



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

By Mark Sameth

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Wednesday evening, September 28, we usher in Rosh HaShana, by the Jewish calendar the beginning of a new year. And I'm sure we would all add... not a moment too soon.

I am writing in mid-August, and so there is of course no way to know what the world will look like when you read these words. But looking back, needless to say this has been a most tumultuous and difficult year. The challenges, disruptions, and humanitarian disasters have seemingly come one after the other.

We'll be talking about that over the holidays; talking about how we can better help those in the greatest need; and talking about how we can better maintain our composure as we make our way through difficult times.

But let me simply begin by acknowledging here the tremendous good this community has done over the past year. In ways both public and private, known and unknown, members of our community this past year helped those who had experienced great hardship and misfortune; built bridges with other communities in ways that were both unexpected and inspired; created a supportive environ-

ment for our children to learn both about Jewish tradition and about Judaism's emphasis on cultivating traits that mark one as a good human being, a caring citizen of the world.

These are challenging times. But we draw strength from our ability to help fashion a community that both calls on and reflects our best values, that reminds us once again what we believe to be the things we stand for and believe in.

Please note the following dates as the New Year begins:

Friday, September 9: Open House for prospective members, 6:30 pm
 Sunday, September 11: 9/11 Memorial at Kensico Dam, 6:00 pm
 Saturday, September 24: Selichot program and service at PCS, 10 pm to midnight
 Wednesday, September 28: Erev Rosh Hashanna service at the Rosenthal JCC

May this be a year of increasing light and sweetness for all of us, and for the world.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this column from Colorado on my vacation, so I'm in a different place both physically and emotionally from where I normally write - but I want to convey some thoughts as I relax here.

Telluride is a spectacular setting, perhaps the most awe-inspiring place I have ever visited, over 9000 feet high. It is in a valley surrounded by mountains on 3 sides. No matter which way I look I find myself filled with wonder and excitement. Two of my children, Miriam and Jonathan, live and work here, so it has become a regular stop for me on my travels. It is a place supported by tourists who come here year round to take part in one of the many outdoor activities available, and that is why the residents remain. They are without exception skiers, hikers, climbers, runners, paddle boarders

and nature lovers, and they sing the praises of their mountain paradise whenever you engage one of them in conversation.

But there is even more. No one ever locks their door. Neither my children nor any of their friends or acquaintances even own a key. Many of them own bicycles and they leave them unlocked outside their homes. The sense of community is palpable everywhere, from their greetings on the street to the billboards that trumpet the coming events. I wish my family wasn't so spread apart, but I cannot deny the joy and the sense of belonging that my daughter especially feels here.

Even though I am thoroughly enjoying myself, this is not a place for me. Miriam would love for Eve-Marie and me to

buy a place nearby, but I cannot do it. There is wonderful history in these mountains, and I love reading about it, but it isn't my history. It intrigues me, moves me, but doesn't resonate with my soul. I look forward to returning to Westchester and celebrating the high holidays with all of you.

- Peter Schaffer



CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Rosh HaShana begins Wednesday, September 28. If you love to sing and would like to help make the holidays even more beautiful, now is the time to join us.

If you are interested, please e-mail Cantor Devorah Gartner at cantordevorah@yahoo.com or call her at 845-901-5428 - or contact Lisa Lipkin at musigal@optonline.net or at 941-0468.



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UNDER ONE ROOF



Under One Roof, the collaborative charitable effort by the Upper Westchester Muslim Society and PCS, successfully completed its first joint effort. Our sponsored food drive on behalf of Hope's Door, the local women's shelter, and the Katonah Community Center, a food pantry for the poor, netted over 350 pounds and \$1000 worth of donated food. Our next project will culminate on December 3, 2011, when our two communities will share a meal at the mosque in Thornwood and raise money for two noble causes. First, we will be raising money for Birthday Angels which provides birthday parties for orphaned and destitute children in Israel who otherwise would not have the funds or the means to celebrate their birth. Every child deserves a party and it is within our power to provide one for those who otherwise would go without. As well, we are supporting the remarkable and heroic work of Dr. Hawa Abdi in Somalia, who transformed her family farm into a refugee camp for battered women and children who are victims of religious and factional violence between competing clans of marauding zealots. She provides food, water, shelter, schooling and medical attention to over 15,000 people on a continuing basis and is reliant upon outside donations to sustain her work. Dr. Abdi has been named Woman of the Year, has been cited by Secretary of State Hilary Clinton and been the focus of an article by Nicholas Kristoff in the New York Times.

