ANNUAL HOLOCAUST PROGRAM
TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF SEL HUBERT
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

Sel Hubert, a past president of Community Synagogue of Rye and a Holocaust survivor, escaped Germany by way of Kindertransport. Sel spoke freely and often about his experiences to CSR’s children, congregants and the greater community. His family is sponsoring an annual speaker to remember his commitment to tolerance and respect for all people.

They Live In Us: How Holocaust Survivors’ Stories Continue to Inform, Educate and Inspire
with Julie Kohner, CEO of Voices of the Generations

6:30 pm  Friday evening services
7:30 pm  Shabbat Dinner with speaker. Dinner reservations ($20 per adult) may be made at http://tinyurl.com/jfhddtj or by check, made payable to Community Synagogue of Rye.

[See page 11 for more Holocaust Commemorations]

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Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 8:00 pm
following the CSR Annual Meeting

David Horovitz is the founding editor of The Times of Israel, the Jerusalem-based current affairs website that launched in February, 2012. The Times of Israel, which provides independent coverage of Israel, the region and the Jewish world, is drawing a rapidly growing readership and has been welcomed for its engaging, fair-minded journalism and innovative blend of content.

To RSVP contact Adam Engel at aengel@aipac.org or (646) 360-1543.

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Inspired by Jewish teachings and traditions, we seek to be a center for spiritual transformation; to foster the creation of sacred relationships; and to give people the tools and resources to be God’s partner in healing the world.

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To our Adult B’nei Mitzvah: Jaden Alexander, Scot Bross, Brian Hufford, Sue Kauder, Anna-Marie Small, Kahleen Rozowsky, Shanna Sudderth

The next cohort if Adult B’nei Mitzvah will begin in October 2016.

FIRST FRIDAY TORAH STUDY AT 7 AM

Led by Rabbi Gropper, the monthly Torah study sessions are designed to allow working members of the synagogue to squeeze in some Torah study before the start of the workday. They are held on the first Friday morning of the month and last roughly an hour. Bagels & beverages are kindly provided by the Men’s Club. Torah texts are also available for use.

We hope you can join us (no RSVP required, just come.)
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COUNTING OUR DAYS, MAKING THEM COUNT

Rabbi Leora Frankel • lfrankel@comsynrye.org

I hope you and your family had a meaningful Passover celebration—perhaps you are even feeling a bit more liberated this month! Or maybe, as would also be appropriate, you have a sense that you are on a meandering trek towards the start of summer. Either way, we find ourselves in a special part of the Jewish year right now, suspended in time between the two major touchstones of Pesach and Shavuot. The Torah instructs us to ritually mark this time: “You shall count from the eve of the second day of Pesach, when an omer of grain is to be brought as an offering, seven complete weeks. The day after the seventh week of your counting will make fifty days” (Leviticus 23:15-16).

Thus beginning on the second night of Passover, we count a 49 day period (7 weeks of 7 days) called the Omer, which culminates with Shavuot, the spring harvest festival. Historically, this period marks the beginning of the barley harvest, when Jews would bring the first sheaves to the Temple as a means of thanking God for their crops. (The word Omer literally means “sheaf” and refers to the measurement of those early agricultural offerings.) Then when the Temple was destroyed and the sacrificial system ceased, the rabbis added another layer of significance to these seven weeks. Invoking the initial journey of the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness, they saw the Omer as a time of spiritual preparation leading up to receiving Torah at Mt. Sinai. Just as our ancestors had to prepare themselves for Revelation, so too do we approach receiving Torah anew on Shavuot with a sense of awe and anticipation, counting each day.

A parable captures the essence of what the Omer is about: A person finds a chest full of gold coins, takes it home, and then proceeds to count them. His counting has no effect on the actual number of coins in his possession; he now has no more and no less than he had before he counted them. But counting them makes them real to him. He can now digest the significance of his find and deliberate how to make use of it. On the first day of Passover, we were granted the entire “treasure chest.” The moment of the Exodus—the moment of our birth as a people—encapsulated within it our entire history. Then, on the following day, we began the count: the process of examining our gifts, quantifying and itemizing them, translating them into the resources of our daily lives.

