The Rabbi’s Column: FOUR DIMENSIONS TO PASSOVER

by Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

The Passover Seder has a lot of “fours”: four questions, four children, four cups of wine and so on. I recall a great lesson in which Jewish educator Joel Lurie Grishaver taught that we should be sure to touch “four bases” at our Passover Seders: the personal, the familial, the Jewish people and the universal. You could also think of these as four dimensions of the holiday or four gateways to a meaningful celebration. Each of these four aspects of Passover can be experienced this year with PCS!

1. The Personal: The Hassidic masters noted that Passover has a very deep and personal spiritual meaning. Mitzrayim, or Egypt, comes from the same root as tzar, which means narrow or confining. Each of us goes through times when we feel stuck and can’t find a way forward. Passover celebrates our ability to transcend those circumstances. Also, our mystics noted that the puffy chametz, the leavening, can be a metaphor for the ego, which we need to clean out in order to experience spiritual freedom. On Wednesday, April 13, at 7:30 pm, I will lead a program of Spiritual Preparation for Passover. Come and explore the deeper, personal meanings of the holiday.

2. The Familial: Our precious PCS kids enjoy learning about Passover and holding their model Seders at our wonderful Hebrew School. If you grow up Jewish, you know Passover not primarily from your rabbi or your synagogue, but from your home. In the home, parents and relatives are the rabbis and sages, answering the questions for the next generation. But many of us could use some help to make our Seders meaningful and enjoyable for all ages. On Sunday, April 10, I invite Hebrew School parents to “From Generation to Generation: Passover Basics & Great Seder Ideas for Parents” with take-home materials. I will meet with parents of Grades 1-3 from 10:15 am-10:45 am and with parents of Grades 4-6 from 11 am-11:30 am.

3. The Jewish People: Our Seder becomes more meaningful when we include the story of our people’s history, not just during the Exodus, but, as the Haggadah stresses, “in every generation.” On Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 pm, please join me for an Adult Education program about the Haggadah entitled “Why is This Book Different from All Other Books?”
Likewise, we are connected to all Jews around the world celebrating on Seder night. We can’t really enjoy our Seder unless we know that others can enjoy the holiday. That’s why **PCS is participating again this year in the Passover collection for Project Ezra**, providing food to needy elderly Jews on New York’s Lower East Side. See page 18 for what to donate and how to share it.

Also, **consider community** as you plan your Passover guest list. Can you host someone from the congregation at your Seder? Do you need a place to go? Contact our office and we will help you make a **Seder Shidduch**, bringing guests and hosts together. **And join us for Passover Yom Tov services at PCS on April 23, 29 and 30 (Yizkor).**

4. **The Universal:** Passover has become a paradigm for all people who seek freedom from oppression. We open our door symbolically so that “all who are hungry may come and eat.” We remember that our ancestor was “a wandering Aramean” without a home. This year’s PCS Tikkun Olam project centers on the refugee crisis. Along with other local faith communities, PCS members have already collected and purchased furnishings for a refugee family’s new home in Stamford, Connecticut. **On Tuesday, April 5, from 7:30 pm-9 pm, members of our Tikkun Olam Committee and I will take part in an interfaith program on the Syrian Refugee Crisis at the Memorial United Methodist Church at 250 Bryant Avenue in White Plains; for details, please see page 21.** I was honored to be asked to give the closing remarks, and a representative of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) will also be among the speakers. Music, art and information will all be on the program.

Each year, I find that a different aspect of the Passover Seder and holiday appeal to me. One year I seek more of an internal, personal experience; at other times I feel very moved to action in the broader world. Whichever of the above “four gateways” is your entrance to a meaningful holiday, PCS has something for you. I hope to see you this month at the activity that calls to you, and to help you find your personal way into a more dynamic celebration of the holiday. Wishing everyone a happy, kosher and very meaningful Passover!

