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10 -- Tashlich & Dessert at Shore Park/
4:30pm

11 -- Rosh Hashanah Morning, Torah & Musaf Services/ 8:30am

11 -- Family Service &

Rabbi Salzberg's Message

In preparing for the High Holidays, Rabbi Yitzchak Meir Alter took notice of a small discrepancy in the text of Psalm

100. He noted that the third verse as it is written in a scroll is different from the oral version, the way that it is meant to be read. This is not an uncommon occurrence in the Bible and can easily trip up a reader who is unprepared. The most familiar example of this in the Torah occurs with God's name. Whenever we see the four-letter name of God (the Tetragrammaton) we are meant to read it as Adonai (My Lord) or HaShem (The Name). This is done as a sign of respect for God, so that we do not use the Divine name inappropriately.*

The text as it is written in a scroll is:

דְּעוּפִיָּה' הוּאֵלֶּקִים הוּאֵלֶּקִים הוּאֵלֶּקִים הוּאֵלֶּקִים הוּאֵלֶּקִים
D'u ki-HaShem hu Elokim, hu asanu v'lo anachnu



However, the oral text is:

דְּעוּיָהּ הוּאֵלֵקִים הוּאֵ-עֲשֵׂנוּ לְאֵלֹהֵינוּ
D'u ki-HaShem hu Elokim, hu asanu v'lo anachnu

You would be forgiven, especially if you read the transliteration, if you cannot spot the difference between these two versions. In fact, if they were each read aloud, they would be completely identical. However, in a scroll, the second-to-last word is ולא and it is meant to be read ולו.

While the difference in the Hebrew text is small, the difference in meaning is vast. The verse as it is written means: "Know that the Lord is God, who made us and not we ourselves," while the version that is read aloud means "Know that the Lord is God, who made us and to whom we belong."

Rabbi Alter noticed that the four letters that make up these two versions of this word - ל, א, ל, and ו - are the letters that spell אלול - Elul - the current month of the Hebrew calendar and the month in which we are meant to prepare for the High Holidays. He taught that only by negating ourselves ("not we ourselves") can we affirm God's control over our lives ("to whom we belong"). It is only through the recognition of our powerlessness that we can fully appreciate God's power and role in our lives. This is vital spiritual work that must precede the High Holidays and lays the foundation for honest teshuvah - repentance.

I would like to propose a different interpretation. I don't read these two versions of the psalm as reflecting two different perspectives on power and agency, but two perspectives on relationship. I agree that the written version of the psalm - "not we ourselves" - is an acknowledgement of our lack of control over the world around us. However, the emphasis in my mind is the isolation it describes; God is over there, creating, and we are over here, not creating.

In contrast, the oral version of this verse emphasizes the relationship between us and God. God created us, and we therefore belong to God. From the moment of Creation, relationships have been at the essence of our existence. "It is not good for a person to be alone." God said, before creating Eve as a partner for Adam. As we make the final preparations for the new year, this verse teaches us that we must choose our perspective. When we focus on ourselves and our own agency in the world, we will inevitably disappoint. We are not God and cannot control the world around us. When we focus on our relationships, we will derive strength from those around us. Our relationships can carry us beyond our failures and amplify our successes. This is why repairing the relationships that we have damaged over the past year is such vital work.

This is the essence of the High Holidays:

Its not that we are insignificant. It is that we are in relationship.

Thank you,
Rabbi Alex Salzberg

*Thank you to Max Gerber for reminding me of this example.

- 11 -- Family Service & Children's Activities/ 10am
- 13 -- Learning Center Resumes for Nitzanim & Alef-Zayin Classes
- 13 -- Board Meeting/ 7pm
- 15 -- Avinoam's State of the State & PJC Board Installation/ 9:30am
- 18 -- Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service/ 6:30pm
- 19 -- Yom Kippur Morning, Torah & Musaf Services/ 8:30am
- 19 -- Children's Service & Activities/ 10am
- 19 -- Yom Kippur Yizkor Service/ 11:30am (approx.)
- 19 -- Teen Discussion/ 11:30am
- 19 -- Yom Kippur Mincha & Ne'ilah Services/4:30pm
- 23 -- PJC Sukkah Building/2pm
- 23 -- Sukkot Teen Family Dinner/6pm
- 24 -- Sukkot Morning, Torah & Musaf Services/9:30am
- 25 -- Sukkot Morning, Torah & Musaf Services/9:30am
- 26 -- Lunch in the Sukkah/12pm
- 27 -- Learning Center Sukkot Celebration/ 5pm
- 28 -- Community Shabbat Dinner/ 6:30pm
- 30 -- Young Family Brunch in the Salzberg Sukkah/10am
- 30 -- Sunday Morning Lecture Series with Dan Perkis/10am
- 30 -- High Holiday Food Drive Ends

