



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: THE RABBI'S SABBATICAL

**By Mark Sameth**

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I want to thank the Board and community, once again, for allowing me sabbatical time this year. It is deeply, deeply appreciated. The original plan was for me to take six contiguous months, but needless to say it was tough to figure out how to make that work! So I took two months last summer, have been back at PCS since just before the holidays and now, with the exception of a couple of B'nai Mitzvah, will be away from the synagogue until March.

I leave you in the capable hands of Cantor Isabel Kopstein, who will once again be leading Shabbat services and will be available to the community for pastoral emergencies and life cycle events. Please come out and support her on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. In addition to Cantor Kopstein, I want to thank as well the president and other officers and trustees of the Board, our Hebrew School principal and the teachers, and all of you for helping to make this possible for me.

What will I be doing? As I wrote last spring, I'll be doing some traveling, but mostly I'll be using this time to work on a book. When I get back, I'll definitely tell you how that went.

Speaking of books, I was overjoyed to receive in the mail from Time Being Books (and at my door), Judith Sarah Schmidt's new book "Longing for the Blessing: Midrashic Voice from Toldot." With Thanksgiving/Channukah coming so early this year (well, at least Channukah comes early) you might want to consider giving this book as a present. It is stunningly beautiful (so treat yourself to a copy as well). Judith, as many of you may know, is a member of our congregation, and has graced us over the years with her poetry, meditation leadership, and deep insights. Her words will never leave you. You can order "Longing for the Blessing" from [timebeing.com](http://timebeing.com).

With all good wishes for a peaceful and happy winter.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

**"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"**

(King Solomon)

Still lamenting the end of summer, a season associated with long sunny days, swimming, barbeques and the absence of academic structure, it's hard to escape the magnificence of the fall foliage.

The sun-glazed leaves in vibrant shades of orange, yellow and red, enhanced by the bright blue sky and remaining greenery, remind us to take a step back and savor the moment.

Yes, the season is changing, and while change brings with it a departure from the rituals to which we have grown accustomed, so too does it pave the way for new opportunities and experiences. It's all a matter of perspective.

The end of the summer brought with it the High Holidays, a time within the Jewish community when we refresh and renew, and what better way to do so than with our eyes wide open

and embracing the sheer simplicity of a moment, taking in its peace and beauty.

In doing so we are enabling ourselves to reserve our resources for those times that require more of us.

Rather than harboring the notion that the splendor of the fall can lead to a cold harsh winter with lots of storms, canceled plans and high oil bills, I have started to remind myself that seizing the best of the day will ultimately make each day, week and season more rewarding.

In this vein, I will attempt to make peace with winter, view it as a time of holiday joy and spirit, celebrating Chanukah and New Year's, and partaking with friends that enjoy other winter holidays.

I will open my eyes to a fresh snowfall, the scent that one's fireplace emits in the crisp outdoors and the roaring glow of the actual flames. While accepting winter and the change that it brings, I hope to not waste any time anticipating the

negative, but rather focusing on the positive.

In the spirit of positive thinking, I am reminded that winter fades away and we will enjoy renewed beauty with all that blossoms in the spring. Once again, longer, more temperate days, and for me, one step closer to my favorite season.

So yes, to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. And yes, change can be very good for us if we are willing to accept it gracefully, looking forward to the challenge with a positive attitude. So I hope you will join me (no matter your seasonal preferences) in welcoming the seasons and new experiences.

– Jerry Neuburger





# HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

October flew by in the Hebrew School, with students learning a lot about Hebrew, mitzvot, history, and Israel. This last topic was brought to life on October 17, when two soldiers from the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) came to visit the students at Hebrew school! The soldiers answered questions that ranged from “who are Israel’s enemies?” and “what military strategies are being used?” to “have you ever ridden a camel?” It was a fun and dynamic event that helped the children connect with modern Israeli life and culture.

We also celebrated the wedding of our new 5th/6th grade teacher Bin Kagedan and his wife, Rebecca! Mazal Tov!

### Upcoming Events:

\*Challah making begins in November! Over the next few months, each grade will have an opportunity to make challah to take home and use for Shabbat. Check your email for your chance to join your child and knead dough together!