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**Meet Me at the Movies!**

**Westchester Jewish Film Festival in Pleasantville, March 30-April 20**

Aren’t we blessed to have the Westchester Jewish Film Festival at our local Jacob Burns Film Center? Pleasantville Community Synagogue is proud to be a Communal Partner for this outstanding annual event. I’ve already gotten my tickets for several movies. Send me an email if you’re planning to be at any of these and I’ll see you there (days I plan on attending are in parentheses; some films are screened several times): *The Muses of Isaac Bashevis Singer* (4/3), *The Midnight Orchestra* (4/4), *Rabin in His Own Words* (4/7), *Everything Is Copy* (4/11), *The Gruninger File* (4/13) and the **Women in Sink/Partner with the Enemy** double feature (4/17). Buy your tickets early, as showings are already filling up! You can find the details at [https://burnsfilmcenter.org/series/westchester-jewish-film-festival-2016](https://burnsfilmcenter.org/series/westchester-jewish-film-festival-2016).

—Rabbi Julie
HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

by Galit Sperling, Principal

March began with our students making challah together with their parents (see pictures on the following pages!), a wonderful annual activity in the Hebrew School. The newsletter spotlight this month is on Kitah Aleph/Bet, our youngest students in the Hebrew School. In Aleph/Bet, our children begin to learn the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the stories and meaning behind each holiday, the Jewish calendar and how wonderful it is to be Jewish! On Friday, March 4, kids from the Aleph/Bet class helped lead the Friday night service with Rabbi Julie during Shabbat Across America at the Pleasantville Cottage School. Singing Shabbat songs and prayers they’d learned in class, like “Hinei Mah Tov” and “Yismichu HaShamayim,” they did a fantastic job welcoming in Shabbat, with a wonderful turnout of congregants and community members!

The joyous holiday of Purim was upon us by mid-March, and in Hebrew School we celebrated with a hilarious Purim play performance (written by Rabbi Julie’s daughter Shira!), a Purim marionette show (thank you Ann Vesei!), making and giving mishloach manot (Purim gift bags) to each other, masks, goggers and hamantaschen! Our third through sixth graders also got to play team games during our mini-carnival, coming up with Purim character–themed team names and chants, and racing and competing in races and games! Check out photos on the following pages of Mordechai’s Mighty Helpers, Vashti’s Vultures, Awesome Achashverosh and Bless Her Queen Esther! They all swept the board in our game show, Who Am I? as well, testing their knowledge of the Purim story. While the Purim holiday can be an opportunity for fun and games, it can also encourage us to explore how we can be as courageous as Esther and Vashti, and as wise as Mordechai, in our daily lives.

April is going to be packed with exciting events, so mark your calendars for the dates below!

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Important Upcoming Hebrew School Dates:

Saturday morning, April 9: Kitah Vav (Sixth Grade) Shabbaton

Sunday, April 10: Kitah Daled (Fourth Grade) Heritage Day and From Generation to Generation: Passover Basics & Great Seder Ideas for Parents with Rabbi Julie

Friday evening, April 15: Kitah Gimmel (Third Grade) Shabbaton

Sunday, April 17: Model Passover Seder for Kitah Aleph/Bet (First/Second Grade)

Thursday, April 21: Model Passover Seder for Kitah Gimmel-Zayin (Third-Seventh Grades)

Sunday, April 24 – Thursday, April 28: No Classes (Passover)

Saturday morning, May 7: Kitah Hey (Fifth Grade) Shabbaton

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Having so much fun making delicious challahs
....and challah covers for Shabbat
Celebrating Purim in Hebrew School
THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Editor’s Note: This piece is an abridged and edited version of the remarks given by PCS President Amy Gutenplan at the PCS congregational meeting on March 13, 2016.

Thank you to all PCS members who attended our March 13 meeting. We had a great turnout. It was a wonderfully productive meeting, with thoughtful discussion and brainstorming of ideas.

The board asked the congregation to meet to discuss our unanticipated budget deficit. In a continued effort to remain transparent, we wanted you to be aware of where we are, how we got here and possible solutions. I believe we are a healthy, successful synagogue. But how do we measure that?

On the attendance front, we have much of which we can be proud. With Rabbi Julie’s “Rekindling of Shabbat,” we have seen dramatically increased attendance at both Friday night and Saturday morning services. We heard your requests for family parties and events, so we held a successful Sukkot party for the Menchkins as well as a family Hanukkah party. We had a record turnout for the Progressive Dinner, and it seems that congregants are lingering longer at Kiddush. We had over 100 participants at the musician-in-residence weekend featuring Gabriel Meyer Halevy, and our Adult Ed and Rosh Chodesh programs are also attracting record numbers.