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Education Director's Message



With the Jewish New Year approaching, and the wishes and hopes for a good one, I wanted to explore the meaning of the word "good". What do our sages mean when we say doing "good"? From the Ethics of our Fathers, we learn that, *"He said to them: Go forth and see which is the good way to which a man should cleave. R. Eliezer said: A good eye; R. Joshua said: A good friend; R. Jose said: A good neighbor; R. Simon said: One who foresees what is yet to be; R. Eleazar said: A good heart. Thereupon he said to them: I approve the words of Eleazar son of Arak rather than your words, for in his words you are included."* (Pirkey Avot, 2:13)

In other words, our sages prescribe us to cleave unto goodness out of a good heart; this is also how and what we should teach our children: to behave Jewishly in this world, to have a good heart and act upon it; to be what we call "a mensch". What then is the Jewish idea of "menschkeit", or how to be a "mensch"? How does it translate into our daily lives in our families, schools, town and in the world at large?

During the Age of Enlightenment, the German term Humanität, in the philosophical sense of "compassion", was used in Humanism to describe what characterizes a "better human being", from which the Yiddish word *mensch* derives. According to Judaism, the goal of life is to fix one's character traits; in other words, the goal of life according to Judaism is to become a mensch. I invite you, to seek new and out-of-the-box ideas to help our students grow up to become true "*menschen*" and contribute to the Jewish community and the world around us.

It is the remarkable Learning Center educational team, who is entrusted with translating our mission into reality.

It is through their creative, devoted impact, and thoughtful words to our students and their families can become infused with the love of Judaism and strengthened in their Jewish identities. How sacred is their time and relationship with each one of our learners. I am proud and confident that our faculty, madrichim and leadership indeed, are blessed with the opportunity to affect many lives, as role models and leaders for all in our Learning Center. This year, the Learning Center welcomes the leadership and support of Marjut Herzog, our new PJC Board Education Chair - welcome aboard! We are looking forward of much good-doing with you and the whole LC Board. Additionally, we would like to thank Sari Schulman for three years of untiring support and guidance, we are very grateful for her continued inspiration and help whenever we needed it.

Additionally, this year, on the 71st anniversary of the Modern State of Israel, we will strengthen our love for the people of Israel with the help of four young Israelis, Lior Malul, Yuval Shiran, Carmel Mena and Adi Nulman, our new *Shinshinim* (abbreviation for the Hebrew word "*Shnat Sherut*", a post-high school gap year), who will bring Israel closer to our students through games, songs, dance and Israeli food.

I would like to encourage all our families to continue their support by helping our children experience the true mission of the PJC: "We strive to building lasting connections among people. We are a diverse community and express ourselves openly, without judgment. We care deeply about one another. We are a small community with large aspirations; we endeavor to be an oasis for personal connections." Let's increase our efforts to strengthen our community's relationships by developing new friendships and modelling for our children what a strong community means. Children learn best when they feel at home, and our LC teachers make sure that each and every one of our children feels loved and welcome to their own intimate Jewish learning home as they enter the door. Let's extend this feeling to our own homes, as well.

The Jewish Year 5779 corresponds to the Hebrew letters: **Tav, Shin, Ayin, Tet.** (תשע"ט)
Using these 4 letters as an acrostic, I want to end by wishing us all, in Hebrew:
Tehe Shanah shel Asiyat ha-Tov: תהא שנה של עשיית הטוב- May this be a year of good-doing!

Thank you for entrusting your children with us. It is a great honor to walk this road together with you. I am looking forward to a joyful year of meaningful Jewish learning, full of discovery, and to celebrating together with the PJC community.

Ana Turkienicz
Education Director
The PJC Learning Center

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Letter from New Board President Leah Leonard

Hard to believe it's already September, a month filled with beginnings--a new school year, the start to our Jewish New Year 5779, and a new PJC Board of Directors in place.