Suggested price for the meal, which will be prepared by members of UWMS and PCS, is only \$15. (Feel free to contribute more!) Children under 10 eat free. We hope you can all come. It's an opportunity to mingle, learn, eat and have fun while making a huge difference in the lives of children in Somalia and Israel. Please RSVP to Michael Gold at the below email address. If you can't come but would like to support our work, please send a check payable to PCS with the memo portion filled in Under One Roof so it is properly credited.

The world is conditioned to believe that our two communities can do nothing more than kill each other. Here is a chance to demonstrate in the most tangible of ways that people of good will can join together to promote the common good and, while doing so, learn to accept and enjoy each other for our similarities and differences. If you are interested in participating in the work of Under One Roof on a regular or sporadic basis, would like to make a donation or just find out more of what we do, please contact Michael Gold at Michaelhgold@aol.com.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The PCS Newsletter is published monthly, online, from September through June. Articles and photos should be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be e-mailed to Judith Chinitz, Editor, at judyhope@optonline.net or dropped off at the newsletter box in the Synagogue office.

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EXCITING PCS ROSH CHODESH EVENTS FOR 2011/12

Save the dates:

October 30, hostess, Eileen Jagoda
Presentation by very special, talented, tapestry artist, with samples of work, plus dessert.

December 22, hosted by Laurie Hirsch-Schulz & Daughters
Hannukah celebration with Mothers, Daughters, and Sons, too, and, of course, refreshments.

March 22, hostess, Lisa Lipkin
Music as Prayer: How music, meditation & prayer come together in Judaism to open your heart & soul, + snacks.

April 23, hostess, Cristina Altieri-Martinez
Spirited subject & speaker plus pot luck - food.

May 22 - hostesses, PCS Rosh Chodesh Women's Group
Family Gathering with conversation & dinner (more food).

FAQ: Estelle Rosen-Kersh 914-449-6153 eaststar18@optonline.net

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All the Committees of The Pleasantville Community Synagogue are eager for your participation and suggestions. If you'd like to get more involved in the life of the PCS community, this is the way to begin! Below are the names of the committees, their chairs, and contact information.

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A YOUNG MAN EMBRACES HIS JUDAISM

BY KEN MAROLDA

Ken Marolda celebrated his Bar Mitzvah this past spring at PCS... at the age of eighteen. We're delighted to welcome Ken and his family to PCS. Here is his story.

I was born on the 9th of April, 1993 to a Jewish mother and a Roman Catholic father. In July of that year, I was baptized "Kenneth Gerard", my first name having been taken from my deceased maternal grandfather, and my middle name being taken from my still-living paternal grandfather. It was expected I would be Catholic.

The duration of my childhood seemed like a battleground between the two religions, with me basically being raised to view Judaism and Christianity with the same skepticism as most Americans view Roman Paganism, Islam, Shinto and Hinduism - just as two other factions on the world's list of theories on God. Third grade passed and no Confirmation occurred. Then I turned 13, and no Bar Mitzvah took place. It wasn't until I took a course on the Holocaust and began climbing the branches of my family tree that I took an interest in Judaism.

Through my Holocaust course at Pace University, I gained a basic knowledge of Judaic history, for the course outlines the entire history of the Jewish people with the intent of proving that persecution has always been a plague for Jews, and that we have a responsibility to learn from it and be more tolerant towards others. This concept of tolerance is one that my mind has taken strongly to wrapping itself around, for it has led me to the understanding that tolerance is not just a notion of religious leniency, but can be applied to any situation in which different values conflict. To be understanding and respectful of a person's moral and religious choices and be sympathetic to the influence those morals have on their lives: that is true tolerance.