\*Reminder that there is no Hebrew School on Sunday, November 10 (Veterans Day Weekend), Thursday, November 28 or Sunday, December 1 (Thanksgiving weekend).

\*On Sunday, November 24 at 11am there will be a school-wide Chanukah party at PCS! Come join the fun as we sing songs, spin dreidels, eat latkes and celebrate Chanukah together!

**- Galit Sperling, Hebrew School Principal**



Kitah Zayin (7th grade) read together from a Jewish Heroes book with Morah Jamie Cotel



Tzedakah boxes decorated by the Alef/Bet (1st/2nd grade) class

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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,  
CONTINUED



Ben, Josh, Ethan & Jacob act out one of the "Parashah Plays" in Moreh Bin's Kitah Hey (fifth grade) class



Israeli soldiers take questions from the enthusiastic students



One Israeli soldier shows his strength, lifting birthday boy, Noah!

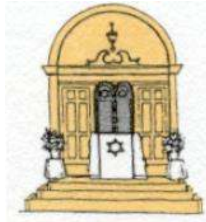


IDF soldiers speak with the 3rd & 4th grades about Israel

# PCS YARZHEIT BOARD



At a beautiful and moving ceremony September 29, 2013, PCS congregants dedicated the new memorial board. Please consider ordering a nameplate as a way to not only commemorate and honor a loved one but also as a way to help support your synagogue. Please see the form on page 6 or contact Marcy Gray in the PCS office for more information, [mgray@shalompcs.com](mailto:mgray@shalompcs.com), 769-2672.



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# ASK THE RABBI: Nuns, Rabbis and The Big Bang

*Last month, on October 10, Rabbi Mark held an “Ask the Rabbi” session with our third grade (Kitah Gimmel) class. Here is a brief excerpt from that exchange:*

Gaby Cohen: Why did you become a rabbi?

Rabbi Mark: I would say there were three things that made me want to become a rabbi: I wanted to learn (part of a rabbi’s job is to study); I wanted to teach; and I wanted to help people. Being a rabbi is not the only way to do these things, but it seemed the best way for me.

Annie Rogovin: How long does it take to become a rabbi? And how do you become a rabbi?

Rabbi Mark: Most rabbis have to graduate high school first, and then graduate college, and then study for another five years for their master’s degree and “ordination.” That’s what I did. How do you become a rabbi? Well, most American rabbis study one full year in Israel, and then another four years here in America at what’s called a “seminary.” We also have to serve congregations as teachers and service leaders. So while I was a student I taught at Kol Ami in White Plains, and I led High Holiday services in Aiken, South Carolina for three years, and I helped lead the Shabbat services at Congregation B’nai Jeshurun in New York City, also for three years.

Jaden Lieb: What is your favorite Hebrew letter? What is your favorite Hebrew word?

Rabbi Mark: My favorite Hebrew letter is bet, because it’s the first letter in the Torah. It also stands for the number “two” – and that reminds us of a lot of important Jewish lessons: like there are two sides to every story! What’s my favorite Hebrew word? Guess! (The kids shout out guesses, until one of them says “Shalom.”) Yes, that’s it! Shalom, peace!

Lucy Solomon: What is your favorite part of being rabbi? And also, when was the first Torah made?

Rabbi Mark: As much as I love services, and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and teaching, I would say that my favorite part of being a rabbi is helping people. And as for when the first Torah was made? We’re not sure when the very first Torah was made, but the first one we know about for sure was written by a “sofer” – or scribe – named Ezra. He wrote that Torah scroll in Babylonia - what’s now Iraq - at a time when the Jews were not allowed to live in Israel. This was about 2,500 years ago! And since then, all of our Torahs have been copied by hand from older Torahs that were copied by hand, going all the way back to Ezra!

Olivia Solomon: How did God make the earth?

Rabbi Mark: Are you ready? You’re not going to believe this! God took a tiny dot of energy, or light, and in that tiny dot was everything that would ever exist – the stars, the planets, everything! Everything that now makes up your body, and my body, everything was in it. And then God made that dot of energy explode, and the energy filled up the universe, and then it all cooled down and turned into everything we see today. Amazing! Some of the rabbis called that dot of light or energy the “reishit” or “point.” And they say that the first word of the Torah “B’reishit” means that “with a point” of light God created the Heavens and the Earth. Cool!

