importance of patience and the value of respect. In addition, tutoring the students has helped to reinforce the material for Katie herself, which was particularly valuable in her Bat Mitzvah training. Katie found working with teachers and students rewarding and she is extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve her community in such an impactful way.

Isaac Reisman

For my community service project I played baseball once a week with my baseball coach, Lou Wachtel, at the Pleasantville Cottage School with boys my age. The first time I played with them they were shy and were just learning each others names. Then once I really got to know them I heard their stories about how they ended up in this program. I realized that I was really lucky to have a loving family like mine. I also learned from this experience to not take things for granted. For example, in the beginning of the game my coach and I gave the kids gum and they were beyond happy to just have one piece. At first I thought that I wouldn't really like playing with these guys because I didn't really know them that well and I thought it would be awkward. Then we all started to become good friends through baseball and we were showing each other the tricks and moves we learned on our own time. At the end of the game, when we got ready to leave, I realized how different our homes were. Waiting for me at home was a nice home-cooked meal, while the boys I just played with had to eat cafeteria food. I am sure that I will continue this program because it was a great feeling to see the smiles on the kids' faces when I came.

Pleasantville Community Synagogue

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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 9 at 4 pm



Your involvement is a valuable and critical element of synagogue life and operations here at PCS. There are several matters of importance to be addressed at the coming Congregational Meeting and we hope you will make every effort to attend, cast your vote and give your input.

This is an opportunity to meet fellow congregants, catch up on all the happenings at the synagogue and add your voice to new ideas.

Among the presentations will be:

- A status report on this past year.
- A financial review and presentation of the 5774 budget proposal by Executive Board member and Treasurer, Oren Cohen. (*Link to budget proposal to come in future e-mail blast.*)
- An introduction to current Executive Board member and Vice President April Lasher Sanders who will be succeeding Oren Cohen as Treasurer.
- A vote on three new board members.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Jerry Neuburger
President, PCS Board of Trustees

Refreshments will be served!

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2013

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. Though it may seem early, planning for the coming Yamim Noraim requires much advance preparation.

Please see the form on the following page and mail/email/fax (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 HaShana. 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 HaShana, 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.

I'shalom,

Rabbi Mark



Pleasantville Community Synagogue

Please indicate below your interest in honors participation for the coming High Holidays. **Note that this is not a commitment or assignment;** you are simply indicating interest in being contacted for scheduling. Thank you.

The High Holiday calendar for 2013/5774 is as follows:

Erev Rosh HaShana	Wednesday, September 4, 7-9 pm - JCC
Rosh HaShana Day I	Thursday, September 5, 9 am-1:30 pm - JCC
Rosh HaShana Day II	Friday, September 6, 9 am-1:30 pm - JCC
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre	Friday, September 13, 6:30-9 pm - JCC
Yom Kippur/Yizkor	Saturday, September 14, 9 am-1:30 pm - JCC
Yom Kippur	Saturday, September 14, 4:30-7:45 pm - JCC

First Member Adult _____

- I would be interested in an English reading honor.
- I would be interested in a non-reading Torah honor.
- I am unable to participate this year, but contact me for next year.
- I would like to participate on _____

Second Member Adult _____

- I would be interested in an English reading honor.
- I would be interested in a non-reading Torah honor.
- I am unable to participate this year, but contact me for next year.
- I would like to participate on _____

Teen Ashrei Participation

- I would like my child _____ to participate in the group Ashrei honor.

Please mail, fax, or email this form to the synagogue office at:

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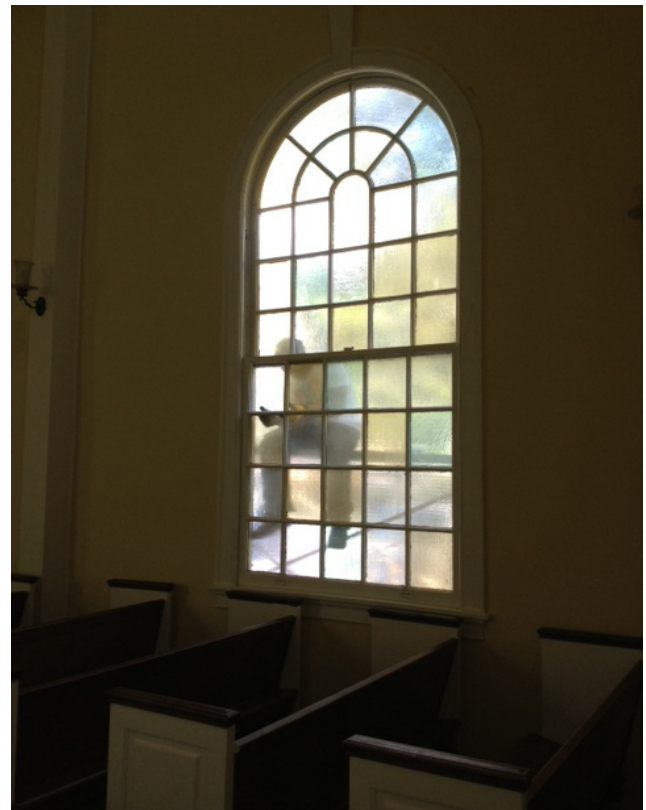
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Margaret Schneider, Grandmother of Lisa Lipkin	June 23
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Nathan Cohen, Father of Hirsh Cohen	June 25
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William Landau, Father of Pamela Landau-Connolly	June 27
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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.