At its core, the Omer is about counting our days, and making them count. How can we do this? In addition to literally counting the Omer each night with its liturgical formula, you may consider setting aside time during these seven weeks for intentional learning, reflection, and personal development. The Kabbalists, Medieval Jewish Mystics, developed an elaborate spiritual boot camp for the Omer period. Connecting each week with a Divine se'ira or dimension of God, they sought to instill and refine in themselves that particular quality. For us it may be focusing on a particular virtue from Mussar or challenging ourselves to read the weekly Torah portion. However we do it, the Omer is an opportunity to enrich our lives spiritually as we count up to Shavuot.

In addition to this very personal process, we will also have ample opportunities to come together as a wider community and mark some significant milestones along our Jewish journeys. I hope you will consider joining us at these upcoming commemorations and celebrations that will truly pave the way to Shavuot:

- **Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)** on Wednesday, May 4
- Annual Holocaust Speaker in memory of Sel Hubert on Friday, May 6 at 7:30 pm
- **Shabbat** service celebrating our Adult b’nei mitzvah class on Friday, May 13 at 7:45 pm
- 7th Grade Moving Up Ceremony & 12th Grade Graduation on Friday, May 20 at 7:45 pm
- Shabbat service celebrating our 10th Grade Confirmation students on Friday, June 10 at 7:45 pm
- **Shavuot Under the Stars:** A Night of Celebration and Learning with several local Reform congregations, hosted at Westchester Reform Temple on Saturday evening June 11 at 9:00 pm

May the weeks ahead be challenging and enriching as we prepare to receive Torah again on Shavuot. See you at Sinai!
Thinking back to the first column I wrote almost two years ago, I remember making reference to a friend who, on learning that I was to become a synagogue president, asked whether I was crazy and had lost my mind. I realize that the beginning of last month’s column started with, “Jerry, you’re an idiot.” Do I see a pattern here?

So now, this being my last column as president of Community Synagogue of Rye, I can reflect and ask myself, “was I a crazy idiot?” I’ll leave that question to what you might personally think on the sideline, but I can answer the question for myself, “no, I was not crazy to take on this role.” In truth, several years ago I thought about leaving the for-profit world. Instead I decided to keep my day job and attempt to meet my personal desire to be of help through a volunteer opportunity.

Perhaps this desire led me to the synagogue, which has been important to my family as a safe, comfortable space that reinforces our core values. I know I often referred to the synagogue, as stated by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, as the place where Jews are made. It is the synagogue from which respect, dignity, and tolerance for others is established. With all of the conflicting messages and symbols we are bombarded with every day, it is at our religious school and religious services where we learn how to follow the teachings of the Torah to grow and to behave responsibly. Sure, our soccer games, our business concerns, and our secular necessities have to be central to our existence, especially for those whose lives are dictated by metropolitan communities. But in listening to so many of our cohorts speak of their dreams for their families, we continually heard a desire for a “safe, secure” place to be, to “hang out.” Taken literally, we have been asked to keep our children safe while in our building, but we heard something more—a home to feel secure, an environment for families to learn together and to experience opportunities to do good deeds and to help and be part of our larger community.

Two years ago, I spoke of money and of our not being afraid to talk about it openly. We continue to be challenged by the need to keep the cost of affiliation within the means of our congregants, while offering the same level and quality of programs and events. This balance has been foremost in our minds over these two years as we have aggressively pursued a capital campaign to renovate our aging structure, faced the concerns of congregants relating to physical safety and kept our professional staff and clergy compensated in a manner reflective of the time and energy they provide us. We are recognized as a national leader for progressive programming. At what point do we say it’s time to determine whether we can afford the services typically available to congregations much larger than ours? How can we continue to offer our community the level of programming and teachings on our current affiliation (dues) structure? It’s time to have an organized long-term strategic finance plan so that we don’t have to rely solely on annual affiliation contributions.

