GOODKIND SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND
WITH RABBI KARYN KEDAR
“FINDING MEANING AND PURPOSE”
Friday & Saturday, November 11-12, 2016

Friday Nov. 11 at 6:30 pm
Join us for a Shabbat dinner at 6:30 pm. Dinner reservations ($20 per adult/$10 per child with a maximum per family of $50) may be made at http://tinyurl.com/zuhgw55 or by check, made payable to Community Synagogue of Rye.

Friday Nov. 11 at 7:45 pm
Shabbat Services; Rabbi Kedar will speak on “Evolving: The Five Stages of Life.”

Saturday Nov. 12 at 8:45 am
Torah Study

Saturday Nov. 12 at 10:30 am
Brunch and Learn; Rabbi Kedar will speak on “Finding Purpose: Developing Your Personal Mission Statement.”


FOUR SYNAGOGUES ENGAGE WITH ISRAEL: FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP

THURSDAYS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3, 2016 FROM 7:00—9:30 pm
$50 materials cost. Exact locations and times given upon registration.
Register by October 31 via clergyassistant@comsynrye.org

See page 7 for more information
Community Synagogue of Rye is a caring Jewish community that seeks to add meaning and purpose to your life. 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.

This vision is guided by our commitment to the Jewish values of Worship (T’filah), Lifelong Learning (Talmud Torah), Community (Kehilah), Loving Kindness (Hesed), Repairing the World (Tikkun Olam) and Love of Israel (Ahavat Yisrael).

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
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Rye Brook, NY

Mazel Tov
To Rabbi Leora Frankel and Andrew Sage on the birth of their daughter, Judith Abigail Sage.

First Friday Torah Study at 7 AM
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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**Shabbat Services for 5777!**

On the First Friday of each month and on holiday weekends, services will begin at 6:30 pm. All other Friday evening services will begin at 7:45 pm.

**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](http://www.comsynrye.org/live-video-streaming).
Dear Friends,

I write this in mid-October as I, still on crutches, watch my family build our sukkah. As we placed the schach (organic covering) on the roof, something dawned on me. Like a sukkah, a congregation is constructed of many different branches woven together: the young, the old, the rich and the poor, the married and the unmarried, single parents, grandparents, gays and heterosexuals, non-Jewish spouses. The broader the sukkah’s reach, the more tightly its branches are woven, the stronger it stands.

These branches also include those with different political leanings—conservative, liberal, Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, Green or other. These make up the totality of a congregation. Thank goodness we are not monolithic in our thinking; nor, for that matter, is any Jewish community. Jokes abound that with two Jews you get three opinions. Even our Talmud, the core source of Jewish law, considers the minority opinion in its deliberations, as long as those debates and disagreements are done l’shem shamayim—for the sake of heaven, for a higher and holy purpose.

A well known secular example of this type of passionate yet respectful dialogue took place in Washington in the 1980s. House Speaker Tip O’Neill and President Ronald Reagan were fierce ideological foes. O’Neill, an Irish-Catholic from Boston, was a staunch liberal. Reagan was a Protestant from Illinois before becoming a Republican Governor of California. O’Neill once called Reagan “Herbert Hoover with a smile,” and referred to Reagan’s plan to cut benefits for early retirees as a “despicable” and “rotten thing to do.” Reagan in turn accused O’Neill of liberal demagoguery. After this particular disagreement, President Reagan phoned the Speaker of the House to clear the air. O’Neill famously replied: “Old buddy, that’s politics—after 6 o’clock we can be friends; but before 6, it’s politics.”

People can disagree, argue, stand for different things and still be civil and respectful. They can even be friends who help each other to grow and be better.

I believe that the synagogue—one of the last truly democratic places in our country—must be a safe space. It is here where we can disagree, argue, stand for different things and then, we can still pray and study side by side.

How might we do this? How might we elevate the conversation? How can we share our perspectives honestly and openly without worrying that by offending someone we might jeopardize the relationship? How can we exercise our right to free speech in a way this is wise, kind, and informed by our belief that all people are created in God’s image? What would it look like? What would it sound like?

As a new American, this will be the first time I will cast a ballot. One of the most important rights we have as Americans is the right to vote. It is a right that we must not take for granted, a right that is doubly precious because it has been ours so rarely in Jewish history.

Historically, around 90% of all eligible Jews vote in federal and local elections. This action magnifies our role in American political life. We are able to assert our values, protect our interests and defend the rights of all Americans because of our participation in the democratic process.