[Our Board](#) totals 13 members, as well as 7 program coordinators. Among our Board members, six are new this year--one is returning, the others new to serving on the Board, a mix of both long-time and more recent congregants.

When I was considering committing to taking on this new and daunting role, I was unfortunately reminded of a quote my daughter Abbie previously shared:

"Service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time."
-Marian Wright Edelman [founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund]

As they had resonated with Abbie, Ms. Edelman's profound words also deeply spoke to me. We are a community of volunteers. Many PJC congregants give of themselves in big and small ways, visibly and quietly, regularly and occasionally. It's part of what makes our community so special and connected. In large part each of us actively contribute to making it all happen and are personally invested in our synagogue's day-to-day functioning and well-being. How could I say no to making this personal commitment if it were to benefit our beloved PJC?

Soon we begin this New Year, welcoming it together on Erev Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 9th. In addition to our new Board members, there are already several congregants who have stepped forward to get involved in different areas. I personally ask each of you to consider lending a hand and getting involved at the PJC in the coming year. There are so many opportunities for you to make a difference in our community--with your ideas, enthusiasm, time and support. And the wonderful thing about volunteering is that doing good makes you feel good. It's also a meaningful way to model for our children--look for our PJC teens in greeter roles on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as they welcome you for services upon your arrival to our sanctuary each day.

Please join us on *Shabbat Shuvah* ["the Shabbat of repentance" which falls between Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur] on September 15th when not only will our beloved friend & Chazzan Avinoam Segal speak, sharing his perspective on what's happening in Israel, but we will formally install the PJC Board of Directors 2018-'19 during the service and wish them all well in their new roles and celebrate during Kiddush. I look forward to seeing you.

As former First Lady Rosalynn Carter once said, "Without volunteers, we'd be a nation without a soul" ... what a meaningful way to feed your soul as we begin the New Year together!

1 -- Shemini Atzeret
Morning, Torah, Musaf
& Yizkor Services/
9:30am

1 -- Erev Simchat
Torah Ma'ariv Service/
6:30pm

2 -- Simchat Torah,
Morning, Torah & Musaf
Services/ 9:30am

8 -- Columbus Day/
Offices Closed

9 -- Learning Center
for Gan & Hebrew High
School Resumes

9 -- Soup Kitchen/
4:30pm

11 -- Board Meeting/
7pm

21 -- Book Group/
11:30am

28 -- Breakfast Run/
7:30am

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meaningful way to feed your soul as we begin the New Year together!

Wishing you & your families *Shanah Tovah*--a happy & sweet 5779,

Leah Leonard

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Letter From PJC Vice President

Did you know that members of the Pelham Jewish Center are invited to attend the monthly Board meetings? Board meeting dates appear on the PJC website calendar.

New PJC Vice President Jacqueline Stein discusses her role ...

Hello PJC Congregants,

As I have been a member of the PJC for over 20 years (maybe closer to 25 by now), I know many of you. Yet this is the first time I am addressing you as the vice-president of the shul, a position I assumed in June. I thought I'd share with you what led me to this decision.

For so many years, I participated in the life of the PJC mainly through my daughter, Dana Wellesly-Stein (now almost 29 years old) and by attending services fairly regularly. I felt I couldn't give of my time because I was working a very demanding full-time job in the City and raising my daughter as a single parent. Well, last year my job was "eliminated" and I retired, so I decided it is time to volunteer my time!

So far, it is going well. The job of being the PJC vice-president seems to be one of attending meetings, responding to emails (a little like my former job) and generally being available for whatever comes up. I intend to "own" some projects as the year goes on, but right now, I am just getting my feet wet.

If anyone has any suggestions, ideas, complaints or just friendly advice, I am hoping to hear from you. I can be reached any time by [email](#) or on my cell (914-329-1499). I know that everyone on the Board is happy to be available for whatever is needed by the congregation, but please feel free to contact me and I will try to get the right people to address your concerns.

With the holidays around the corner now, I want to wish the entire congregation *Shanah Tova* and look forward to a meaningful holiday season together.

