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7pm

**18** -- President's  
Day/Offices Closed

**24** -- Book Group/  
11:30am

#### March

**1** -- First Fridays  
at Five Forty-  
Five/5:45pm

**3** -- Pack It Up for  
Purim Begins

**9** -- Open Book/  
10:30am

**9** -- PJC Gala/6:30pm

**12** -- Soup Kitchen/  
4:30pm

**14** -- Board Meeting/  
7pm

**17** -- Pack It Up for  
Purim Ends

**17** -- Purim Carnival/

## Rabbi Salzberg's Message

Shabbat, as we all know, is meant to be a time of rest and happiness. It is a reminder of God's rest at the end of

Creation as described in the Torah. It's central role in Jewish life cannot be overstated: it brings families and communities together, giving opportunities for prayer and relationship. Ahad Ha'am famously said "More than the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews."

In ancient times, one of the primary ways that Shabbat was observed was through an additional sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem. This sacrifice was called the קורבן - *Musaf* - which literally means "additional." This sacrifice, which might otherwise have been considered a violation of Shabbat, was commanded in the Torah and was considered the appropriate way to worship God. After the destruction of the Temple, the question was asked "What will happen to the Jews and their worship without the sacrificial service."

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In the Talmud, this question was placed in the mouth of Abraham, and God gives him a direct answer, "I have already enacted for them the order of the offerings. When they read them before Me, I will ascribe them as though they had sacrificed them before Me and I will pardon them for all their transgressions."

This is the essence of the Musaf service. Deriving its name from the sacrifice that it replaced, it is the service that begins after we return the Torah to the ark. It is the conclusion to our formal prayers on Shabbat morning and includes the verses from the book of Numbers which instructed our ancestors to offer the Musaf sacrifice.

The middle blessing of the Shabbat Amidah begins with a carefully crafted paragraph. It is written as a reverse rhyming acrostic and makes some profound theological claims. "Those who delight in Shabbat will inherit enduring glory. Those who savor Shabbat truly merit life. Those who love its teachings have chosen greatness."

This is the beauty of the Musaf service. It holds out for us an image of what Shabbat can and should be. It connects us with our ancient past while recognizing that our lives are different than the lives of those who came before us.

In recognition of the importance of Musaf, over the past few weeks we have begun to emphasize it more in our service. This has looked different depending on the *shaliach tzibbur* - the individual leading the community in prayer. We have adorned the words with niggunim and beautiful melodies. The traditional structure has been less hurried, giving everyone more time for their private prayers and communal singing at the conclusion of the service.

I have personally found this shift to be very spiritually nourishing; I hope that your experience has been similar.

I conclude here with a request: In order to facilitate a more appropriate Musaf service, we have moved through Pseukei D'zimra (the preliminary Psalms) more quickly than we have in the past. We now arrive at the Barchu and other parts of the service which require the presence of a minyan (10 adults) earlier. I ask that you try to arrive at the PJC 10 minutes earlier than you used to, so that we have a minyan when we need one. You will be supporting the community, and I believe that you will benefit as well.

Thank you,

Rabbi Alex Salzberg

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## Education Director's Message



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One day a couple of years ago, I was stuck in traffic behind a car whose license plate had an expletive in Yiddish. It bothered me so much that on that same night, when I got home, I decided to order a license plate, also in Yiddish, with my *bubbe's* wish to everyone: GEZUNTR8, (pronounced *gezunterheyt*), which can be translated either as: "Fine, go ahead" (ironic), or more literally, go in good health. That's what I would like to wish to everyone, good health, even though I don't know who the motorist is in front or behind me.

Health is a gift for which we are forever thankful to G-d. And when someone next to us is struggling with health issues, we wish we could do something to help. Sadly, many times, not even all the money in the world can help. We feel helpless, and cannot really cope with such disparity - why some people were blessed with good health and some haven't.

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to learn more about the process. From my own experience, all I can say is the same counsel I received from Zev Haber: If you can save a life, don't think twice. In Job 38:36, we read: "Who places wisdom in the kidneys, or who deposits understanding in the heart?" May we all be blessed with the understanding of our hearts and the wisdom of our kidneys. And may a donor be found in the near future, so we can all say together: "Gezunter8"! Go in good health!

Ana Turkienicz  
Education Director



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## A Message from Michael Dvorkin, New PJC President

Before I introduce myself to you as the President of the PJC, I must first thank Leah Leonard for her service, dedication and leadership as President and as a valued member of our community for so many years, and thank the entire Leonard family for all they've done for us. I know I speak for everyone when I say that we miss you at the shul and look forward to seeing you there again soon.

Michelle and I joined the PJC in 2006. Our daughters Alana and Lynn went through the Learning Center and became b'nei mitzvah here. I've been privileged to serve on the board as Social Action Chair since 2015. Michelle also served on the board in the past and she's currently a Co-B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator, as well as taking on a number of Social Action tasks like Thanksgiving in a Box and our college care packages. Now, I'm normally the kind of person who would prefer to keep his head down, mind his own business and avoid any kind of attention, so I would never have guessed I'd become so involved let alone find myself accepting the role of President. But as many of you knew long before I found out, the PJC isn't a place where you can blend into the background successfully for too long, because once you jump in you end up caring too much to sit on the sidelines.

The honor and responsibility of becoming President is still hitting me and I imagine you may still be getting used to the idea, too. So I'll ask that you take this first message from me as being from a fellow congregant who loves the PJC rather than from a leader.