Programs, events, Kadima capital campaign, a potential new educational model, physical security—all of utmost importance—are the types of concerns that keep a president awake at night. But I, and every future president, need to step back and look at what really matters at CSR. We hear story after story of how new congregants and long-term members speak of the friends they’ve made and the feeling of community not offered by other enterprises in their lives. The lifeblood of Community Synagogue, year in and year out, continues to be the strength of our congregation. Commitments to each other and to the institution are what differentiates us from other entities in our busy lives. We must never allow ourselves to forget what we built and what sustains us—never forget what matters, or, as our Board heard at its March meeting, the concept of “matterness.” We can’t ever let ourselves forget about what matters—the needs of our congregants—spiritually, socially, and culturally. We are dedicated to each other. We care about each other, our neighbors, and our broader community. I am confident that we will all be better off with our new building structure, our strengthened security, our enhanced family b’nei mitzvah experiences and our proposed revamped educational structure. And I am convinced that each of these changes could not have been initiated or implemented without the significant human and capital contributions of so many of our congregants who cared enough to help us continue to work toward greatness. “Matterness” must continue to live in our community, as we constantly re-examine and reimagine what matters to us as individuals and as a community.

I thank you for entrusting your synagogue leadership to me these last two years. I have learned so much, I have made so many friends, I have grown as a person. I thank you for providing me all that and I hope you feel that you have received back from me even a fraction of what I have received from you.

L’shalom,

Jerry Cohen

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LIVE VIDEO STREAMING

Community Synagogue of Rye provides live video streaming for Friday evening and holiday services.
To access the live video stream visit www.comsynrye.org/live-video-streaming.
Do you remember the movie, “Crossing Delancey” (1988) with Amy Irving as Isabelle Grossman and Peter Riegert as Sam Posner? Izzy’s bubbe (grandmother), determined to find a suitable husband for her granddaughter, engages the services of the local matchmaker (who also fits the description of a yenta—a real busybody!)

It’s a lovely romantic comedy and Amy Irving was nominated for a Golden Globe. What is memorable is the determination of Sam in courting Izzy and winning her over. After a series of ups and downs, Sam finally gets Izzy alone (in bubbe’s kitchen!) and says to her, “Here’s one I’ve been pondering; How do I talk to Isabelle?” I think back to that scene when “pondering” about synagogue communications. What’s the best way to share information with our congregants? What’s the best way of informing you about worship, learning and social opportunities at the synagogue? How do we best use our website and social media to interact with our congregants and create conversations?

Rebecca Axelrad, our communications associate and I are working with a team of congregants with experience and expertise in marketing and public relations to review our communications. We intend to make improvements so that our communication is more targeted, more engaging, and more interactive. Initial changes have included a targeted section in the Weekly Digest for Families and Children and a “Photo of the Week” featuring a valued volunteer or special event at the synagogue. On our website, there are a number of new blogs that invite congregants to share their stories (and holiday recipes!) so we can get to know one another better. We post daily to our CSR Facebook page and Twitter account and our congregants are encouraged to “like,” comment or share to raise the synagogue’s visibility in the greater Westchester Community. When you open this week’s Weekly Digest, you’ll see all the icons at the top of the page for Facebook, Twitter and the blog. If you haven’t joined CSR on our social media platforms, please do so!

We know how quickly technology changes. We are committed to continually reviewing our communications with an eye toward improvements. The 2016 version of the question, “How do I talk to Isabelle?” is more about print and electronic communications rather than a conversation in grandma’s kitchen, but the underlying question of creating meaningful conversation and building relationships continues to resonate with us.
On **Friday evening, May 20 at 7:45 pm**, we will honor our high school graduates and 7th grade students who are moving up to the CSR Teens program. Twelfth grade students will receive graduation gifts and a blessing on the *bimah* as part of this special service. Seventh grade students will lead the service and will be awarded certificates. Everyone in our synagogue community is invited to attend and enjoy a celebratory *Oneg* dessert afterwards.

We congratulate the following 12th grade students on their graduation from high school:

- Jason Christal
- Alexander Davids
- Alexandra Discolo
- Liam Egan
- Jordan Linsker
- Brandon Forrester
- Alejandro Hendler
- Adam Hershaf
- Jason Hershaf
- Katie Kramer
- David Levy
- Evan Wallace
- Jack Lipson
- Samantha Manko
- Alec Minick
- Haley Neiman
- Maxwell Picker
- Melissa Roath
- Samuel Rukeyser
- Matthew Sabel
- David Schindler
- Seth Schuster
- Julia Serin
- Rachel Rind-Siegel
- Jacob Singer
- Olivia Steinberg
- Emily Tazbin
- Daniel Tazbin
- Alex Teitler
- Joshua Turk
- Ben Weinstock
- Jack Weisberg
- Jacob Zeitlin

The following 7th grade students have successfully completed the course of studies at the Center for Jewish Learning and are moving up to the CSR Teens Program.