On November 8, each of us will go to the polls and will vote our conscience. I feel blessed to live in a country where everyone can have their own opinion and can vote for whomever they feel would be best to lead us. Regardless of what the headlines read on November 9, I count my blessings that come January, there will be a peaceful transfer of power. This is the strength of our democracy.

Please take time to vote on November 8. Tell your friends, your associates, those you work for and those who work for you to vote. And on November 9 and beyond, let us continue to come together under the roof of our Kehilah Kedosah, our sacred community. For if we cannot safely and openly discuss and even disagree about the core issues facing our country under this roof, where can we?

For this, and for so much more this month, let us give thanks.

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Daniel Gropper
I’ll be the first to admit it. When the calendar turns to November and the run up to the holiday season begins, I find myself wishing for a less commercial time, when the ecumenical spirit was perhaps a bit stronger, and festivities didn’t seem so centered on consumerism and the shopping mania that starts almost as soon as the Thanksgiving dinner ends. Don’t misunderstand me; I do enjoy the seasonal holidays, the bracing cold weather, the celebrations that include families, friends and the sharing of warmth and home. I just wish we could all spend a little more time enjoying the holidays and a little less time in the mall.

But the one holiday that seems to stand apart from all the others is Thanksgiving. Because it invites people of all backgrounds, religions, and ethnicities to participate in a national holiday, it unites Americans in a way that few other social events can. And it is one of the few times during the year that being Jewish and American are totally in sync.

Just consider the holiday itself. It promotes the idea that the Pilgrims, who landed on American shores as strangers in a strange land, needed the assistance of the local people to survive. They were unfamiliar with the customs of the country, couldn’t build homes or plant crops without guidance, and had to be resourceful and adapt in order to survive.

What does this remind us of? To me it has so many echoes of our own Exodus and the Passover Seder when we gather each year to recount our collective experience, the retelling of the story of a people who leave their former homes under religious persecution and strife. The harsh conditions they bear until they are resettled. And the resourcefulness they embody in order to adapt and survive.

So many of our forebears, perhaps just a generation or two removed from ourselves, repeated a similar journey across an ocean to arrive at these shores. Leaving the pogroms of Eastern Europe, fleeing the persecution of the Nazis, fleeing inhospitable social or economic conditions, they arrived in this new land often with few belongings and fewer opportunities. But this country allowed our grandparents safe passage. It settled them in their new home and gave them the education, the support, and the opportunities to survive and prosper. And so many of the Jews who came to the United States did thrive and prosper. Despite quotas in education, and restrictions in some communities, we did not face the persecution that threatened us in other regions.

It is no accident that the words inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty were penned by a Jewish poet, Emma Lazarus. For those who need a refresh, here are the most familiar of those verses:

“Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

How close is this experience to me and my family? My father-in-law, and mother-in-law, escaped to this country in 1938, just making it out of Germany as the Nazi forces were tightening their noose. My maternal grandfather came out of Russia as a thirteen year old boy, and my paternal grandfather became a naturalized American citizen as a young man. In just one or two generations, we can participate in all the bounty that this land has to offer and enjoy the freedom of speech, the right to vote, and the ability to educate our children and earn a living without fear or duress.

When my own father was a young man of twenty-two he elected to serve this country by enlisting in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was a member of the “greatest generation” that gladly served their country without thought to their own safety. My maternal grandfather served in the Burma/India/China theater flying daily supply missions to the U.S. forces battling in that region. That he came through unscathed, when so many perished, was something he never forgot and he never took his freedoms for granted. When he passed away, fittingly on Veterans’ Day, in 2012, we requested a Military Honor at this funeral. When a member of our armed forces presents a folded flag to you and says, “This flag is presented on behalf of a grateful nation as an expression of appreciation for the honorable and faithful service rendered by your loved one,” it doesn’t get any more real than that. And it doesn’t matter if the service occurred almost 70 years prior.

How grateful am I to be an American? I appreciate all that we have in this country, even when things aren’t always going our way. I never take for granted the opportunities afforded to me and the miracle that allows me to be a Jewish woman in 21st century America.

So this year, as in so many years past, when I sit down with my family and friends, and partake of the traditional foods that signify Thanksgiving, I will take a moment to give thanks for all that I have, all that we share, and the great good fortune that brought my family to these shores.
Once again this year the Sampliner Youth Leadership Development Fund is making camp scholarships available to young people who are planning to attend either the Eisner Camp or the Crane Lake Camp in Massachusetts, Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY, or the NFTY Summer Program in Israel. These programs are run by the Union for Reform Judaism, the umbrella organization of all reform congregations in the United States and Canada. These scholarships are not based on need.