Why is attendance such an important measurable? It indicates interest and it indicates that Rabbi Julie, and the Board are listening to you and trying to create programming that will interest you.

In the past, congregants requested that our Rabbi be more active and present, so we were thrilled when we learned that our new Rabbi was very much interested in being available and accessible. Rabbi Julie has invited us to her home, both for Sukkot as well as for Chinese food on a December 25 Shabbat. She has regular office hours as well as hosting a lunch-and-learn get-together on Thursdays. And all these events are well attended.

We have committees that have been re-energized—the Tikkun Olam/Social Action committee has been meeting monthly and has some fantastic projects. The Vision Committee identified a desire among our congregants for a Caring (Chesed) Committee; newly created, the Chesed Committee has been working on ways to support our community. We are also working on bringing in a WJCS social worker as a consultant.

Congregants are engaged, interested and participating. We are a full-service synagogue providing services and programming to the entire community. And we are more full service this year than ever before! Generally, a synagogue of 125 families does not have two services a week, and synagogues our size rarely have even one, much less two, programs a week.

So we have identified attendance as one measurable attained. The other is dollars, and that is where we face a challenge. We are completely on target with the expenses set forth in the budget created and shared with the congregation in June of last year, but we are below our estimates in revenues.*

We knew that when there is a change in rabbinic leadership, a synagogue typically loses about 10% of its membership, and we did. We also correctly budgeted for a loss in certain large fair-share contributions. But we did not anticipate the shortfall we are currently experiencing.

*For more details, please see the congregational letter sent to PCS members in both hard copy and by email.
primarily in membership dues actually received. Thus, even with our reduced cost structure, we find ourselves facing a deficit.

So how do we close our budget gap? We believe that, with your help, we will be able to make up the shortfall. For example, the Annual PCS Fundraiser is on May 7. Please consider being a sponsor as well as attending the event; the invitation is on page 28. At press time, we already have sponsorship commitments totaling $15,300. Even if you cannot attend the event, please consider making a donation so that we can reach our goal. PCS relies on every member’s financial participation to make the synagogue work, so please be as generous as you can.

Another way to donate would be to make a purchase or sponsor a program for PCS that has been identified as necessary or desirable. For instance, Peter Schaffer made a significant donation to bring Gabriel Meyer Halevy, as musician-in-residence, to PCS. If you are interested in sponsoring a program or making a donation earmarked for a specific purpose, please contact me at agutenplan@ShalomPCS.com.

One last thought: We are a community—we help each other, we support one another. PCS relies on this sacred partnership. So I ask each of you, in our moment of need, in this year of transition, to pull together. We talk about dues, but really we are asking you to make a gift of the heart—one that supports one another and builds our community.

—Amy Gutenplan
Aging & Dying - Prayer

It is our custom to pray for ourselves and others during our Torah service each Shabbat, and I have done this regularly for many years. Generally, I go up on the bimah to recite the m’sheberach for family and friends, allowing myself to visualize the person I am thinking of as I recite their name. In all this time what I’ve never done is to recite the prayer for myself, having felt awkward about speaking my name out loud, as though a part of me felt undeserving of the blessing. In March I went in for knee replacement surgery. Beforehand, I wrote to a number of people to ask for their blessing at the time I was scheduled to have the procedure. Many of my friends meditate and pray regularly and are responsive to requests such as mine, so I felt comforted, knowing that I would be cared for on the spiritual as well as the physical level. And that is what happened. Lying on the gurney as I was wheeled into the operating room, I was aware of being held in a safe place and allowed myself to travel easily into and through the world of anesthesia.

So what was really going on? What is the process and function of prayer? We give lip service to it, but mostly we have only a vague, or even childish, understanding of what prayer is. Let me state the obvious: it is not wishing for a result and then seeing that wish fulfilled. Prayer is not about getting something, or of even influencing the outcome of what we are praying about. Rather it is a process of attunement, of aligning ourselves physically, emotionally and energetically with the reality of what is. For me prayer is a bowing down, a giving over to a higher authority. It is creating a coherence between my will and God’s will. When this happens, I feel at peace. Knowing that others were providing a similar energetic component enabled me to go even deeper, to trust even more in the procedure I was undergoing.