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Ben Stahl: How long does a rabbi stay in a synagogue?

Rabbi Mark: You mean how many years does a rabbi stay in the same synagogue? How old is a rabbi when he or she retires? Well, I've been here at Pleasantville Community Synagogue since before you were born! I got here in 1997, actually a year before I was ordained a rabbi. Rabbi Chaim Stern of blessed memory was the rabbi in Chappaqua until he was 70; some rabbis have served their communities into their 80's. It depends on the community and the rabbi.

Ian Rhodes: Why is the letter nun called nun?

Rabbi Mark: Who likes mysteries? Well, the letter nun has lots of mysteries to it. In the Torah, there is a place where we find a big upside down letter nun, and then a few sentences later there's another big, upside down letter nun, and no one knows why! Maybe you'll figure it out when you get older. And in the poem Ashrei, the first line begins with aleph, the second line with bet, the third line with gimmel, all the way through the alef bet. Only one letter is missing – the nun! The ancient letter nun looked a little different than the way we write it today; it looked like a sprouting seed. So there are lots of mysteries to the letter nun.

Ava Klein: Why did you become rabbi? And how do you say "Gangham Style" in Hebrew?

Rabbi Mark: A lot of people ask that question, so I'm not surprised it was your question too. I became a rabbi to study, teach, and help people. Gangham Style in Hebrew? I guess "Signon Ganhgam" (dancing then breaks out across the room).

Emma Leis: How young or old do you have to be to become a rabbi?

Rabbi Mark: Well, most rabbis today have to be at least in their twenties, because most rabbis today, unless they're Ultra-Orthodox, have to graduate high school and college. But I did know someone who became a rabbi when he was only 14 years old. I knew him when he was much older, but he was 14 when he first became a rabbi. Who was it? My grandpa!

Eli Brown: What's the easiest Hebrew letter to write?

Rabbi Mark: I would say the letter yod, 'cause it's just this tiny line (draws on board). If you make the tiny line just a little longer it becomes a vov, so I would say that's the second easiest letter to draw.

Joseph Hock: Who made God?

Rabbi Mark: Great question! God is the only "thing" that exists that was not made by something else. Think about it. Everything else in the world was made, everything else has a beginning: a person, a piece of art. Only God has no beginning. We could say that God is – ready?- "pure being." God just is!

Jordana Lichtenthal: Was everything in the tiny dot of energy you talked about?

Rabbi Mark: Yes. But nothing had formed yet, nothing had taken shape. But if you're asking if every little bit of matter that would make up the trees, and lakes, and you, and me – if all the matter was in that dot? Yes. I know, it doesn't sound possible, but the scientists tell us that it's true. Think of it as a seed that grows into a giant tree. Sort of like that.

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## ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Maren Kenna: Why do Jews wear a kippa?

Rabbi Mark: Boys and girls, men and women, can all wear kippot (plural) as a custom to show respect. (Gabby points to her head, to show that she is wearing one.) In Yiddish the word is yarmulke, from the words that mean "awe" of "God."

Ethan Taboh: How long does it take to write a Torah?

Rabbi Mark: Believe it or not, it can take a whole year. It's all done by hand, and every letter has to be checked to be sure there are no mistakes. We just had our small Sefer Torah (Torah scroll) repaired by a sofer (scribe) in Yonkers. Who here is good in art? (Almost all the hands go up.) Well maybe one day you'll learn to write a Sefer Torah. See those letters on the wall? (Our own PCS Morah Karen's Hebrew calligraphy is displayed on the wall.) Well, that was done by Morah Karen, and you'll learn how to do that in Hebrew school one day, too.

Morah Tami: What's your favorite story in the Torah?

Rabbi Mark: Well, my favorite story in the Torah is actually not in the Torah! It was written by the rabbis a long time ago and it tells the story of Abraham when he was a little boy. They wrote that story because the Torah doesn't tell us about Abraham's life until he was much older. The rabbis made up stories telling how they think things might have been, and those stories are called midrash. So let me tell you this midrash about Abraham when he was just about your age. (Rabbi Mark tells the story "Abraham Smashes the Idols," which parents can read on line here: <http://www.azamra.org/Earth/mount-03.html>.)