Since the scholarship funds are limited, and were originally intended to support attendance at URJ Camps, priority will be given for attendance at those Camps. All applications are due by February 1; if there are funds available for other Jewish Camps, they will be honored.

The Eisner Camp and the new Crane Lake Camp offer programs for children seven to seventeen years of age. Each day includes sports, recreation, swimming, theater, crafts, and programs designed to foster a solid Jewish living experience.

Every summer, teens from all over North America become leaders at the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY. Teens come to join this college campus style community, selecting experiences in theater, song leading, visual arts, Jewish studies, social action, youth group leadership programming, and more.

Thousands of Reform high school and college youth have enjoyed summers in Israel. NFTY combines travel, learning, and Jewish identity building in Israel while ensuring the highest standards of health, safety and security.

The Scholarships come in denominations of $250.00 or $500.00. Application should be made to the Fund c/o Iris & David Sampliner. For further information call the Sampliners at 914-939-0349.
INSIDE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE OF RYE

FOUR SYNAGOGUES ENGAGE WITH ISRAEL: FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP

A SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE VIDEO LECTURE SERIES
LED BY RABBIS JAYMEE ALPERT, LEORA FRANKEL, HOWARD GOLDSMITH, DANIEL GROPPER & EYTAN HAMMERMAN

Explore the Jewish values and ideas at the foundation of our relationship with Israel.

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into our Harrison/Rye/Port Chester community this Fall/Winter.

What are the benefits of Jewish sovereignty? How should a Jewish state exercise military power ethically? How do we create and maintain a Jewish democracy? Why should American Jews care about Israel? What values should a Jewish state embody? What can Israel offer the world?

Each session includes text study and discussion led by one of our five rabbis, a video lecture by Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, and a video dialogue between Rabbi Hartman and other top scholars and experts. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn from great scholars, from our local rabbis and from each other as we engage in thinking about the meaning that Israel can have in our lives and what our role might be in envisioning and building the future of the Jewish State.

Thursdays | Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15, Jan. 5, 12, 19 | 7:00–9:30 pm
$50 Materials Cost. Exact locations and topics given upon registration.
Register by Oct. 31 via clergyassistant@comsynrye.org or call Jon at 914-967-6262.

EMPTY NEST FULL-LIFE TEAM SPECIAL VISIT TO THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART
JERUSALEM: 1000-1400: EVERY PEOPLE UNDER HEAVEN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 2:30 PM

Please join us on Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 pm for a special guided tour of the exhibit Jerusalem: 1000-1400 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This landmark exhibition demonstrates the key role that the Holy City played in shaping the art of the period from 1000 to 1400.

The cost is $25 per person. Make check payable to Community Synagogue of Rye (on menu line indicate Met Museum tour). Bring in or mail your check to the synagogue and include your contact information (email and phone number). Space is limited to 25 people, so your check will hold your reservation.

We will meet just inside the 81st Street and Fifth Avenue ground level entrance.

Please join us for our next Empty Nester Meeting at the Synagogue on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 pm
INSIDE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE OF RYE

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“To be part of a community, to shape it, and to strengthen it is the most urgent, the most vital obligation facing the Jewish individual.”—Elie Wiesel z’t

Throughout Jewish history, no place has been as important to Jews and the Jewish community as the synagogue. No other organization has the same potential to transform Jewish lives. It is the home of prayer, learning, social action and of creating and nurturing relationships.

From baby namings to funeral services, the benefits of our synagogue are numerous and valued, but the real benefit is community. Judaism is a “group faith,” which is to say that in addition to the personal religious experiences each of us may have, we also share a sense of communal connectedness.

Our Special Donors exemplify what it means to be part of a community by supporting and taking responsibility for our needs. At this season of Thanksgiving, the CSR community thanks these generous congregants who are our Special Donors.

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As people gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, we give thanks to you, a Special Donor to Community Synagogue of Rye.