Sincerely,
Jacqui Stein

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High Holiday Information

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2018/5779 HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 1st – No Service at the PJC

A list of community Selichot observances will be forthcoming

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 9th

Light Candles 6:56 p.m.
Ma'ariv Services 7:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I

Monday, September 10th

Morning, Torah and Musaf Services 8:30 a.m.
Children's Services & Activities 10:00 a.m.
Teen Discussion 11:30 a.m.
Tashlich and Dessert at Shore Park 4:30 p.m.
Light Candles (from an existing flame) After 7:54 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY II

Tuesday, September 11th

Morning, Torah and Musaf Services 8:30 a.m.
Family Service & Children's Activities 10:00 a.m.
Havdalah 7:52 p.m.

SHABBAT SHUVA

Saturday, September 15th

Morning Services 9:30 a.m.
[Program with Avinoam Segal]/PJC Board Installation

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 18th

Light Candles (Fast Begins) 6:41 p.m.
Kol Nidre Services (Shkiah 6:40) 6:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, September 19th

Morning, Torah and Musaf Services 8:30 a.m.
Children's Services and Activities 10:00 a.m.
Yizkor Service 11:30 a.m. (approx.)
Teen Discussion 11:30 a.m.
Mincha and Ne'ilah Services 4:30 p.m.
Shofar Blast (Fast Ends) 7:38 p.m.

EREV SUKKOT

Sunday, September 23rd

PJC Sukkah Building 10:00 a.m.
Light Candles 6:32 p.m.

SUKKOT DAY I

Monday, September 24th

Morning, Torah and Musaf Services 9:30 a.m.
Light Candles (from an existing flame) After 7:29 p.m.

SUKKOT DAY II

Tuesday, September 25th

Morning, Torah and Musaf Services 9:30 a.m.

SUKKOT ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 23rd

Teen Family Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26th

Lunch in the Sukkah 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 27th

Learning Center Sukkot Celebration 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 28th

Dinner Welcoming New Members 6:30 p.m.
(Following Kabbalat Shabbat)

Sunday, September 30th

Young Family Brunch in the
Salzberg Family Sukkah 10:00 a.m.

EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Sunday, September 30th

Light Candles 6:21 p.m.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, October 1st

Morning, Torah, Musaf & Yizkor Services 9:30 a.m.

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 1st

Light Candles (from an existing flame) After 7:18 p.m.
Ma'ariv Service (Dance with the Torahs!) 6:30 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, October 2nd

Morning, Torah and Musaf Services 9:30 a.m.
(More dancing with the Torahs!)
Havdalah 7:16 p.m.

To register for the High Holidays online, please click [here](#).

To download our comprehensive High Holiday Information Packet, please click [here](#).

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High Holiday Food Drive

Pelham Jewish Center

2018 High Holiday Food Drive

Fill a grocery bag with non-perishable food, especially:

- Pasta
- Dried Fruits
- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Powdered Milk
- Rice and Beans

Drop the bag off at the PJC

Thursday, September 6th - Sunday, September 30th



"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." - Proverbs 22:9

All food collected will be donated to the Bronx Jewish Community Council (BJCC) and will be used to nourish low-income Bronx residents of any race and religion.

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Member Spotlight - Meet Sally and Harold Weisman

Meet Sally and Harold Weisman: two of the longest-term members of the Pelham Jewish Center.

This interview is edited and condensed from a phone conversation between Hakol Editor Lisa Yelsey and Sally Weisman.

When did you move to Pelham?

We moved to Pelham in 1954 or 1955. [Harold and I] met in high school, and before we got married I went to college. Harold graduated from college in 1953 and we got married in 1954 in California. His parents moved to Pelham in 1952, and we joined them in 1955.

We decided to stay in Pelham which was probably a mistake!

Oh no! What was Pelham like in the 1950s and 60s?

At that time it was very hostile [to Jewish people]. I was from the city, and I was a convert, and I had never experienced that before. It was not a good experience for me at first.

Then the Pelham Jewish Center started, originally in Four Corners. Harold's father was one of the original Founders of the Jewish Center.

At that point I had three kids, and wasn't working anymore. I became very very involved with the sisterhood at the Pelham Jewish Center. I couldn't really be involved with any other organizations, since no one wanted me because I was Jewish.

Our children did very well in school, so we were reluctant to move. Our oldest son went to Harvard and then law school, our daughter went to U Penn, and our younger son went to NYU and is an artist. My kids liked school and had friends, but they weren't always invited to things and they felt that discrimination.

We can laugh about it now, but it wasn't funny at the time.

When did the Sisterhood Start?