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# Israel Action Committee Presents a Play Reading



The cast and playwright Meri Wallace



Hazen Kuyler, Georgina Bates, Tatiana Gomberg and Kenneth Scott Thompson as Yitz, Yael, Sarah and Ephraim

On October 6, the Israel Action committee, chaired by Ofri Felder and Seth Rutman, presented the reading of “Yom Kippur” to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.

The compelling story of two couples living in Jerusalem on the day that the war broke out is brilliantly woven in this play by Meri Wallace, skillfully directed by Catherine Siracusa and expertly performed by a group of talented actors.

Loosely based on personal experiences of the playwright, the story reflects the various emotions of American Israelis and Israel-born twenty-somethings who suddenly have to confront the reality of loyalty to country and family and make choices they never had to make before.

The question and answer period after the reading brought many personal comments from the audience. David Felder, PCS member, told the story of his own personal participation in that war and what it meant to be a young man in the Israeli Army at that time.

Diana Benattar, also a member, said the play resonated with her: like the protagonists in the play, she was a young American who had made Aliyah in the 70s and lived in Jerusalem. Far away from family in the United States, her friends in Israel served as a surrogate family while her husband, David, served in the War in Lebanon. And David Benattar, Diana’s husband, told of his own Aliyah from France, and his participation in the Lebanon War.

These and other personal comments connected the audience and the cast in an interesting and thoughtful exchange.

A full production of “Yom Kippur” in Westchester is in the works. In the meantime, keep an eye on upcoming Israel Action programs, such as the November 20 presentation – co-sponsored with the PCS Adult Education Committee – on Ethiopian Jews and Israel (see page 15).

We hope you can all join us.

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"YOM KIPPUR," CONTINUED



Maayan Schneider as Rachel and Georgina Bates as Yael



Hazen Kuyler and Georgina Bates as Yitz and Yael



Ofri Felder in conversation with playwright Meri Wallace



Playwright Meri Wallace and director Catherine Siracusa

WARMEST THANKS TO CRIS MARTINEZ FOR THESE WONDERFUL PHOTOS AND COVERING THIS EVENT!

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"YOM KIPPUR," CONTINUED



The cast before the performance



Seth Rutman addressing the audience



Director Catherine Siracusa and PCS founding member Audrey Lenoff



Seth Rutman, Cris Martinez and Meri Wallace



Seth Rutman, Meri Wallace and Ofri Felder

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## November 2013 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Candle lighting 5:34 pm	2 9:00am Lay-led morning meditation, with Peter Schaffer Parashat Toldot  7:02 pm Havdalah
3 7:00pm Rosh Chodesh event @ Eileen's  Rosh Chodesh Kislev	4 Rosh Chodesh Kislev	5	6	7	8 Candle lighting 4:26 pm	9 9:00am Lay-led morning meditation, with Peter Schaffer; Family Education Shabbat, 10 am Parashat Vayetzei  5:55 pm Havdalah
10 Executive Committee meeting	11	12	13	14 PCS Board meeting	15 Candle lighting 4:19 pm	16 9:00am Lay-led morning meditation, with Peter Schaffer; Shabbat Service, 9:30 Parashat Vayishlach  5:48 pm Havdalah
17 Pre- and post-adoption group, 6 pm, at PCS. schwarzruffm@jccany.org.	18	19	20 7:30pm Ethiopian Jewry and Israel presentation	21	22 Chanukah Shabbat dinner  Candle lighting 4:14 pm	23 9:00am Lay-led morning meditation with Peter Schaffer; Shabbat Service, 9:30 Parashat Vayeshev
24 Hebrew School Chanukah celebration	25	26	27 Chanukah: 1 Candle	28 Chanukah: 2 Candles  Thanksgiving	29 7:15pm Children's service Chanukah: 3 Candles  Candle lighting 4:10 pm	30 9:00am Morning Meditation with Rabbi Mark; Shabbat Service including Bar Mitzvah of Michael Urbietz 9:30 am Chanukah: 4 Candles Parashat Miketz  5:40 pm ...

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