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING**

**CELEBRATING THE HARVEST**

*Dale Oberlander, ECC Director • doberlander@comsynrye.org*

This fall the ECC has had a great time celebrating the harvest and spending lots of time outdoors. On *Sukkot* we launched our first *Sukkot* Experience Day, which was a great success! The children began their day in the sanctuary with a special *Sukkot* service led by Rabbi Gropper and Cantor Cooperman. From there they traveled to a variety of indoor and outdoor activities celebrating nature and the harvest. Gail Koller, better known as the “Teva Lady” taught us all about the seven species, and the environmental program, The Nature of Things, visited with some small animals found on a farm. The children went on a nature walk and discovered that there are lots of unusual plants and insects right in our back yard. For snack, the children enjoyed a feast of fruits and vegetables under the *sukkah*.

November is a good time in the ECC. At this point in the year, the children know their routines. They have bonded with their teachers. They feel comfortable and safe to explore, ask questions and share thoughts and ideas. Our curriculum is rich and abundant. We take joy in seeing the falling leaves and having the opportunity to learn about the change of season. We are grateful for all the good things we have.

**FREE JEWISH BOOKS OR MUSIC FOR CHILDREN UP TO 8-YEARS-OLD. Register your family at: [pjlibrary.org/ny/comsynrye](http://pjlibrary.org/ny/comsynrye)  
Please make a donation to support this wonderful organization [http://tinyurl.com/zgqkkbm](http://tinyurl.com/zgqkkbm)**
We are fortunate to have a dedicated teaching staff who work hard to create engaging Jewish learning for our children. Several times throughout the year, our teachers become the learners by participating in professional staff development sessions. These sessions provide new cutting-edge approaches to learning.

Our opening program focused on Project Based Learning, a model designed to empower students to create and facilitate solutions for selected relevant issues. This year our fifth grade is using this model to address the issue of how to create a caring community, and our sixth grade will be looking at ways we can remember our current sanctuary.

This month we are excited to have Ora Fruchter, a talented teacher and puppeteer, do a workshop called Object Theater. This interactive methodology uses everyday objects to create a visual interpretation of Torah stories. In January, our teachers will be joining other teachers from Reform congregations throughout Westchester for the Westchester Association of Temple Educators Kallah. Here they will have a choice of one of four learning tracks. The learning is further enhanced by the sharing and discussion among fellow teachers.

Professional staff learning improves teaching skills, inspires teachers to try new things and demonstrates our respect for their sacred work. As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to express my appreciation for all of our wonderful teachers who continue to learn and grow as Jewish educators. They touch the lives of our children in countless ways.

Wishing you a joyful Thanksgiving

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**CJL and J-Life Important Dates**

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**Remembrance is the Secret of Redemption (The Baal Shem Tov)**

Rick Abrams, Director of Jewish Family Life  • rabrams@comsynrye.org

For most people in North America, November brings us happy family times, like Thanksgiving. For Jews, it also brings with it sad and reflective times, like the commemoration of Kristallnacht.

Kristallnacht, also referred to as the Night of Broken Glass, was a pogrom against Jews throughout Nazi Germany, which included Austria. Taking place on the 9th and 10th of November, 1938, it was carried out by both official governmental forces and German civilians. All of this happened while German authorities looked on without intervening. The name Kristallnacht comes from the shards of broken glass that littered the streets after Jewish-owned stores, buildings, and synagogues had their windows smashed.

Jewish homes, hospitals and schools were ransacked as the attackers demolished buildings with sledgehammers. Over 1,000 synagogues were burned (95 in Vienna alone) and over 7,000 Jewish businesses destroyed or damaged. Additionally, 30,000 people—fathers, mothers and children—were arrested and incarcerated in concentration camps. This, by many, is considered the beginning of the Shoah/Holocaust.

We at CSR commemorate this night by hearing a witness to the atrocities that the Jews went through in Western Europe. On November 14, 2016, at 7:00 pm, CSR member Betty Knoop will once again share her story of survival. This evening is considered a J-Life program for all 7th graders, but is open to the entire congregation.

So before we go on the football and turkey festival of Thanksgiving, come a take a moment to hear a moving and important story of survival and hope!
OUR B’NEI MITZVAH OF NOVEMBER

Joshua Kaminsky

My name is Joshua Kaminsky and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on November 5. I am the son of Melissa and Andrew Kaminsky and I have an older brother, Max, who is in tenth grade at Blind Brook High School. I am a seventh grader at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy soccer, parkour, basketball and video games. My Torah portion is Lech L’cha, from the Book of Genesis. It is the story of Abram and his journey to settle in a new land called Canaan. For my mitzvah project, I am taking part in a program that allows me to share my love of dogs by fostering puppies for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. In addition to taking care of the puppies, I am helping socialize them so they can become seeing-eye dogs for people with impaired vision.