Sitting, as I now do, with people who are in hospice care, especially as they are often asleep or withdrawn into some inner state, I try to feel what it is they need at the moment. The nurses and doctors take care of the physical needs, and the best of them also care for their patients’ emotional needs, but my function is simply to be available. There is no concrete way I can know whether I’m being helpful, but I keep on, allowing myself to enter their world and trusting that something is happening. It is a practice at which I am new, but I am content to know that I am present, that I am witnessing a life-changing event—the transition into death. This also feels like prayer.

— Peter Schaffer
Artist-in-Residence Gabriel Meyer Halevy

Thanks to the generosity of PCS member Peter Schaffer, the entire Pleasantville community had the opportunity to enjoy the multilingual and spirited music and wisdom of Gabriel Meyer Halevy in March. On Thursday, March 11, members of the Pleasantville Clergy Association, including Rabbi Julie, together with members of their congregations, gathered at PCS for an inspiring and joyous interfaith program. Gaby performed music that got everyone singing and dancing, as you can see from some of the following photos! He also shared stories of his peace activism, including a tale of his meeting with the Dalai Lama. On Friday evening, March 12, Gaby and Rabbi Julie co-led a very musical Kabbalat Shabbat service. Finally, our Hebrew School students had the opportunity to hear and interact with Gaby on Sunday, March 14. Here’s hoping we can look forward to a return engagement in the future!
Purim Fun!

On March 23, PCS had a full house twice over to celebrate Purim. At 6 pm, we were overflowing with the adorable, costumed younger set, as they enjoyed songs, pizza and hamantaschen while learning the story of Purim and creating *misloach manot* (Purim gift bags) for family and friends.

And then the fun really began! Rabbi stand-up, Purim songs to Beatles' tunes (e.g., “Esther's Day”) ably accompanied by Mark and Vivian Chang Freiheit, skits, Megillah reading, grogger spinning and much more. The congregation, including many adults in costume, also enjoyed *Shushan 4G*, a Purim play penned by comedy writer (and Rabbi’s daughter) Shira Danan, directed by our fabulous Hebrew School principal Galit Sperling and performed by a group of talented teens. Washing down sushi and hamantaschen (not a bad combination, actually) with special Purim punch, everyone agreed that a splendid time was had by all!
Passover FAQs
Four Frequently Asked Questions on How to Observe Passover

1. What is Passover?

Passover, or *Pesach*, is a week-long biblical Festival of Freedom held every spring (eight days in Conservative/Orthodox diaspora practice). It begins with one or two Seders, meals with symbolic foods during which we retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The Seder text is found in the Haggadah, of which there are countless versions, some downloadable! In 2016, the first Seder is Friday evening, April 22, and the second Seder is Saturday evening, April 23. It is coming so late in the spring because we had a leap year on the Jewish calendar and added a lunar month!

2. Which foods are passed up during Passover?

On Passover, we abstain from eating *chametz* or leavened foods (“ch” as in “Bach” or “challah”). *Chametz* is simply defined as one of five grains: wheat, rye, barley, oats or spelt, once moistened and beginning to ferment. That means no regular bread, cakes, crackers, cereals, pasta, cookies or even grain-based alcoholic drinks or vinegars during Passover. Traditional cooks came up with many ingenious substitutes to provide plenty of holiday delicacies. Many from Ashkenazic (Northern and Eastern European) backgrounds also abstain from rice and legumes (*kitniyot*) during Passover, although these are not expressly forbidden, and in fact many today are adopting the Sephardic practice and including them.

3. How does one prepare for Passover?

*Chametz* should be removed from the home during the holiday. A thorough “spring cleaning” is the first step to removing stray crumbs. Traditionally observant Jews “kasher” the kitchen and use special holiday dishes. It is a memorable ritual to search for crumbs of chametz on the eve of the holiday and burn them in the morning (instructions can be found in most haggadahs). Since we should not even own chametz foods over Passover and may not be able to give them all away, it is also an old tradition to symbolically “sell” any remaining chametz for the duration of the festival. *To sell your chametz through PCS, contact Rabbi Julie at rabbi@shalompcs.com, and she will include you in the sale. The food should be sealed away in a closed area for the duration of the holiday.*

4. Why is Matzah different from all other breads?

Matzah is made of flour mixed with water and cooked at a very high temperature within 18 minutes of being mixed, before it can become leavened. It can be regular or whole wheat (higher fiber). Gluten-free matzah made with oats is now available for those who cannot consume gluten. Make sure that matzah purchased is labeled “Kosher for Passover,” because some varieties are made for year-round use and not for following holiday laws.