It started taking shape when the Pelham Jewish Center moved to Esplanade. The women were wonderful; they were my friends. We did fundraisers, dinner dances, and had great fun. We raised a lot of money for the synagogue, which was our main purpose. Once we were throwing a tag sale, and we didn't have any space to have it. We rented out a small store in Mt. Vernon and worked all day selling donated clothes.

There used to be a tiny kitchen, before the first renovation. It was a dining room where the library is now. There wasn't money for a full-time rabbi, so we had student rabbis who came and went. One of the rabbi's wives was Israeli, and she decided once that we were going to do the cooking ourselves. I remember one cold April day when we were all the tiny kitchen making all these chickens.

What are some of the major changes you've noticed?

The major service used to be on Friday nights, and that's when everyone would go. Parents would be rushing to get the kids dressed up and out the door to make it to Friday night services. Now it's a much different atmosphere.

Women didn't used to have any role in the service. We started as Conservative, but a right wing Conservative. It was really a compromise- my father-in-law wanted a synagogue that was more Orthodox, and other people wanted something that was more cultural and about community. So it ended up a more formal kind of Conservative.

The new rabbi is a terrific guy, just really nice. He's visited us a lot and has such a great heart.

What is your favorite thing about the PJC?

The PJC is a friendly, warm place. I don't think you could do that at a larger congregation. The community is wonderful, and having a young rabbi who can relate to the kids is great.

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Adam Bukowski, Jr. on his Trip to Israel

Throughout the course of my life, I am often faced with making very crucial decisions that can affect me, and those around me.

Over the summer, I made a decision, and decided to take an adventurous trip to Israel. While in Israel, I participated in a wonderful service program called "ROOTS Israel". This trip may have been one of the best experiences I've ever had because it involved helping people in need, and there was always plenty of fun things to do on the trip. This wonderful excursion had given me time to reflect on myself as a person, to learn some of the key fundamentals behind Zionism/Judaism through interactive conversations as a group, and of course, to bond with the fellow teenagers who were on this trip with me. All of these highlighted factors were key to determining that this trip was about living life to the fullest, and embracing Israel as the Independent state it is.

At the beginning of the trip, I remember leaving Poland, and flying to Israel with the Polish Jews from Warsaw. It was awesome to be able to talk to kids my age and speak in my native tongue, and by the end of the flight, I had remembered the name of each and every Polish kid that was on the plane with me. Maurycy or Morris, Wadim, Susanna, and Jacob just to name a few. As the plane was preparing to land, I got a glimpse of Israel's

beautiful coastline from the air. While absorbing the view of Tel Aviv's beaches, it made me realize again that I was indeed alone and without my parents for this particular mission. Even though I'm comfortable going solo, it was different for me because I have never ventured this far away from my home, but I was ready.

As the plane landed and the flight attendant opened up the plane, people rushed to get their luggage, and so did I. While walking down the stairs, I looked around, and I believed what I was seeing was a Phenomenon. I saw the Sun still visible in the West, and the moon clearly highlighted in the East. I thought that was an amazing spectacle, but turns out I was wrong. Apparently that happens a lot in these parts.

Once we had boarded the bus, we drove for a few hours, and finally settled up North in the Golan Heights. The Golan Heights is a region that can be described as a rocky plateau that Israel had seized from Syria in 1967, with the Six-Day War. This was the first lesson that was given to the group by the head counselor, Mr. Maor Perry. He told us that although there are tensions between Israel and Syria, Israel is justified for taking this land because the Syrians had intentions of preventing Israel from acquiring water. As you may already know, water helps to sustain life, and especially with the extreme conditions of Israel, water is vital to life in Israel. On separate note, the Golan Heights also contains very fertile soil that is full of Iron, allowing for farmers to grow crops and vegetation, so that they may provide for their families. Speaking of providing, that same day, we had gone to a cherry farm to help out a fellow farmer in need. While we were at the huge farm, we were tasked with cutting unnecessary vegetation that prevented the cherry trees from flourishing. My whole life, I had taken these types of things for granted. Then, after examining all of the hard work and labor that is required to create such a beautiful fruit, it made me re-examine how I approach some of the things I do on a daily basis.