- Ryan Bachmann
- Sophie Bross
- Jordyn Erenfryd
- Piper Fishkind
- Talia Gardner
- Jonah Gorevic
- Austin Harvey
- Marcos Hendler
- Jack Hirsch
- Liam Hurley
- Lucas Kavulich
- Samuel Lazar
- Jessica Leckart
- Samara Liebmann
- Alexander Manko
- Jacob Morrisey
- Joshua Richard
- Jack Roath
- Colin Rozowsky
- Justin Schuster
- Jake Seff
- Tyler Seff
- Benjamin Shapiro
- Gabriel Steinert
- Benjamin Swartz
- Aidan Tuch
- Ariana Victor
- Amanda Winton
- Sabrina Wohl
- Jesse Zimmerman

On **Friday, June 10 at 7:45 pm** during our Confirmation Service, we will recognize our 10th grade students who, through a year of committed study, have affirmed the role of Judaism in their lives:

- Maytal Balaish
- Jared Olbrys
- Reanna Rosenfeld
- Eliana Rosenzweig
- Jason Rosenfield
- Rachel Rubin
- Lily Taub
- Noah Zeitlin
SHOWING OFF IN MAY

Dale Oberlander, ECC Director • doberlander@comsynrye.org

During the month of May, each of our Fours classes hosts an exhibit of their work known as the “End of Year/Art Show.” It is an exciting time for these classrooms to share what they have learned and created throughout the school year. These exhibits are not just about hanging up some art projects. The ECC teachers have worked very hard photographing and writing about their classroom activities. This documentation is very valuable to our school because it opens a window of understanding into the process and experience the children have had and helps us to appreciate the finished product. There is a lot to see and celebrate. Each year parents are so excited to see not just better drawing and writing skills, but an understanding of math and logic, storytelling and the individual imaginations of each child. We invite all of you to come see the shows—the date and times are listed below.

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is now open. There are limited spaces available in our Twos, Threes and Fours programs as well as in our Mommy and Me program, Toddler Time.

Please contact Dale Oberlander at 914-967-7698 or doberlander@comsynrye.org for more information.
Educator as Role Model

Laurie Landes, Education Director • llandes@comsynrye.org

No printed word, nor spoken plea can teach young minds what they should be. Not all the books on all the shelves—but what the teachers are themselves.—Rudyard Kipling

The “holistic” Jewish educator as described by Jewish education expert, Daniel Rose in his paper, The Potential of Role-Model Education, “is a total educational personality who educates by words, deeds, and by shaping a culture of Jewish values and experiences…the informal Jewish educator needs to be an educated and committed Jew.” Our 6th grade teacher, Shanna Sudderth exemplifies the “holistic” Jewish educator. She immerses her learners in rich and interactive Jewish learning and she is committed to strengthening Jewish values learning for her students through informal and engaging Jewish learning experiences. In addition to teaching our 6th graders, Shanna has spent the last two years studying Hebrew and Judaism on her own journey of Jewish learning and commitment. This experience has not only helped her to grow as a Jew but as Shanna said, “It helped me to relate and to better understand the struggles of my students.” Shanna, along with other adult learners in the Anshe Binah program will become bat mitzvah on Friday, evening, May 13 at Community Synagogue of Rye. I am so proud of Shanna. She is a true role model for her students of life long Jewish learning and commitment. Mazel Tov to Shanna and the entire Adult B’nei Mitzvah class.

CJL’s Topsy Turvy Bus

The Topsy Turvy Bus visited our 3rd-5th grade students on April 13. Through their bus tour, this mobile educational spectacle shows communities that we have the power to change the course of history and flip the environmental damage we see around us on its head. Through hands-on programming over 12,500 participants of all ages have experienced this unique Jewish environmental education learning space. Below are photos of our CJL students on the Topsy Turvy bus.