I also learned from this course how the Jewish people survived two thousand years without a homeland, how a common language and culture has acted as glue to hold these extraordinary people together through plagues, persecution and exile. The commitment many Jews showed to their religion during the Holocaust astonished me, as I learned how many chose to proudly die as Jews rather than convert or hide as gentiles.

By the age of 17, I decided I wanted to formally become a part of this population of people, and I made the decision that I wanted to have a Bar Mitzvah. My parents, who strongly supported this idea, suggested that I contact Pleasantville Community Synagogue because they had been to a Bar Mitzvah there a few months earlier and felt that out of all the other synagogues they'd attended, this one seemed to run most parallel to my aspirations. Through studying with Rabbi Mark and PCS, I discovered a religion that is as engaging intellectually as it is spiritually fulfilling.

What you have to understand is that for me, this was not only about finding a relationship with God. Don't get me wrong, a connection with Him was a part of this; but a more substantial source of motivation stemmed from a deep desire to relieve an internal sense of conflict within me. Finding an internal balance between the Polish Hebrew side of me and the Italian Gentile side of me has always been a struggle. I wanted to be able to share a cultural connection with my Jewish family and ancestors while still maintaining a bond to my paternal Italian roots. Lessons learned from Rabbi Mark, the Torah, and my observations of Judaic culture have helped me find peace within myself and view the world around me in a more peaceful way. This is a concept I like to refer to as "Pax Judaica", or Jewish Peace, the Peace I have found through Judaism.



B'NEI MITZVAH PROJECT

Alyssa Kerper

**Tzedakah and acts of kindness are the equivalent of all the mitzvot of the Torah
– Jerusalem Talmud, Pe'ah 1:1**

For my community service project, I tutored a younger student in Hebrew. After she improved in her reading and writing Hebrew, I heard about the National Library Initiative, a program of Jewish Women International (www.jwi.org) and I became a Library Ambassador.

The NLI creates children's libraries in domestic violence shelters all over the country, and these libraries offer kids and their moms a safe and peaceful space for reading and learning.

The results can be measured by the number of books on library shelves, the thousands of kids who use them, and the volunteers who give these kids a chance and make a true difference.

A Library Ambassador helps build the libraries with books, and I hope you will help me with this project by donating a children's book(s). The books must be new - JWI believes that every child, no matter what their circumstances, deserves the opportunity to receive and read brand new books – and if you would like to make a donation, please drop off your books at PCS.

What this project means to me is that I am giving kids who wouldn't ordinarily get the chance to read or learn through books an opportunity to do so. I believe that for these children in the shelters, it is wonderful enough to go from no books in their own homes to a whole library of books they can read whenever they want, but it is even better if they read a book that gives them hope and confidence that their lives will be okay.

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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Elaine Rutman, Mother of Seth Rutman	September 8
Etta Rosen, Mother of Estelle Rosen-Kersh	September 14
Lois Polansky, Mother of Debra Schor	September 17
Neil Jagoda, Husband of Eileen Jagoda	September 22
Enid Lessner, Mother of Jan Gordon	September 23
Ruth Israelow, Mother of Marvin Israelow	September 23
Abraham King, Father of Margaret Coleman	September 24
Eleanore Wallace, Mother of Joseph Wallace	September 24
Walter Raab, Father of David Raab	September 25
Janet Ruberman, Mother of Louise Ruberman	September 30



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 HAS STARTED ACCEPTING 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 organisations.

If you provide professional or business services in the area, the PCS newsletter might provide some extra, valuable visibility. To arrange for your ad to appear in the newsletter, here's what you need to know:

*** Deadlines:**

Ads should be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be emailed to Judy Chinitz at judyhope@optonline.net or cristina@lightbodymusic.com.

*** Ad Specifications:**

Ads will be published in one size only: one-quarter page, which is approximately 3 1/2 x 4 3/4 inches. The artwork should be provided by the advertiser.