Jordyn Erenfryd

My name is Jordyn Erenfryd and I am in eighth grade at Blind Brook Middle School. My parents are Traci and Steven Erenfryd, and I have a 10 year old brother, Dylan, who is in sixth grade. When I was younger, I was a competitive gymnast. Now I play soccer on the Blind Brook High School JV team as well as with New York Soccer Club.

On November 19, I will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. My Torah portion is called Vayera, from the Book of Genesis. It tells the story of how Abraham pleads with God over the fate of Sodom. For my mitzvah project, Sabrina Wohl and I ran the Snack Shuk at CSR before Hebrew school on Wednesdays. We donated all of the money to Charley’s Fund, which fights Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy has a 100% fatality rate and there is currently no cure. Sabrina and I are dedicated to helping boys like Charley so they can live without having to suffer the devastating effects of this disease.

Austin Harvey

My name is Austin Harvey. I will be called to the Torah on November 5 as a bar mitzvah. I am the son of Eric and Kimberly Harvey. I have a younger sister, Isabel, who is in fifth grade, and a younger brother, Aiden, who is in third grade. I am an eighth grader at Rye Middle School. I enjoy hockey, soccer and baseball. I also like hiking, camping and outdoor adventure with the Boys Scouts. This past summer I sold first aid kits and earned my own way and camped in Alaska. I climbed Mount Ripinsky, kayaked across a fjord, climbed the Davidson Glacier, white water rafted down the Level 4 Tatshenshini River. My Torah portion is Noach from the Book of Genesis. It is the story of Noah and the great flood, why he was chosen by God and what he was tasked to do. For my mitzvah project, I will be donating my time to teaching the kids at the Carver Center the great sport of hockey. I also am donating equipment for them to practice and play with.

SWEATSHIRT AND COAT DRIVE

NOVEMBER 1—30

Do you have extra sweatshirts, fleece jackets or winter coats in your closet? Want to help the less fortunate in our community?

The Social Action committee will be collecting clean jackets and coats that are new or gently used.

SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT ARE MOST NEEDED ARE: MEN’S HOODED SWEATSHIRTS AND FLEECE JACKETS IN SIZES MEDIUM, LARGE AND EXTRA LARGE AND CHILDREN’S JACKETS AND COATS.

Other coats will also be accepted.

Please place your coats in the coat collection box in the synagogue lobby.

Join us in congratulating our b’nei mitzvah students each month on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/comsynrye.
Join us for the next teen
SOCIAL ACTION SUNDAY!
NOVEMBER 6, 2016
From 12:00-1:30 pm at
Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester
2125 Westchester Avenue East

COOKING for a cause

Help feed the hungry while having a fun time with your friends! We’ll connect as a wider Jewish teen community, have a pizza lunch and work together to cook a meal for a local soup kitchen in Port Chester.

RSVP to COSY@comsynrye.org by November 3.
For more information or questions, contact the CJL office at (914) 967-7598 or COSY@comsynrye.org.

SAVE THE DATES for our future Social Action Sundays:
December 18
January 22
February 12
March 12
Locations & details TBA.
ADULT LEARNING

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!

Thursday, November 3
Dine Around! It is Restaurant Week and we are going to La Panetière at 530 Milton Road in Rye. We are limited to 25 people, so sign up soon! Email ikstravel@aol.com to RSVP or for more information.

Monday, November 7
This week we are treated to a travelogue from Janet and Steve Meyers and Joel and Loraine Hecker. These two traveling couples will be sharing their experiences about sailing on the Amazon River. Hear stories and view pictures of the jungle in all its splendor, the miles of piranhas and other flora and fauna of this vast area. This program promises to be both beautiful and exciting!

Thursday, November 10
From Om to Shalom: Chair Yoga with Naomi Norman Certified yoga instructor, Naomi Norman, will discuss “What is Jewish Yoga?” She will then lead us through a gentle chair yoga practice, ending with a short meditation. No experience necessary!

Monday, November 14
SAJE is proud to welcome Rye City Councilwoman Danielle Tagger-Epstein. Danielle was raised in Brooklyn until the age of eight, then moved to London for several years before living in Israel. She is a former member of the IDF, where she was a Non-Commissioned Officer for the International Liaison Unit based in Gaza. She returned to the United States for college, majoring in theater.

