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Services at 7:30 followed by a dessert oneg.**  **Saturday morning**  **9:15 am: Morning meditation** with Rabbi Julie  **10 am: Family Education Shabbat service** followed by **Kiddush lunch at noon and Torah study session at 12:30**.  **This Shabbat, PCS will participate in the Global Day of Jewish Learning.**  **The Journey of Our Names (and a chance to get a new Hebrew name!)**  During the morning service, Rabbi Julie will bring in teachings from the Global Day of Jewish Learning on the significance of changing Hebrew names.  At our Adult Torah Study after Kiddush lunch, we will continue the study with classical Jewish texts provided by the Global Day of Jewish Learning project.  ***Do you want to get a Hebrew name, add a Hebrew name or change your Hebrew name? E-mail*** [**pcsrabbi@gmailcom**](mailto:pcsrabbi@gmail.com) ***or call 769-2672 and talk to Rabbi Julie ahead of November 17 about doing a special naming blessing that morning!***    **What is Vayetze?**  It's the Parasha, or Torah portion, of the week. Click [**here**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bimbam.com%2Ftorah-texts%2F) to check it out in a clever animation telling the story that everyone can enjoy! |      |  | | --- | |  |      |  | | --- | | **A Global Day of Jewish Learning** |      |  | | --- | | **Click** [**here**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebookcom%2Fheyalmacom%2Fvideos%2Fvb.1418081008242531%2F418959488900025%2F%3Ftype%3D2%26theater) **or on the link below to see the moving video about covering the Tree of Life shooting, made by 24-year-old reporter, Arielle Kaplan, niece of PCS long-time member and treasurer, Oren Cohen.**  [**https://www.facebook.com/heyalmacom/videos/vb.1418081008242531/418959488900025/?type=2&theater**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fheyalmacom%2Fvideos%2Fvb.1418081008242531%2F418959488900025%2F%3Ftype%3D2%26theater) |      |  | | --- | | **Coming up for PCS**  **Collecting kids' backpacks at PCS for** [***Hearts and Homes for Refugees***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.heartsandhomesforrefugees.org%2F) **in Westchester.Saturday, Nov. 17, 12:30 pm - Share in a Global Day of Jewish Learning with Rabbi Julie, as part of the morning Shabbat services and the adult study session after Kiddush.Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7:30 pm - Presentation and discussion with Adam Finn on his work in Israel with Torat Tzedek, an Israeli human rights organization.Sunday, Dec. 2, 4 pm - Community Hannukah party at PCS! For all ages and all are welcome!** |      |  | | --- | | **Area Events and Programs**  **Schechter Open House:**  **Sunday, Dec. 2,** at Middle School, 555 W. Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, NY, 914-948-8333.  For more information or to RSVP email: [**LSadmissions@schechterwestchester.org**](mailto:LSadmissions@schechterwestchester.org).  **A Night of Music and Joy: A Celebration of the Season of Thanksgiving and Dedication - Saturday, Nov. 17, 7:30 pm** at Temple Israel of New Rochelle. For more information, visit [**www.wjcouncil.org**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wjcouncil.org) or email [**Donna Bartell**](mailto:donna@wjcouncil.org).  **Chanukah Concert with Kol Rinah - Sunday, Dec. 16, 11:30 am** at Shames JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown Visit  **[www.kolrinahchorale.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.kolrinahchorale.org" \t "_blank)** or call 243-9059. |      |  | | --- | | **The PCS office is closed on Mondays. Please leave a message or send an** [***email***](mailto:mgray@shalompcs.com) **and someone will respond as soon as possible.**  **For pastoral emergencies outside of regular office hours, please contact Rabbi Julie,** [***rabbi@shalompcs.com***](mailto:rabbi@shalompcs.com) **or call her at 914-495-3843.** |      |  | | --- | | ***PCS is in proud partnership with PJ Library. Sign up here to get FREE Jewish books and music for your child from 6 months to 11 years!*** [***https://pjlibrary.org/home***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fpjlibrary.org%2Fhome) |      |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | |  |      |  | | --- | | ***From the Rabbi***  **Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan**    **A Letter From MY Palestinian Neighbor**    Last week we had a great book discussion at PCS about the book [***Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.harpercollins.com%2F9780062844910%2Fletters-to-my-palestinian-neighbor%2F), by Yossi Klein Halevi.  It is not only a thoughtful exposition of the Jewish narrative, but also a sincere invitation to Palestinians to engage in dialogue and fine a way to a shared future living side by side in two states. Yossi Klein Halevi   is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Together with Imam Abdullah Antepli of Duke University, he co-directs the Institute's  [**Muslim Leadership Initiative.**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fhartman.org.il%2FPrograms_View.asp%3FProgram_Id%3D110%26Cat_Id%3D517%26Cat_Type%3DPrograms)  Yossi published his book for free online in Arabic, in order to foster real dialogue. So in preparation for our program, I shared the online book with Imam Nadir Farris, my dialogue partner and cofounder of the Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue of San Antonio which was active in the early 2000's. He is also an engineer and businessman. (You can read about our activities [**here.)**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Ftraubman.igc.org%2FMeetingMohammedEng.pdf)  Nadir wrote me a beautiful letter in return which I shared with everyone at our discussion. He gave me permission to post it here, and I hope that his words will give you hope as they do me. He also asked me to put him in touch with Yossi Klein Halevi, which I will do.  **...To continue reading "A Letter From MY Palestinian Neighbor," click** [***here***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=yprfb76ab.0.0.e86qd6bab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.shalompcs.com%2Frabbis-blog) **to go to Rabbi Julie's blog on the PCS web site.**    Comments and feedback are welcome. |      |  | | --- | | **Hebrew School Happenings!**  **Kitah Hey/Vav (5th/6th grades) practicing for their Shabbaton that took place November 9.** |      |  | | --- | |  |      |  | | --- | | **STILL**  **COLLECTING CHILDREN'S BACKPACKS AT PCS** |      |  | | --- | | **Come have lunch with Rabbi Julie at PCS at 12:30 pm, Thursday, Nov 15.** | | |  | |  | | |
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