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**Got more questions? Learn with Rabbi Julie…**

**Why Is This Book Different From All Other Books?**  
Wednesday Adult Education Series, Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 pm

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**Spiritual Preparation for Passover**  
Rosh Chodesh Group invites all PCS women and men to our first Co-ed Rosh Chodesh Program  
Led by Rabbi Julie  
Wednesday, April 13, at 7:30 pm

The days before Passover are often a time for cleaning and cooking, but they are also a time to clear out our inner chametz (leaven) and find the deeper meaning in the Festival of Our Freedom. Interactive exercises will help us to experience the spiritual content of Passover together. **Note:** Please bring an object that symbolizes “freedom” to you. **Bonus:** Rabbi Julie will lead us in blessing the New Moon, Kiddush Levanah, a custom often observed by men in parallel to the women’s traditional Rosh Chodesh celebration.

**And learn on line:**

For more about Passover, including the Seder, food, laws and deeper meanings, visit: [http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/passover-pesach/](http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/passover-pesach/)
Making a Seder *Shidduch* (match)

Passover begins Friday night, April 22. And, yes, it will be here before you know it!

Are you hosting a seder and have room for more? Of course, there’s always room for Eliyahu, but maybe you have room for a fellow congregant or congregants who are in need of a seder to attend.

Please let us know if you either have room OR if you are looking for a seder. We will do our best to make a great *shidduch*!

Call the PCS office at 914-769-2672 or email Marcy Gray, mgray@shalompcs.com.
Project Ezra

PCS will once again be collecting Passover food for Project Ezra, an organization that provides services to the frail elderly on the Lower East Side.

In many cases, this food is the only source of Passover food for Ezra's elderly.

The following list comprises a Passover package. You can contribute any or all of these items. Please pay close attention to the FOODS IN BOLD that are most often missing from the packages. Project Ezra would appreciate your paying extra attention to obtaining them:

2 BOXES MATZO
1 CAN OR JAR OF SOUP (low sodium if possible)
1 JAR BORSCHT
1 JAR OR CAN OF GEFILTE FISH
JAM OR JELLY
1 DESSERT ITEM (CAKE, COOKIES, MACAROONS, ETC.)
1 BOX MATZO FARFEL
2 CANS OF TUNA, SALMON OR SARDINES
1 BOTTLE GRAPE JUICE
1 BOTTLE VEGETABLE OIL
INSTANT COFFEE OR TEA
1 SMALL JAR OF HONEY
2 CANNED FRUIT
2 CANNED VEGETABLES
DRIED FRUIT OR NUTS (or anything special you want to add)

All food must be current, marked KOSHER FOR PASSOVER (e.g., UP) and 2016. The kosher sign only is not acceptable for Passover use. Items must be brought to PCS by noon on Friday, April 8, and placed in the boxes in the last row of pews that are marked for this purpose.

If you are interested in helping to pack the food at Congregation Sons of Israel in Briarcliff, please come to CSI on Sunday, April 10, at 11 am. If you can help make deliveries to Project Ezra recipients on the Lower East Side on Sunday, April 17, please e-mail Dalia Abott at daliakabott@gmail.com or click here for flyer.

Thank you for responding generously!
From the PCS Bookworm... Eileen Jagoda

**The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century**

by David Laskin

David Laskin’s moving memoir is an incredible journey into the heart of the 20th century. Beginning with a Torah scribe who, with his wife, raises six children, Laskin outlines his ancestors’ journeys of faith and discovery through the changes in the social and political climate of Russia and the rest of Europe in the 19th century. This family takes three radically different paths: to the Holy Land, to America and into the horrors of the Holocaust. This is a wonderfully deep and meaningful history of ordinary people who rise above every challenge and despair to keep their beliefs and families together.

