



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: "OPENING OUR TENT..."

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From the founding of our synagogue almost 18 years ago, we have held ourselves out as a "big tent" community. Not affiliated with any one of the movements, we have sought inspiration from all them, and sought to welcome everyone.

That mission takes a big step forward this fall, as we inaugurate a new initiative, "Beyond Welcoming," with the support of UJA-Federation of New York. Perhaps you've seen our ads in the local newspapers and magazines, and on PEAK 107. 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 26th. There's no charge, but RSVPs are appreciated.

These are challenging times for the world. And those of us who hold a vision of peace, mutual respect, egalitarianism, and spirituality that transcends race, ethnicity, and dogmatic divisiveness need each other more than ever. I would go so far as to say that the future of the world depends on the ascendancy of that vision. I'll be speaking about those issues over the course of the High Holidays.

The 40th Annual Jewish Music and Arts Festival



PCS congregants, Leyla Nakisbendi, left, and Estelle Rosen-Kersh, held down the PCS fort at Westchester's 40th Annual Jewish Music & Arts Festival, August 17, which took place at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. *Kol h'kavod* and many thanks to them!

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.

Message from a Private Person

As many of you know, my husband, Itzik Mintz, died suddenly at the end of May. His brother lost his only sibling, and his many cousins and friends lost a vital and irreplaceable part of their lives. My children, Ella and Tal (young adults in college now but, of course, my babies) lost their beloved Abba, and I lost my partner of 30 years, my best friend.

There is little need to elaborate on my family's profound sadness and devastation. It is there, and it will be there.

However...

What is also there, and what will be there, is an equally profound sense of gratitude and blessing. I knew we had family; I didn't quite know how completely amazing they are. I knew we had friends; I didn't know just how many and how extraordinary. I knew we had a synagogue of which we have been members for years, and I knew we had another synagogue where I work. Where I work: simple words that don't begin to sum it all up. Pleasantville Community Synagogue is where I have found meaningful work with good people, where I have found a balance between work and life and home and family, where I have found warmth and appreciation from every corner. What I did not know fully until now is that I had found a home here. I am a private person but I want to open my heart here to try to express my gratitude to this PCS community.

A Jewish proverb says, "He that can't endure the bad, will not live to see the good." I have endured the bad, and will continue to do so, and I have certainly lived to see the good. And there is so much good here. I don't know how to begin to thank the people who are PCS: to those of you who made sure we had a working refrigerator during those first terrible days, who came to the funeral, who came to my home, who sent meals, who wrote loving cards, who made heartfelt donations...and, in the end, who made sure that my children and I were taken care of. Acts of such profound and profoundly moving *chesed*, loving-kindness, it sometimes took my breath away.

It all mattered; it all made a difference; it all helped.

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- Marcy Gray



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Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 pm**

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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.

WJCS Senior Programs in Mt. Vernon, Sinai Free Synagogue, 550 N. Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon. Contact Rabbi Andy Bossov, 914-668-4350 or abossov@wjcs.com.

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

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SHARON PARISH AND STEVE HAHN, IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION OF THEIR DAUGHTER, ROSA, BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH  
MARLO, ERIC AND AVA KLEIN, IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION OF HANNAH KLEIN'S BAT MITZVAH  
ROBERTA BERMAN, IN MEMORY OF HER BELOVED MOTHER, SYBIL W. BERMAN

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OFRI AND DAVID FELDER  
RHEA WOLFTHAL, IN MEMORY OF HER BELOVED GRANDFATHER, MORRIS ETKIN  
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# September 2014 - PCS Calendar

| Sunday                          | Monday                              | Tuesday                                                                                        | Wednesday                                           | Thursday                                                           | Friday                                                                                      | Saturday                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31                              | 1<br>7:15pm Yoga class<br>Labor Day | 2                                                                                              | 3                                                   | 4                                                                  | 5<br>7:15pm Services<br><br>Candle lighting - 7:05 pm                                       | 6<br>9:00am Morning Meditation;<br>Shabbat Service, 9:30 am<br>Parashat Ki Teitzei<br><br>8:33 pm Havdalah                                   |
| 7<br>First Day of Hebrew School | 8<br>7:15pm Yoga class              | 9<br>7:00pm Wine-tasting event in Pleasantville<br><br>High Holiday committee meeting, 7:30 pm | 10                                                  | 11                                                                 | 12<br>Open House with PJ Shabbat Dinner<br>PCS House Band<br><br>Candle lighting - 6:53 pm  | 13<br>9:00am Morning Meditation; Family Education<br>Shabbat service, 10 am<br>Parashat Ki Tavo<br><br>Havdalah, 8:21 pm                     |
| 14<br>Executive Board meeting   | 15<br>7:15pm Yoga class             | 16<br>7:30pm Jews of Egypt                                                                     | 17                                                  | 18<br>Board of Trustees meeting                                    | 19<br>7:15pm SNAP Friday night service<br><br>Candle lighting - 6:41 pm                     | 20<br>9:00am Morning Meditation;<br>Shabbat Service including Bat Mitzvah of Zennor Angove-Cohen, 9:30 am<br><br>Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech |
| 21                              | 22<br>7:15pm Yoga class             | 23                                                                                             | 24<br>6:32pm - Candle lighting<br>Erev Rosh Hashana | 25<br>Rosh Hashana 5775<br>NO HEBREW SCHOOL<br>1st of Tishrei 5775 | 26<br>7:15pm Services<br>PCS House Band<br>Rosh Hashana II<br><br>Candle lighting - 6:29 pm | 27<br>9:00am Morning Meditation;<br>Shabbat Service, 9:30 am<br><br>Shabbat Shuva<br>Parashat Ha'Azinu                                       |
| 28<br>Tzom Gedaliah             | 29<br>7:15pm Yoga class             | 30                                                                                             | 1                                                   | 2                                                                  | 3<br>Erev Yom Kippur<br><br>Candle lighting - 6:17 pm                                       | 4<br>Yom Kippur<br><br>7:45 pm - Havdalah                                                                                                    |

Note: Times and dates of events may change after the newsletter has come out. To get the latest information on any possible changes, please check the calendar on our website: [www.ShalomPCS.com](http://www.ShalomPCS.com). Future months are also on the website.



## **SAVE THE DATES:**



**Sunday, September 7: First day of Hebrew School**

**Tuesday, September 9: Wine-tasting event (in town)**

**Friday, September 12: Open House Featuring Pajama Shabbat & Dinner**

**Tuesday, September 16: Jews of the Arab Countries**

**Friday, September 19: Our first-ever "SNAP" service (doors open 6:45 pm)**

**Saturday, September 20: 10 pm to Midnight "Selichot" New Year service**

**Wednesday, September 24: Erev Rosh Hashanna evening service (at the JCC)\***

**Thursday, September 25: Rosh Hashanna service followed by Kiddush Luncheon (at the JCC)\***

**Thursday, September 25: Tashlich service at Nannahagen Pond, 2 pm**

**Friday, September 26: Rosh Hashanna service (at the JCC)\***

***\*A limited number of tickets are available for purchase by non-members.***