NEWSLETTER ACCEPTS ADS!

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.

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JULY AND AUGUST 2013 YAHRZEITS

Mildred Weiner, Mother of Shelley Weiner	July 2
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Florence Herz, Mother of Irene Herz	July 8
Joseph Bucheister, Father of Anne Mass	July 14
Emanuel Jacobs, Stepfather of Barbara Altman Bruno	July 14
Philip Rosen, Father of Estelle Rosen-Kersh	July 17
Morris Etkin, Grandfather of Rhea Wolfthal	July 18
Edith Silberger, Mother of Monte Silberger	July 19
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Rosaline Lasher, Grandmother of Miriam Coates	July 28
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Please join the Westchester Jewish community at these Westchester Jewish Council events!

Sunday, June 2, 2013

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For more information or to set up a confidential appointment, contact WJCS GPS coordinator, Brenda Haas, LMSW, Ed.M., 914-761-0600 extension 318 or email BHaas@WJCS.com.

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June 2013 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 No Hebrew School	27 Memorial Day	28 High Holiday Committee meeting, 7:30 pm	29	30 Last day of Hebrew School Zimriah and Ice Cream Party!	31 7:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service Kita Zayin Graduation PCS House Band 8:02pm-8:20pm - Candle lighting	1 9:00am Morning Meditation 9:30am Shabbat service including Bat Mitzvah of Ariana McGrath Parashat Sh'lach 9:33pm-9:34pm - Havdalah
2 Israel Day Parade in NYC Westchester BBYO BBQ Executive Committee meeting, 7:30 pm	3	4	5	6 Board meeting, 7:30 pm	7 7:00pm Tot Shabbat 7:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service including Children's Service 8:07pm-8:25pm - Candle lighting	8 9:00am Morning Meditation 9:30am Shabbat service including Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Reisman Rosh Chodesh Tamuz Parashat Korach
9 11:00am Meet the Principal 4:00pm Congregational meeting	10	11 PCS marketing meeting 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Open House with PJ Shabbat dinner PCS House Band 8:11pm-8:29pm - Candle lighting	15 9:00am Morning Meditation 9:30am Shabbat service including Bat Mitzvah of Audrey Karmen-Tuohy Parashat Chukat 9:41pm-9:42pm
16	17	18	19	20	21 7:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service including Children's Service 8:13pm-8:31pm - Candle lighting	22 9:00am Morning Meditation 9:30am Shabbat service including Bat Mitzvah of Juliette Harrison Parashat Balak 9:43pm-9:44pm - Havdalah
23 Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 6 pm, ametz@jccan y.org	24	25	26	27	28 7:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:14pm-8:32pm - Candle lighting	29 9:00am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am Parashat Pinchas 9:44pm-9:45pm - Havdalah
30	1	2	3	4	5 7:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:13pm-8:31pm - Candle lighting	6 9:30am Shabbat Service Parashat Matot-Masei 9:43pm-9:44pm - Havdalah

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HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, June 9: Congregational Meeting at PCS, 4 pm

Friday, June 14: Open House for Prospective Members with Rabbi Mark and Principal Galit: doors open 5:45 pm; Pajama Shabbat 6:00 pm; Shabbat Dinner (no charge, but RSVP's required) 6:15 pm; Family Shabbat Service with the PCS Band 7:15 pm; Oneg Shabbat Refreshments 8:15 pm.

Saturday, August 31 – Selichot with Rabbi Mark, at PCS, 10 pm

Wednesday, September 4 – Erev Rosh Hashana

Thursday and Friday, September 5 and 6 – Rosh Hashana

Thursday, September 5 – Tashlich with Malcolm Netburn, at Nannahagan Park, 2 pm

Friday, September 13 – Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 14 – Yom Kippur