The author’s most famous ancestor is Ida Rosenthal, who started an empire in the garment business (Maidenform Lingerie) when women did not do such things. With her, and others, Laskin’s family achieves the great American dream. At times most heart-wrenching, the books explores the immense struggles of the Laskin clan, with which many of us can identify. As a bonus, this book includes some incredible photos.

Evening of Hope from Israel

Learn how Tsad Kadima ("A Step Forward" in Hebrew) is changing the lives of children and adults with Cerebral Palsy in innovative programs all over Israel

Sunday, April 3, 2016   7:00 pm

At the home of PCS members in
Briarcliff Manor, New York

Light refreshments will be served

Co-sponsors:
Pleasantville Community Synagogue Tikkun Olam Committee and Congregation Sons of Israel Social Action Committee

For further information, address and directions, please contact:

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The Syrian Refugee Crisis

The conflict in Syria has produced the world’s largest refugee crisis, with over four million people forced to flee the country since the war began—becoming a major humanitarian and political issue. Across the globe, 60 million people are currently displaced: the worst refugee catastrophe since the Second World War. So far the U.S. has played a very small role in responding to the crisis.

What are the realities on the ground in Syria and other affected countries? What do we in the U.S. need to do?

You are invited to a public forum
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
250 Bryant Ave. White Plains, NY 10605
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7:30 -9pm
Doors open 7:00pm with Music, Art & Information Tables
Formal Presentations and discussion 7:30pm

Presenters:
Rev. Karen Eiler Pastor, Memorial United Methodist Church. Welcoming remarks
Chris George Executive Director IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services).
Sana Mustafa Syrian Activist. Granted Political Asylum in the U.S. Student Political Studies, Bard College.
Riva Silverman Vice President of External Affairs, HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)
Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan Pleasantville Community Synagogue. Closing remarks
also
Omnia Hegazy Singer/Songwriter. Global Citizen.
Ori Alon Artist, Center for Supportive Bureaucracy

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ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Exploring the Haggadah with Rabbi Julie
Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 pm.

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SEIVAH: JEWISH LIFE BEYOND MEMORY
Rabbi Michael Goldman, Founder & Director

COMPANIONSHIP
Seivah provides spiritual companions to be a comforting, listening, non-judgmental presence for the person with dementia and their loved ones. The volunteer is a fellow traveler, accompanying the person along the way as his or her dementia progresses. Seivah and its volunteers help people with early-stage dementia to create a plan for maintaining long-term spiritual health, collecting recordings of their favorite songs of their youth, beloved objects to hold.

CONNECTION
We recognize that dementia isolates not only the person who experiences it directly, but also his or her caregivers. Seivah helps families and friends grappling with dementia to stay engaged with one another by helping them learn how to better communicate with one another. Volunteers are trained to lend an empathetic ear to the caregivers, and help them negotiate the enormous stress a person experiences when their loved one no longer recognizes him or her.

COMMUNITY
Seivah works within synagogues and other places where Jewish people gather to raise awareness and combat fear of dementia, and to create an ethos of inclusion and volunteerism. Our goal is to create a society, starting with the organized Jewish community, in which dementia is talked about, demystified and seen as just another kind of disability deserving accommodation.

Reservations are recommended at buildingcommunitylectures@gmail.com. For information, please contact 914-666-3133

The art of chaplaincy consists largely of being able to listen to someone, his or her joys and laments, on the speaker’s terms. The chaplain must try hard to accept the other’s worldview without passing judgment. All the more so when you’re practicing chaplaincy with people with dementia, where the chaplain has to listen hard and think creatively in order to establish the empathic bond. This is especially the case, I learned, when people are no longer able to communicate verbally.

I served for five years as the Jewish Chaplain at Duke University, and then five years as a congregational rabbi at Temple Israel Center in White Plains, NY. During my time in that congregation, I heard many stories of heartache from people struggling to take care of a parent, spouse, or sibling with dementia. Even those caregivers who were fortunate enough to afford good medical care and attendants still suffered with the enormous psychic brought on when one’s love one begins to act erratically, or no longer remembers who they and their loved ones are. Just as my early training showed me that people with dementia still have emotional and spiritual needs well into their post-verbal life, I now saw the parallel needs of the caregiver.
Come celebrate a very special

**CO-ED**

ROSH CHODESH*

Preparing for Passover with Rabbi Julie

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 pm

at Pleasantville Community Synagogue

A good time with good women
and this time with good men, too!
All are welcome.