CJL and J-life Important Dates

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OPEN HOUSE

K-2 Relgious School

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

4:30-5:45 PM

Celebrate Israel Independence Day

Join us to learn about our fall programming for Kindergarten* through 2nd grade.

Crafts
Refreshments
Games & Songs
Drumming & Movement
Israeli Flags for All
Bring a Friend!

RSVP to rs@comsynrye.org by May 9

*Our Kindergarten program is tuition-free.
Our Bar Mitzvah of May

Jack Hirsch

My name is Jack Hirsch and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on May 7. I am the son of Jennifer Vinikoor Hirsch and Michael Hirsch and I have a younger sister, Emily, who is in fifth grade. I am a seventh grader at Rye Middle School. I enjoy gaming, rowing and hanging with my friends and cats. My Torah portion is Acharei Mot from the Book of Leviticus. The story is that Aaron is instructed once a year on Yom Kippur to enter God’s inner shrine. He sacrificed animals to God as a way to cleanse himself and the sins of the people. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at Pet Rescue, created a fundraising website for Pet Rescue that is linked to my bar mitzvah and collected supplies for their new location in Harrison. I feel so good knowing that I can make a difference in the lives of cats and dogs.

Ariana Victor

Ariana Victor is a seventh grader at Rye Neck Middle School. She has been a member at CSR for two years and thanks her sister Shoshanna and her parents for their dedication to her Jewish education. For her mitzvah project, Ariana proposed a program to the Carver Center that would provide an open forum for kids to come and sing each week in conjunction with a theater arts program; she’s hoping this will get off the ground shortly. In the meantime, Ariana has been busy volunteering at the Rye Y, the Sharing Shelf, and in a food drive for the Carver Center. She asks that everyone who attends Shabbat services on May 13-14 bring a donation of non-perishable food for distribution through the Carver Center.

Jesse Zimmerman

My name is Jesse Zimmerman and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on May 8. I am in seventh grade at Blind Brook Middle School. My parents are Dana and Marc Zimmerman and I have two brothers, Zachary, who is 15, and Eli, who is 10. My Torah portion, Pinchas, is a special reading on Rosh Chodesh from the Book of Numbers. My Torah portion is about presenting offerings to God every day and special offerings to God on holidays. These offerings were meaningful because the people of Israel gave up something important to them. For my mitzvah project, I tried to do the same by volunteering my free time at the Don Bosco Center in Port Chester. I helped younger kids with homework, played games and had a lot of fun bonding with them.

Jake Morrisey

My name is Jake Morrisey and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on May 21. I am the son of Carin and David Morrisey and I have an older sister, Olivia. I am in the seventh grade at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy basketball and tennis. My Torah portion is Emor from the Book of Leviticus. In this chapter God gives Moses instructions to be given to the people of Israel. It also talks about the Jewish calendar of holidays such as Shabbat, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. The last part of the chapter focuses on laws relating to profanity, murder and the maiming of others. For my mitzvah project I go to the Don Bosco Center in Port Chester to help kids with their homework, play games with them, and help prepare and serve dinner. I enjoy helping others and definitely plan on continuing after my bar mitzvah.

Dinner at Noon: Volunteers Needed for this Great Mitzvah Opportunity

On assigned Saturdays from October through May, volunteers from Community Synagogue of Rye gather at the Carver Center to prepare and serve dinner to Port Chester residents. At noon, we serve a nourishing meal to guests gathered in the dining room. Many of the guests come regularly and it is a pleasure to see everyone and reconnect. The guests range in age from young families with children to the elderly. We encourage you to join us.

We will gather on May 28 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Please email Marlena Schaeffer, Community Synagogue of Rye Dinner at Noon co-coordinator, at marschaeffer@aol.com to volunteer or ask questions.

Spring and Summer Clothing Needed

Bring your new and gently used hand-me-downs to Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Ave.

The donation bin is located in the school entrance.

The Sharing Shelf seeks donations of spring and summer clothing, for infants, children and teens.

Sizes 4T-8 are critically needed.

Donations of new socks & new underwear, new hats and new gloves are greatly appreciated but we do not accept used ones.

The Sharing Shelf does not collect adult clothing.