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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.

Following is a form to indicate your interest 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 - as well as those who will be celebrating their bar/bat mitzvah 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. 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 5772 is as follows:

Erev Rosh HaShana	Wednesday, September 28, 7-9pm - JCC
Rosh HaShana Day I	Thursday, September 29, 9am-1:30pm – JCC
Erev Rosh HaShana II	Thursday, September 29, 8pm
Rosh HaShana Day II	Friday, September 30, 9am-1:30pm - JCC
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre	Friday, October 7, 6:30-9pm – JCC (no honors)
Yom Kippur/Yizkor	Saturday, October 8, 9am-1:30pm - JCC
Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 8, 5-8pm - 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.

Thank you for your help. Please mail, fax, or email this form to the synagogue office at:

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Email: mgray@shalomPCS.com

September 2011 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 7pm Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm	30 Rosh Chodesh Elul	31 Rosh Chodesh Elul	1	2 7:10pm-7:28pm - Candle lighting	3 Morning Meditation 9 am Shabbat Morning Service 10 am Parashat Shoftim 8:38pm-8:39pm - Havdalah (72 min)
4 NO YOGA CLASS	5	6	7	8 PCS Open House, 6:30 pm Children's Service 6:58pm-7:16pm - Candle lighting	9	10 Morning Meditation 9 am Shabbat Morning Service 10 am Parashat Ki Teitzei 8:26pm-8:27pm - Havdalah (72 min)
11 First day of Hebrew School - K-6th grade Introduction to Judaism, 11:30am-1pm Executive committee meeting, 7:30pm	12 Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm	13	14	15	16 6:46pm-7:04pm - Candle lighting	17 Morning Meditation 9 am Shabbat Morning Service 10 am Parashat Ki Tavo 8:14pm-8:15pm - Havdalah (72 min)
18 First Day of Hebrew School - 7th grade, 11 am - 1 pm PCS Board Retreat, 1 pm Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 7pm Introduction to Judaism, 11:30 am - 1 pm	19 Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm	20 7th grade parents' meeting, 7:30 pm	21	22	23 6:34pm-6:52pm - Candle lighting	24 Morning Meditation, 9 am; Shabbat Service, 9:30 am Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech Bat Mitzvah - Alyssa Kerper 8:02pm-8:03pm - Havdalah (72 min)
25 Introduction to Judaism, 11:30am-1pm	26 Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm	27 Parents' Support Group, 7 pm	28 ★ Erev Rosh Hashana	29 Rosh Hashana 5772 Day I NO HEBREW SCHOOL	30 Rosh Hashana Day II 6:23 pm - Candle lighting	1 Morning Meditation 9 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Bar Mitzvah - Evan Harrison 7:50pm-7:51pm - Havdalah (72 min)

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. Future months are also on the website.

TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE, CONT.

TORAH READINGS Between Jan.1 and Oct.1, 2011

Note	Date	Parsha	Book	Verses	TOPIC	QUOTES	HAFTORAH
	27	Re'eh	Deu.	11:26-12:28	Laws for after the crossing	...you shall obliterate their names... (12:3)	Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5
Sept.	3	Shovtim	Deu.	16:18-18:5	Judges. The king of Israel	He shall not have too many horses (17:16), ...wives...silver and gold (17:17)	Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12
	10	Ki Teitzei	Deu.	21:10-23:7	Of marriages, sons, property.	You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. (22:10)	Isaiah 54:1 - 54:10
	17	Ki Tavo	Deu.	26:1-27:10	The new commitment	Of whole stones shall you build the altar. (27:6)	Isaiah 60:1 - 60:22
	24	Nitzavim	Deu.	29:9-30:14	The renewal of the Covenant	What is secret is Hashem's, what is known is ours.(29:28)	Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9
Oct.	1	Hazinu	Deu.	32:1-32:52	The Song of Moses	I shall render vengeance upon My enemies and upon those who hate Me I shall bring retribution (32:41)	Hosea 14:2-10 Micah 7:18-20 Joel 2:15-27
Notes: P Passover. Bnei Mitzvahs: a.Abbe Fuirst b.Robert Levine c. The Dosters d.Benjamin Yampolsky e.Sophie Epstein f.Ilana Cohen							