To RSVP or for more information

call Marcy Gray at PCS at 769-2672 or
e-mail Robin Berman at awake.robin@gmail.com.

* Why do we celebrate the new moon every month?
The Jewish nation is often compared to the moon. Throughout history our light has waxed and waned but even in the darkest times it has never been extinguished. This is one reason why, when the head of the new moon - the Rosh Chodesh - appears for the first time in the night sky, we celebrate. Come join us!

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PCS Mishpachah (Family!)  
Shabbat Dinner and Service  
Friday night, April 15

5:30 pm: Doors open for a 30-minute PJ Shabbat service for little ones up to age 8 with their families
6 pm: Shabbat dinner for all*
6:45 pm: Family-friendly service for all, led by the third graders (Kitah Gimmel)
7:30 pm: Oneg Shabbat with dessert

*To help offset the cost of the dinner, there is a suggested donation of $18/adult, $9/child, 5 and under free.

Click here for easy on-line payment and RSVP!
https://pcs-family-shabbat.cheddarup.com
Or e-mail Marcy Gray at mgray@shalompcs.com or call 769-2672.

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Sunday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m.
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This program is co-sponsored by Young Israel of Scarsdale and Temple Israel Center of White Plains.

SPEAKER

David Harris
AJC Chief Executive Officer, Edward and Sandra Meyer Office of the CEO
Join us for another joyful SNAP service at PCS!

Friday night, April 29, 6:45 pm

Are you looking to welcome Shabbat with your child, but not sure where to begin? Is your child a unique learner who thrives in more intimate, personalized environments?

Join us Friday night, April 29, for a joyful "SNAP" service - Special Needs at Pleasantville - at PCS! Doors open at 6:45 pm for the "SNAP" service, followed by a wonderful Kiddush featuring music and dance and special guest musicians.

Everyone is welcome: all ages, levels of ability and literacy, anyone and everyone looking for a very welcoming, joyful and inclusive Shabbat experience.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the PCS office, 769-2672, info@shalompcs.com, or email Vivian Chang Freiheit, vivianpiano@yahoo.com.
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2. Completing the form below and mailing it, with your check made payable to "Pleasantville Community Synagogue," to PCS, P.O. Box 148, Pleasantville, NY 10570 or
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Rekindling Shabbat at PCS

SHABBAT IN APRIL

Please join us on Friday, April 1, at 7:30 pm as Caleb Freiheit helps Rabbi Julie to lead the Kabbalat Shabbat service; an Oneg Shabbat will follow.

On Saturday, April 2, at 9:30 am, Caleb Freiheit will become a Bar Mitzvah at our Saturday morning service.

On Friday, April 8, PCS will host a Prime Time Shabbat, beginning at 8 pm, led by the PCS Rosh Chodesh Group. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.

At 10 am on Saturday, April 9, Kitah Vav will co-lead the Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Julie for this Family Education Shabbat.

PCS will host a Mispachah (Family) Shabbat on Friday, April 15. There will be a PJ Shabbat at 5:30 pm for families with the youngest children, followed by a Shabbat dinner at 6 pm; for details and to RSVP, please see page 25. At 6:45 pm there will be a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service for all ages, co-led by Kitah Gimmel, followed by dessert.

At 10 am on Saturday, April 16, our Saturday morning service will celebrate Shabbat HaGadol, the Shabbat prior to Passover.

On Friday, April 22, there will be NO FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE AT PCS. This is Erev Pesach, the first night of Passover, and we hope you will be celebrating the first Seder at your own home or at the home of friends or family. Looking for a seder to attend or have room at your seder table for a few more? Let PCS help make a Seder Shidduch! For details, please see page 17.

There will be a Shabbat and Passover morning service at 10 am on Saturday, April 23. No meditation group will meet that morning.

On Friday, April 29, our Friday night service will be a SNAP (Special Needs at Pleasantville) service at 6:45 pm; for more information, please see page 27. All are welcome; whether someone in your family has special needs or not, you will find attending this service to be a very moving experience.