Thursday, November 17
Maggie Bangser, a graduate of Amherst College with a Masters from Yale University, has worked in East and Southern Africa to advance girls’ and women’s health. Her current efforts seek to strengthen the ability of girls and young women to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancy and improve the effectiveness of maternal health services. She will discuss “The Position of African Women.”

Monday, November 21
Join the Pre-K class, the “Awesome Apples” from the Early Childhood Center at Community Synagogue of Rye to play board games, sing songs and celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. This is sure to be one of our most enjoyable programs of the year!

Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving Day: No SAJE

Monday, November 28
“Viewing the World Through Egg Cups” Join us for an interactive, mind-expanding, delightful look at people, professions, animals, flowers, designs and more! SAJE member Susan Taplin will present her collection of Egg Cups from over thirty countries, including Israel. Feel and experience egg cups that are made of china, metal, glass and wood.

UPCOMING ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Give Us a King
Alternating Thursdays, Nov. 3 & 17 at 10:00 am
Explore The Life and Times of David, King of Israel with Rabbi Daniel Gropper.

The Hidden Influence in Our Bible
Alternating Thursdays, Nov. 10 & Dec. 8 at 10:00 am
Nothing is created in a vacuum. Circumstances, cultures, beliefs & societies are influential in any establishment to a greater or lesser degree. Our Emeritus, Rabbi Rothman, will guide us in an exploration of hidden influences in our Bible.

Jewish Yoga
Sundays from 9:30 am—11:30 am
Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 3, Apr. 2, May 7
Through our yoga practice we will focus on being more in touch with our true spirit.

iEngage: Engaging Israel: Foundations For a New Relationship
Thursdays from 7:00—9:30 pm (beginning November 3)
Facilitated by Rabbis Jaymee Alpert, Leora Frankel, Howard Goldsmith, Daniel Gropper & Eytan Hammerman. A video lecture series and an interview with an Engaging Israel team member or leading expert on the issue at hand.

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Karyn Kedar:
“Finding Meaning & Purpose”
Friday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 pm—Shabbat dinner.
Cost $20 per adult/$10 per child. Maximum of $50 per family.
Reservations are required.
Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:45 pm—Shabbat Services; Rabbi Kedar will speak on “Evolving: The Five Stages of Life”.
Saturday, Nov. 12 at 8:45 am—Torah Study
Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10:30 am—Brunch and Learn Rabbi Kedar will speak on “Finding Purpose: Developing Your Personal Mission Statement”.

A Different Lens: Judaism in Cinema
Thursdays at 8:00 pm, Nov. 3, Dec. 8 & Jan. 12
Facilitated by Cantor Melanie Cooperman and Allan Staples. Classes will explore the Jewish themes, ideas and motifs found in contemporary films.

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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:
Donald Earl Hufford, father of Brian Hufford
Shimon Peres
Kip Konigsberg, brother of Leslie Levy
Klaus Van Dijkum, father of Derek Van Dijkum

SHARON GARDENS CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

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.
Are American Jews Losing Their Jewish Identity?

Join Author Richard Rubin for Conversation and Book Signing
December 5, 2016 | 7:30 - 9 pm
JCC of Mid-Westchester
999 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale
No admission fee

Since George Washington promised Jewish Americans the full privileges and protections of U.S. citizenship, Jews have flourished in America as nowhere else in the world. But has that come at the expense of their Jewish identity? Richard Rubin argues that while most American Jews have “Americanized,” they continue to be shaped by Jewish history, culture, and religion in ways that affect everything from their social attitudes to their child-rearing methods to their voting patterns. This “fusion” of American values with Jewish ones has created a “hybrid” Jewish identity that American Jews must cultivate and pass on to future generations.

“A must-read for anyone interested in the past and future role of Jews in American life, and in the impact of American culture on Jewish life.”
- Robert Pack
Distinguished Senior Professor at the University of Montana

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JET (Jewish Engagement Team)
You can shape Jewish learning at CSR
Join our newly reimagined Religious School Committee now known as the Jewish Engagement Team (JET!)
The Jewish Engagement Team will:
• be a driving voice in Jewish learning and connection
• explore innovative trends in Jewish learning
• articulate Jewish values we want to transmit to our children
• identify challenges and create avenues for change
• be a think tank, a group of parents who are excited to think outside of the box
• pursue meaningful Jewish experiences for our children and families

Parent input is crucial in shaping Jewish learning that is meaningful and that responds to how we live today. We are so glad that you are a part of this dynamic team!

If you are interested in joining JET or for information, please contact Marnie Mallah, Team Leader at marniem@me.com.
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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