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WESTCHESTER JEWISH COUNCIL'S

**“Double Chai” Anniversary Gala - February 11, 2012
Honoring: Joyce & Fred Claar and Tobi & The Honorable
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WJCS JEWISH HEALING CENTER
(SELECTED PROGRAMS)

Spiritual Journeying Groups

Monthly Mussar Group - 4 Mondays, September 12, October 17, November 21, December 12, 6:30-8:15 PM

The Literature of Grief * – a monthly reading group of literature dealing with the themes of grief and bereavement - 4 Wednesdays, September 14, November 9, December 14, January 11, 6:00-7:30 PM

Writing Our Lives: A Spiritual Memoir Group – 5 Wednesdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 26, November 9, December 14, January 11, 7:45-9:15 PM

Spiritual Support Groups

Living the Legacy: Coping with Parental Loss – a support group for adult children grieving the death of a parent - 5 Wednesdays, October 26, November 2, 16, and 30, December 7, 6:30-8:00 PM

A Men's Divorce Support Group – 4 Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, and 28, 6:30-8:00 PM

Who/What Are You Angry At? A Spiritual Support Group for Family Caregivers * - 3 Wednesdays, Nov. 16 and 30, Dec. 7, 12:30-2:00 PM

Fractured Families – a workshop for those dealing with family estrangements – Monday, January 9, 2012, 6:00-9:00 PM

* Please note: The Literature of Grief, Writing Your Ethical Will, and Who/What are You Angry At? are programs co-sponsored with the WJCS Pathways to Care program.

For further information on these or our many other programs, or to register, please contact:

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Westchester's Jewish History and Heritage Month
September 6, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Wine & Cheese Reception * Free and Open to All
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Thursday, December 22, 2011 - Sunday, January 1, 2012

Bring your family to Israel and see what few tourists see.

Experience the Old City of Jerusalem and Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall.

Connect with the diverse cultures of Israel.

Visit local neighborhoods and sample their cuisine.

Reach new heights by taking the snake path up to Masada, and new depths by taking a dip in the Dead Sea.

Explore lush, green, and freshwater nature parks or colorful sandstone mountains.

Survey the City of David.

Feel the excitement of Tel Aviv.

Touch the past at interactive museums, and so much more!

Whether this is your first time in Israel or a rediscovery, there is always something new and wonderful to experience!

For more information, please contact Hedy Levy at 1.914.761.5100 ext.109 or levyh@ujafedny.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

High Holiday Service Schedule 5772



Selichot	Saturday, September 24	10pm	PCS*	
Erev Rosh HaShana	Wednesday, September 28	7-9pm	JCC	
Rosh HaShana Day I	Thursday, September 29	9am-1:30pm	JCC	
Tashlich, Nannahagen Park	Thursday, September 29	2pm	*	
Erev Rosh HaShana II	Thursday, September 29	8pm		
Rosh HaShana Day II	Friday, September 30	9am-1:30pm	JCC	
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre	Friday, October 7	6:30-9pm	JCC	
Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 8	9am-1:30 pm; 5-8pm	JCC	
Yizkor	Saturday, October 8	Noon	JCC	
Children's services	Rosh Hashana Days 1 & II	11:30am-12:30pm	JCC	2 Groups: K-3 & 4-6
Yom Kippur		11:30am-12:30pm	JCC	

We encourage families to hear the blowing of the shofar and Ashrei in the sanctuary before the sermon, which begins at approximately 11:30 am. The shofar will also be blown in the classes. Babysitting is provided during all the services at the Rosenthal JCC for children pre-K through 2nd grade. All children must be singed in and out and will otherwise not be allowed to leave the babysitting room.

*Please note that all Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur services will be held at the Rosenthal JCC of Northern Westchester, 600 Bear Ridge Road in Pleasantville except where otherwise noted.