A couple of days into the trip, and the entire group was working like clockwork. Everyone knew that the wake up time is 6:00 am. Everyone knew that breakfast was always available after you had woken up and prepared for the day. The group had conformed to the expectations in Israel without any resistance. I felt that I was given a valuable opportunity by visiting Sderot, the unofficial "Bomb Shelter Capital of the World". For the past 10 years, over 10,600 rockets have been fired from Gaza towards Sderot. This is because Sderot is a common target for rockets due to its geographical location (very close to Gaza). Luckily, we were able to visit the Sderot Indoor Recreation Center, a 22,000 square foot underground playground that doubles as a bomb shelter. It is a safe haven for the people of the town, and is considered the "5 Million Dollar Project". JNF (Jewish National Fund, sponsor of ROOTS) had paid for this project to commence, and it has brought nothing but happiness for the families of the town. Adding to this idea, for most parents, their biggest fear of a playground is their child hurting themselves on the whatever equipment, not whether a Palestinian rocket will be launched at their town. Sadly, just a few weeks ago, I learned that after my departure, the playground was bombarded with rockets, and my prayers and respects go to the families that live within the area.

Israel is portrayed as a place of constant danger. However, Israel has been hit with missile attacks before, and the Israelis still stand strong and embrace the fact that they are there to stay, forever. Overall, this trip taught me that I should really embrace the things that I have and never take them for granted. In the end, this trip also taught me that it is always better to experience anything with companions because they can make the trip that much more memorable.

Thank you,
Adam Bukowski, Jr.

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PJ Library and PJC Partnership at the Pelham Library

Town of Pelham Public Library, PJ Library®, and the Pelham Jewish Center Present:
Sharing & Caring with Friends, Stories & Songs

What is the Hardest Word?
*Fun Stories and Questions
To Start the Jewish New Year*



TOWN OF PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
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For more information: holidays@thepjc.org

Saturday, September 8 • 2:30 - 3:30 PM
All are welcome • Admission is free!

First of a series of events thrilling children, ages 1 - 8, and their adults through delightful tales, hands-on activities, songs and more about Jewish culture, heritage and history.

tales, hands on activities, songs and more about Jewish culture, heritage and history.
Events are open to all and are a great place to meet neighbors and form friendships.



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New PJC Adult Education Program 2018-2019

It's Time to register for this year's PJC Adult Education class!

Rabbi Alex Salzberg will be teaching "Living Judaism" on Tuesdays in two sessions:
Afternoon (4-5:30pm) and Evening (7:30-9:00pm).

Judaism is in constant evolution. The Jewish lives that we lead today are different from those led by our ancestors, each generation is different from the one that came before it. Changes in Jewish law and practice can be seen in the Torah itself, and the development has continued ever since.

In the modern era, the Conservative Movement has adopted a particular approach to Jewish practice, attempting to strike a balance between traditional approaches and modern sensibilities. We will look at some of the teshuvot (Jewish legal opinions) that make the Conservative Movement stand out from other streams of Judaism in modern times and attempt to understand the process and values that led to particular positions. This will lead us to examine texts from throughout Jewish history, and discussions of values and ethics.

The class dates will be: 10/23, 10/30, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/11, 12/18, 1/22, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/9, 4/30, 5/14 & 5/21.

Please email Julia Coss at office@thepjc.org to register. The course fee is \$200 for members/\$250 for non-members with an annual cap of \$350 for couples.

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Share a Simcha!

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"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 [Lisa Yelsey](#). This will continue to be a regular *Hakol* feature, so keep your news and

updates coming!

- A hearty *Mazel Tov* to Gary Trachten who was appointed to the Westchester County Human Rights Commission where he will serve on the Commission's Legislation Subcommittee.
- Wishing *Mazel* to Fred & Shelley Klein on the birth of their first grandchild, Zoe Aliza, born on July 12th, to proud parents Brenda & Ivan Corwin.
- Much *Mazel* to Barry & Melissa Dreyfus-Emer on the birth of their new grandson, Elliott Michael Jagielski, born July 20th to Barry's daughter Stefanie & her husband Jonathan.
- Sending *Mazel* to David & Melanie Samuels on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Madeline Olivia, born July 28th to proud parents Stephanie Samuels & Michael Carniol.
- Much *Mazel* to Jack Klebanow & Marcela Hoffer who were married on August 26th.
- Wishing *Mazel* to Joel & Shelli Peck on the wedding of their son, Harrison, to Ekka Adler on August 26th.

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