If you have any Questions? Contact Carrie Nagel at carrienagel1203@gmail.com

Visit us at www.fsw.org for more information.
FARM FRESH ORGANIC VEGETABLES
COME TO RYE
Join Rye/Soundshore CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)

June 8-November 16
Wednesdays 3:30-6:30 pm
at Community Synagogue of Rye

Vegetables $529 (24 weeks)
Fruit $250 (20 weeks)
Mushrooms
Fair Trade Coffee
Local Honey and Maple Syrup
Goat Cheese

Sign up at www.stoneledgetfarmny.com

For additional information contact:
Ellen at edeixler@aol.com or Marc at mturk@msn.com

INSIDE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE OF RYE

WRJ/Sisterhood of Community Synagogue
Year End Supper

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
6:30 PM
Community Synagogue of Rye

Featuring
Marla Alt

Organize Your Way to a Better Life
We all need a little help in getting organized!
Let’s look to a professional for guidance!

Sisterhood members complimentary

Marla Alt is the proud founder of 123organize.com which began over 10 years ago. She specializes in home organization, moving and staging, and is an expert in logistics, coordinating details and events. 123organize has earned a stellar reputation with clients in New York City, New Jersey and Westchester County, through her dedication and commitment to making sure that every detail is covered, from the first phase to the last of all projects. In 2013, she expanded to Fairfield County. She is also known as “The Moving Whisperer.”

For more information contact Janet Meyers at janet@shmeyers.com

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Men’s Club of Community Synagogue of Rye and Congregation KTI, in conjunction with White Plains Hospital, are jointly sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The drive will take place at KTI, which is located at 575 King Street in Port Chester.

Donors must be 16 years old (with parental permission—forms available at the event), must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. People 76 and over may donate with a doctor’s note. All donors should eat a meal before donating.

We hope that you will be able to participate in this important cause. To register, call Steve Gaines at 914-584-2461.

Donor eligibility, call Jodi Creed, White Plains Hospital at 914-681-1056

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Thank you to our generous donors

The Kadima Capital Campaign thanks all CSR congregants and friends who recently made generous pledges and contributions. We are most grateful for your participation, which has brought us to 66% of our goal.

Did you know that gifts can be paid in installments over several years—up to five years? Pledges can also be fulfilled by donating appreciated stock. We’re grateful no matter what the mode of the transaction! If you’ve already thought about how you will participate in our $6.2 million campaign, please contact the synagogue office (914 967-6262), and let us know you would like to talk with a member of our Kadima team.

We need everyone’s participation in this exciting project that will transform our synagogue for the 21st century. Kadima!

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Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS)
Partners in Caring Program

As a service to our congregants, Community Synagogue of Rye contributes to the UJA-Federation of New York’s Partners in Caring (PIC). Under the program, a social worker is assigned as our contact, and through her, congregants have the opportunity to address issues and concerns in a safe, comfortable and familiar environment.

Our social worker can facilitate group sessions on topics including caregiving and bereavement. Other possible topics include the “sandwich” generation, preparing for the college environment, bullying and cyber etiquette, concerns of young families, separation and divorce, and programs for seniors.

Individual members can schedule up to three private sessions with the Partners-in-Caring worker free of charge. If further service is required, a referral will be offered.

Our assigned PIC social worker is Ellen Weisberg, who can be contacted at WJCS at 914-761-0600, ext. 146 or eweisberg@wjcs.com. All meetings are kept strictly confidential.

This program is generously funded by UJA Federation of New York
SAJE (Senior Activities in a Jewish Environment)

Sarah Weiss-Poland • SAJE@comsynrye.org

SAJE is designed to provide social and educational opportunities to active seniors in our community. The group meets every Monday and Thursday between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm and includes lunch after the program. You are always welcome to bring a friend. Please contact the SAJE coordinator at saje@comsynrye.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Monday, May 2
In this “Do Not Miss” literary event, Jay Greenfield, author and past president of CSR will be discussing his new novel “Max’s Diamonds.” Published by Chickadee Prince Books, “Max’s Diamonds” tells the story about “Paul Hartman who grows up haunted by the specter of his cousin, an Auschwitz survivor, and Max’s mysterious cache of diamonds, which fund Paul’s Harvard Law education and even sparkle in his fiancée’s engagement ring. When a stranger from his past confronts him with an impossible demand, one that could destroy his law career, his marriage and his sense of self, Paul must make choices that will change his fate forever.” *Proceeds from any book sales made are being donated by Jay to SAJE.