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, come for services and/or one or more of the following (or come for the whole thing!):

9:15 am: Jewish spiritual teachings and meditation with Rabbi Julie (except on April 23)
Noon: Kiddush lunch with varied menu following services
12:30-1:15 pm: Interactive Torah study led by Rabbi Julie

...and then there’s Passover!

In addition to the Shabbat services during Passover mentioned above, PCS will hold a holiday (Yom Tov) service on Friday morning, April 29, at 10 am. Please join us and help make a minyan!
ON THE HORIZON AT PLEASANTVILLE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE...

After this year’s Annual PCS Fundraiser, we’ll all be saying, “Shalom, y’all!” just like Rabbi Julie. Don’t miss this very special event, a Texas Bar{BQ} Mitzvah at 7 pm on Saturday, May 7, at Captain Lawrence Brewing Company in Elmsford. For more information, see pages 28.

To borrow a tagline from a certain Jewish mayor, “How are we doing?” Your PCS leadership wants to hear what’s working (too often left unsaid) as well as any concerns you may have. For issues relating to Hebrew School, you can reach out to PCS Jewish Education Committee Chair, Kiersten Zweibaum at KZweibaum@ShalomPCS.com. For all other areas of PCS life, please contact our Transition Committee at TransitionCommittee@ShalomPCS.com.

If you are a PCS member and have not already picked up your PCS member directory, you can do so between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm on most weekdays. Please call first to confirm that someone will be there to greet you!

Thanks to all the time and effort spent by Adult Ed Committee Chair Barbara Doctor, PCS has offered a record number of adult ed programs this year. If you have ideas about adult ed programs you would like to see at PCS, please contact Barbara at bdoctor670@gmail.com.

On Wednesday, May 18, the PCS Rosh Chodesh Group will host a kippot trunk show at 7:30 pm, with an emphasis on kippot for women. Of course, there will also be schmoozing and noshing! For more information, please contact Committee Chair Robin Berman at awake.robin@gmail.com.

In our May issue, the PCS Bookworm, Eileen Jagoda, will review Abraham: The World’s First (But Certainly Not Last) Jewish Lawyer by Alan M. Dershowitz.

Our Queen for a Day

On March 2, our own Vivian Chang Freiheit (pictured here with her proud husband, Mark) was the recipient of a 2016 Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award, bestowed annually by the Westchester Jewish Council on extraordinary community volunteers. And we at PCS know just how extraordinary Vivian is! Whether she is chairing the PCS Music Committee, rendering exquisite violin performances at PCS services and events or creating and running PCS SNAP (Special Needs at Pleasantville) services, Vivian always gives of herself with good cheer, great warmth and a full heart. We could not be more proud of her!
We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Pleasantville Community Synagogue by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

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Diana and David Benattar, with thanks and appreciation to Rabbi Julie, in memory of Diana’s mother, Estelle Herman

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APRIL YAHRZEITS

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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 Julie at (914) 769-2672, or Steven Weiner at (914) 232-8166 or (646) 369-9167. You can also email them at Rabbi@ShalomPCS.com or SWeiner@ShalomPCS.com.
Yahrzeit Memorial Board

The PCS Yahrzeit Memorial Board is a beautiful and symbolic place to honor your loved ones while helping to support your synagogue. The anniversary of their passing will be commemorated with a light by their nameplate.

Please provide the following information and payment ($360) for each plate. If you need assistance with the Hebrew date, you can find date conversions at www.hecal.com, or contact Marcy Gray at 769-2672, mgray@shalompccs.com. If there is no Hebrew name, the name in English will be centered at the top. Delivery of nameplates will take 4-6 weeks.

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### April 2016 - PCS Calendar

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<td>7:30pm An Evening of Sharing the Music and Poetry of Leonard Cohen</td>
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<td>7:03pm Candle lighting; 7:30pm Services, including Children's Service</td>
<td>9:15am Morning Meditation; Shabbat Service including Bar Mitzvah of Caleb Freiheit, 9:30 am</td>
<td>8:34pm Havdalah Shabbat Parah Shabbat after Purim Parshat Shmini</td>
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<td>7:31pm Candle lighting Pesach VI (CH''M)</td>
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<td>10:00am 7th Day of Pesach morning service 6:45pm SNAP (Special Needs at Pleasantville) Service</td>
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