In preparing myself for this role I thought I'd read our Vision, Mission and Values Statement. I confess it had been a while since I'd looked at it and what I found was a statement so rich in content and so powerful in meaning, such a concise and true distillation of what the PJC is, who we are and what we aspire to be, that I couldn't get through it in one sitting. Every sentence and sentiment in the statement demands that you think and consider its implications before you can move on to the next, and I'm still absorbing it as I write this. Have you read it lately? If not, please [read it here](#). I invite everyone to think about whether we're living up to the statement, where we're succeeding, where we can improve and where we must improve. Let me know what you think. You can always e-mail me at [mkdvorkin@gmail.com](mailto:mkdvorkin@gmail.com) or come and say hi at Kiddush, I'll be at the whiskey table.

Best,  
Michael Dvorkin

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## Gerber Family Kiddush

The Gerber family is sponsoring kiddush on March 23rd in celebration of their son Max's Bar Mitzvah last fall, and their daughter Ava's recent mikveh and upcoming birthday. They would be honored if you joined the family to celebrate these joyous occasions!

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**Thank You Audrey and Hal Beerman!**

The PJC Board would like to thank Hal and Audrey Beerman for establishing the Natalie and Harvey Shore First Fridays Celebration Fund, in memory of Audrey's parents (pictured here at Audrey's wedding).

Natalie and Harvey were active in their synagogue and helped to build their vibrant community, and they would have loved First Fridays.

Thank you, Audrey and Hal, for your generous donation to the vibrancy and warmth of the PJC!



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## PJC Spring Gala



PJC 65th Anniversary Journal Fundraiser

Spring Gala March 9th 2019

Take out an ad in our Anniversary Journal

- \*Write a personal tribute to PJC
- \*Promote your business
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*L'Dor V'Dor 65 Years and More ...*

For more details, contact:

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## It's Worth the Wait...

The PJC 65th Anniversary Journal is expanding. For this reason, we have changed the date of publication to coincide with the year end festival of Shavuot. The Journal will cover events from the nearly seven decades of

PJC history. It will include your personal tributes and photos if provided. The Journal should be a keepsake worth the wait. Please keep the tributes coming. As well as advertising from local merchants.

Barbara-Saunders-Adams  
Fundraising Chair

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## Share a Simcha!

# simcha!

"Share a Simcha" allows congregants to share their news with our PJC community. Please submit news about family members -- engagements, births, job updates, kid achievements, community acknowledgements and any other milestones to **Jacqui Stein**. This will continue to be a regular *Hakol* feature, so keep your news and updates coming!

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## Tributes & Donations



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### Donations to the PJC from...

- Barry Emer & Melissa Dreyfus-Emer, in honor of Leah Leonard
- Jonathan & Marjut Herzog, in support of *Hooked on Havdalah*
- Adam & Kate Lauzar, in memory of Audrey Beerman's mother, Natalie Shore
- Adam & Kate Lauzar, in honor of Ginny Herron-Lanoil, on the birth of her granddaughter -- June
- Adam & Kate Lauzar, in honor of Jessie Lanoil & Adam Edelman, on the birth of their daughter -- June
- Adam & Kate Lauzar, in honor of Steve & Hildy Martin, on the marriage of their son Mo to Atenea Rosado
- Steven & Hildy Martin, in memory of Zachary Ehrenreich's father, Ludwig Ehrenreich
- Steven & Hildy Martin, in honor of Lucy Haber, on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah
- Steven & Hildy Martin, in memory of Marjut Herzog's mother, Solveig Turner
- Steven & Hildy Martin, in memory of Lester Kravitz
- Steven & Hildy Martin, in honor of Isaac Lief, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah
- Matthew & Rebecca Schwarz, in support of the PJC's projects and programs
- Judy Shampanier & Michael Bowen, in memory of Audrey Beerman's mother, Natalie Shore
- Harold & Sally Weisman, in memory of Eleanor Dreyfus' brother, Nathaniel Goldberg

### Donations in Support of the *First Fridays at Five Forty-Five* Program from...

- Adam & Maria Abeshouse
- David Haft & Jacqueline Schachter
- Jonathan & Marjut Herzog, in memory of Audrey Beerman's mother, Natalie Shore
- John & Leah Leonard
- Steven & Hildy Martin
- David & Jeanne Radvany, in memory of Audrey Beerman's mother, Natalie Shore
- Leslie & Sybil Rosenberg
- David & Melanie Samuels

### Donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund from...

- Eleanor Dreyfus -- on behalf of the Dreyfus, Emer & Goldberg families -- in honor of Rabbi Alex Salzberg, with heartfelt thanks for his support and guidance in the wake of Nathaniel Goldberg's passing
- Adam Edelman & Jessica Lanoil, in honor of Rabbi Alex Salzberg
- Morris Stampfer, in memory of Shari Chinitz's mother, Edith Kutner
- Morris Stampfer, in memory of Zachary Ehrenreich's father, Ludwig Ehrenreich

- Morris Stampfer, in honor of Leah Leonard

At any time, if you wish to pay by check, please make it payable to **"The Pelham Jewish Center"** and mail it to our bookkeeping firm at: The Pelham Jewish Center, P.O. Box 418, Montvale, NJ 07645.

All donations to the **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**, at any time throughout the year, should be made payable to **"The Pelham Jewish Center -- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund"** and mailed directly **to Julia Coss at the PJC office**.

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