Thursday, May 5
Dine Around—TBD

Monday, May 9
Sounds for Silents: Traveling the World Making Music for 100-year-old Films

Donald Sosin returns to SAJE for another program of silent films and live music. Donald is one of a handful of musicians who create music for films from the silent era. He performs regularly at MoMA, the National Gallery, film festivals in San Francisco, Seattle, Bologna and Pordenone. Donald received the Career Achievement Award in April from the Denver Silent Film Festival. His cantata, Shir Hadash, was commissioned by CSR for its 25th anniversary, and performed by Cantor Jon Haddon and the choir. His opera Esther, was performed at the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst. For our SAJE program Donald will show clips from some of the films he has scored recently, talk about his work, and play for Charlie Chaplin’s The Pawnshop (1917).

Thursday, May 12
Join Andi Hesskiel for our second session of personal essay writing. If you’ve ever thought about putting in writing the stories of your life, this session will help you get started. By using simple prompts, Andi encourages us to write and “publish” our work by sharing it with one another. Andi’s warm feedback will help you get reacquainted with the writer that lives inside you—and the stories shared by others become a great way to stimulate conversation among all of us. No previous experience is necessary—and you can be a writer or a listener in the session. But writers are welcome!!! The prompt for the session is—“I was never so scared in my life when ________.”

Monday, May 16
Molly Roffman is a NYS licensed physical therapist specializing in fall prevention and balance training. Participants in this SAJE program will gain strength, stamina, and confidence. Molly combines her background in dance, physical therapy and love of teaching.

Thursday, May 19
Join us for a book discussion led by Joan Furman of The Secret Chord: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks, which provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of King David’s life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Natan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age—Viking Press.

Monday, May 23
TBD

Thursday, May 26
Marilyn Gottlieb presents a provocative lecture on “Life With An Accent,” a touching story about her husband, Frank and how he escaped from Germany. As a young boy with his family, he traveled to Palestine and endured many hardships, and eventually, became a successful businessman in America. It is an inspirational story for all!

Monday, May 30
NO SAJE—Memorial Day

SAVE THE DATE
CSR BOOK CLUB
Monday, June 6 at 8:00 pm
The Sympathizer
by Viet Thanh Nguyen
CONTRIBUTIONS

CANTOR COOPERMAN’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Cantor Mutlu in honor of Michele & Neil Fredman’s participation in his Beatles Shabbat V Service
Pablo & Susan Hendler in honor of Marcos’ bar mitzvah

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Laura Leach & Richard Lawrence in memory of Pembroke Leach and Lillian Lawrence
Rosey & Stuart Rudnick in memory of Fay Rudnick
Irene & Jonathan Metz in memory of Sidney Silver

Condolences
When cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends.

Our congregation mourns the death of:
Raymond Kanow, father of Paula Peck
Franco Valsania, father of Marco Valsania
Edna Ghertler, sister of Rhoda Fidler
Natalie Feldman, mother of Debra Kaliner
Robin Calman, sister of Richard Gutner

MAY 12, 2016
At Community Synagogue of Rye, we embrace the values of community and loving kindness and support our congregants in times of joy and sorrow. In keeping with these values, we make available for purchase to synagogue members a limited number of cemetery plots at Sharon Gardens in Valhalla, NY (www.sharongardens.org).

Plots are sold in groups of four and the price is $8,800. You may want to plan ahead to minimize decision making during an emotionally stressful time. For more information, please contact Irene Lustgarten, Executive Director at ilustgarten@comsynrye.org.
Community Synagogue of Rye has a variety of funds which are used to enrich our congregation.

You may wish to make a contribution in honor or in memory of someone or to celebrate a joyous occasion (birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, wedding, anniversary). The funds are listed on the right.

| I (We) wish to make a special contribution of $__________ to the ______________ Fund. |

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Donor’s Name (s) ______________
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Please send an acknowledgement note to: Name ______________
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